



Theresa R. "Terri" (DiCesare) McDowell

December 19, 1948 - September 16, 2009

Mrs. Theresa R. "Terri" (DiCesare) McDowell, age 60, of Frankfort, succumbed to a long battle with cancer on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. Her passing occurred in the comfort of her home with her family and friends by her side.

Born in Utica on December 19, 1948, Theresa is the daughter of AJ "Al" Sr. and Mary M. (DiStefano) DiCesare. Raised in North Utica and educated in Whitesboro, she was a graduate of Whitesboro High School. Terri will be remembered by her family as a loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend.

Terri is survived by her daughter, Tanessa A. Spann of Ilion; her sons, Paul W. McDowell, and Joshua D. McDowell, both of Frankfort; and her parents, Al Sr. and Mary DiCesare of Utica. Survivors also include her brother, Al "Sonny Dee" DiCesare, Jr. of Utica; her nephew, Christopher J. DiCesare of FL; many cousins, and sisters-in-law, Carol Kellams, and Cheryl DiCesare.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to Terri's special friends, Gloria Macomber and her daughter, Holly Macomber, Lavinia Wilburn, and all of her supportive, caring, and thoughtful friends; the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center Cancer Unit, and Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., for their compassion. Visitation will be held Monday (today) from 5:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Terri's honor to the "Team Terri Fund"; envelopes will be

available at the funeral home. Terri's funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ I am so glad I had the chance to get to know Teri and witness what a special woman she truly was. She will be missed by all, but she is in a better place now...free of pain, free of sorrow. Tanessa, Paul, Josh - my thoughts are with you as the healing process begins. Take comfort in knowing she is in a better place.##imported-begin##Megan Markell##imported-end##

September 23, 2009 at 11:12 AM



“ It's the day after all of us laid Terri to rest, and still it doesn't seem real. This woman was not only my best friends mother, but like my second mother and my mothers best friend. She had an open door policy at her home and because of that there are countless numbers of people whose hearts she's touched over the years. I have many memories that will comfort me from the 17 years i've known her. Everything from catching me and tanessa sneaking out of bedroom windows, to waking us up early with blaring music if we partied too late...just to prove a point :), to morning "coffee club" gatherings, and endless late night conversations. The list goes on and on. When she got sick all of our worlds changed, but her will to fight this was a strong as ever. Tanessa, Paul, Josh...your mom fought with every ounce she had and for that you should be very proud. She was an amazing woman in her living years and she continues to amaze us with each memory we reflect on. She is free of pain now, and that should leave peace with all of you. Love all of you lots! xoxo##imported-begin##Holly ##imported-end##

September 23, 2009 at 10:32 AM



“ *teri was a very special person who was always a positive person, a friend to share a cup of coffe, chat on the phone or solve the problems of the day! And yes, hit the slots with me! I wont forget her kareoke, the big rock she ran over, or trying to get the car out of the snow on the front lawn--and so many more wonderful memories. She fought the best battle of a horrible disease and I know she is in heaven watching all. I will miss her dearly. Love ya teri###imported-begin##cathy s##imported-end##*

September 22, 2009 at 01:55 AM



“ *The first time I met Theresa I knew she was a special lady she was always, smiling, and very positive, I took care of her in the hopsital and she was a fighter. I will miss our talks and seeing her smiling and hearing her laugh, may u rest in peace and be happy in heaven.##imported-begin##Cheryl##imported-end##*

September 21, 2009 at 08:55 PM



“ *We are so so sorry to hear of Terri's passing. I am so glad that I spent some time with her at the Deerfield Field Days this summer. It was great to see Sonny and Terri together. We will truly miss her. she had a rough time with this illness. Our prayers will be with all of you.*

God Bless - Dyana & Chester##imported-begin##Dyana and Chester Cornacchia##imported-end##

September 21, 2009 at 02:52 PM



“ Terri was my true sister in my heart, she was always an angel, now she has her wings. I love you, Honey

Love Always, Carol###imported-begin##Carol Kellams###imported-end##

September 21, 2009 at 07:38 AM



“ Tanessa,Josh,andPaul, Your mom was always a wonderful friend and a beautiful mother. She always was and will always be in our prays forever. May god confront and bless you all during this hard time.We will miss and love your mom forever. Love always Sharon and Dick###imported-begin##Sharon Pimpinella and Dick Cavuoto###imported-end##

