



Mrs. Phyllis P. (Della Gala) Leuthauser

May 10, 1951 - October 6, 2014

Mrs. Phyllis P. (Della Gala) Leuthauser, age 63, passed into the arms of those who went before her on October 6, 2014. She passed with her children and loved ones by her side and in the hearts of those who were not able to be present.

Born in Utica on May 10, 1951, Phyllis was the daughter of Mildred P. "Millie" (Sopo) and the late Joseph D. Della Gala. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of Utica Catholic Academy/Class of 1969. On February 9, 1980 she married Gerald Leuthauser and to their marriage came the blessing of two children. Phyllis spent time in Germany where she worked as a civilian for the United States Army in an administrative capacity. She later returned to the Utica area and was employed by Bank of America as a Customer Service Representative.

Phyllis was constant in her care and concern for those she loved. She found the time to attend all her children's important events and served as the Assistant Coach for the Mount Markham Pop Warner football team where she was affectionately nicknamed "Coach Mom." Phyllis was extremely passionate in this endeavor and especially enjoyed this time in her life.

Although she was free-spirited and easy going, her life was grounded by her faith and her unique spirituality. She was an avid reader of mystical and metaphysical novels, and she understood the many paths to spiritual enlightenment. She channeled this perspective by frequently sending thoughtful cards to friends and loved ones that glimmered with glitter, she

fancied as fairy-dust, hoping this would provide their life with positive energy. She had a love for all animals, especially her feline friend, Fletcher. She honored the peace of Autumn, the season of Halloween, and treasured the times together with her family for the holidays.

Phyllis is survived by her daughter, Marjorie Rose Leuthauser and fiancé Jason Cruger; her son, Nolan Leuthauser and Sarah Leight; her spouse, Jerry; her mother, Millie; and her sisters, Jodi Miller, and Denise Gaffney and fiancé Patrick Pickard. She will also be remembered in the hearts of her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts, Mary Della Gala, Connie Della Gala, and Angeline Penge; her uncle Joseph Colicci; her in-laws; and her longtime friend Barbara Grippo with whom she kept in touch to the end; they were “book ends” who held together the memories and good times shared between them. She was predeceased by her many uncles and aunts whom she cared for unrelentingly.

Visitation will be held Sunday afternoon from 1:00–4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of floral offerings, donations in Phyllis’ name may be considered to the Mt. Markham Pop Warner Football Program; envelopes will be available at the funeral home or may be directed to P.O. Box 279, West Winfield, NY 13491. Phyllis’ funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. Interment will follow graveside in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Tribute Wall

MP

“ Thoughts and prayers are with your Family. She was always the big sister when I was growing up and hanging out with Jodi. She was always there to help where she could.
Marye Pat Diruzzo Pasick.

Marye Pasick - October 21, 2014 at 01:44 PM

CF

“ Phyllis was a dear friend; no time or distance every changed that. We had many good times together and plenty of laughs. I can see Phyllis in the eyes and smiles of her wonderful children Marjorie Rose and Nolan. They carry on the goodness of their Mother. My deepest sympathies to her family.

Carolyn Faccioli - October 13, 2014 at 09:16 AM

Jl

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BG

“ Dear P, I have adored you before time. No demands, no manipulations between us - just pure love. Our relationship has always been unique. We are known only as one spirit. P comes before B in our alphabet. To your mom, I send her blue birds in the spring. To Marjorie Rose and Nolan, my godchildren, I put some music together (Hannah and I will send it to Tennessee and Utica soon). I thank you, Marjorie, for being so wonderful with your mom and giving us more places to extend our love for another. You'll always be my god-daughter as Nolan is my godson. You two reflect the beauty inward and out of Phyllis, my magnificent bookend. Jody, thank you for also giving me that extra space for moments with P. To Denise, I send love to you and your family. Jerry, I'm sorry for your loss of such a wonderful lady. I wish all of you the love that P and I always share. Love B

Barbara Grippo - October 12, 2014 at 12:08 PM

BS

So sorry for your loss. Barb and Phyllis's were glued together back in the 70s and was just remembering the good times From then. I live in Dallas now and was just hoping to connection Facebook when I found this obit. Barb Saccal

barbara saccal - March 23, 2016 at 01:32 AM

DW

“ So sorry to hear about Phyllis. She was such a caring and dedicated coach "Mom". She was always there to offer help, support and a smile. During my time as a Cheer Mom and Coach She made me feel welcome and part of the "Mt Markham Pop Warner" family. Rest in Peace, Phyllis.

Debbie Wichowsky - October 11, 2014 at 01:24 PM

NL

“ Nicole Leo purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Phyllis P. (Della Gala) Leuthauser.



Nicole Leo - October 11, 2014 at 08:46 AM

Carole Barletta

“ Phyllis, how many long hours did we spend pinning and sewing patches, sorting out pads and equipment, travelling to Oneida for meetings, working the concession stand and hanging out on the sidelines together? You were 110% Colts football, but you always complimented me each week on our cheer squads. Take your whistle to Heaven and walk the sidelines of God's stadium, doing what you love. Thank you for loving all of our Mt Markham kids. ???

Carole Barletta - October 11, 2014 at 07:01 AM

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Definitely was hearts at the end, not question marks....Bless your big blue, gold and white heart!

Carole Barletta - October 11, 2014 at 07:03 AM

JC

“ Coach Mom, was always there with a helping hand and willing to give anything for her football boys. She made PopWarner her life and her heart was always in it for the right reasons. Phyllis will be dearly missed among our community but even more by our Mt.Markham Football boys. Rest in peace Coach Mom, we love you and you will always be in our hearts.

Jeana L. Case - October 10, 2014 at 10:36 PM

MV

“ I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.



MaryEllen Vetal - October 10, 2014 at 10:50 AM

CG

“ Heaven has truly gained an angel. I have known Phyllis for most of my life. She was sweet, understanding, and had such a happy laugh! You are truly missed by many, but will never be forgotten. My heart goes out to her family I am so sorry for your loss.
Love always
Colette

colette griffith - October 10, 2014 at 06:52 AM

CD

“ Coach Mom made wearing eye shadow to match the uniforms totally cool, not that one boy ever noticed it! She showed up to every practice with a big smile and words of encouragement for every kid she saw. She loved her players and they loved her. She told my son he was her Brady Quinn when he had a helmet on. That made him feel like a million bucks. We will never forget her. Rest in peace Coach Mom. Love from the Dye family - Dave, Colleen, Cody, and Colton

Colleen Dye - October 09, 2014 at 09:11 PM

TN

“ So sorry for your loss; Coach Mom was a great lady. She gave a lot of time and energy to the Mount Markham Pop Warner and was loved by many young boys and girls, many who are now men and women including our children. Her dedication will never be forgotten. It was a honor to have work with her in this organization. God Bless you Coach Mom. Love Ken, Laura, Brad, Carl and Darryl Neff

The Neffs - October 09, 2014 at 07:33 PM

JL

So sorry for your loss , God Bless you

Janet Potter Litz - October 09, 2014 at 08:44 PM