September 20, 2009 at 11:16 PM



“ Terri was one of my best friends and even though we grew apart I always was thinking about her and praying for her. Because it was supposed to be the three of us forever.(Gloria,Terri and myself) I'll never forget all the trouble we would get into and the fun we would have. Our kids grew up together and are still friends. I'll miss her so very much. Love to all of Terri's family.###imported-begin##Lynn K###imported-end##

September 20, 2009 at 08:06 PM



“ *To Tanessa, To a strong and wonderful woman whom I have gotten to know over this last year. God has a new journey for you know to complete. Your friends and family will help to support you on your way. You know where to find me if you need me.
My prayers are with you and your family.
Love ya T-Bomb!
Janet Moonen###imported-begin##Janet L Moonen###imported-end##*

September 20, 2009 at 07:31 PM



“ *Our hearts are saddened by the loss of Terri. We hope that you find comfort in knowing that she is at peace and is with her beloved Aunt Linda and Uncle Chic. May God bless all of you.###imported-begin##Don and Roe (Lucadamo) Polczynski###imported-end##*

September 19, 2009 at 07:32 PM



“ *Janice
Terri, although our Lives took us down
separate paths, and unfortunately I couldn't be there for you, I will
always
cherish the memories I have of us growing up. Life goes by so fast
and at times we don't have the answers to ,
Why? May God Bless You Cousin, Rest In
Peace.###imported-begin##Janice Lucadamo###imported-end##*

September 19, 2009 at 07:30 PM



“ I'm sorry i can not be there for the family i'm out of town on business my thought and prayers are with everyone.

"I love you cuz keep a spot for me see ya when i get there"

Love

Fred DiStefano##imported-begin##Fred DiStefano##imported-end##

September 19, 2009 at 03:34 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Everyone on the 6th floor sends their condolences.##imported-begin##wendie meeker##imported-end##

September 19, 2009 at 03:25 PM



“ To the whole family.. I have know Terri for a while. She was always had a kind word to say and helped me out of a few jams with those kind words. I am so sorry for your loss. She will be greatly missed. RIP Terri.##imported-begin##Lisa Klotz##imported-end##

September 19, 2009 at 02:01 PM



“ I would like to thank everyone for all of their care and support through this very difficult time. Family and friends you have meant everything. I would like everyone to know what an amazing, strong, courageous, beautiful, loving, giving, spirited, fun and wonderful mother Terri was. I could never put into enough words how much she will be missed and cherished and how much she was loved. My life will never feel the same without her. Mom I hope you know in your heart of hearts how much me and the boys and gram and gramps and Uncle Sonny and everyone else in your life loves you. I hope you are in heaven making your mark and dancing and singing till you can't catch your breath. You will never be a second away from my thoughts and I know that you will watch over us from above. I LOVE YOU MOM WITH EVERY OUNCE OF MY HEART AND SOUL I AM WHO I AM TODAY BECAUSE I AM PART OF YOU THANK YOU FOR NOT ONLY BEING MY MOM BUT MY FRIEND WE HAD A BOND THAT WAS AMAZING AND CAN NEVER BE DUPLICATED.-----love you mom--your daughter
Tanessa##imported-begin##Tanessa##imported-end##

September 19, 2009 at 10:39 AM



“ Aunt Mary, Uncle Al & Sonny,
Our deepest sympathy at this most difficult time. Terri had a zest for life that will help her memory live on in the lives that she touched. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you as you struggle with this loss.
Terri: You will be missed, cousin. May God bless you with his love, until we meet again.##imported-begin##Anthony & Linda
Luciano##imported-end##

September 19, 2009 at 10:04 AM



“ sorry to hear about your mom josh and paul my heart goes out to u guys your mom is not suffering anymore she is @peace your mom and I had a long talk a while back she gave me a hug and ask me to pray for her that was the last time I saw her but she was in my thoughts rip terri###imported-begin###mary###imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 11:41 PM



“ to all of the many friends, and relatives that have paid tribute to my sister: This is a very difficult time, to be sure, but your sympathies, and remembrances, are very comforting. Teri loved people, and she was always looking past the negative, and saw the good in everyone. She was very energetic, and you would always find her out with friends, or doing karaoke, which she loved, and sharing stories, that would make people feel close to her, and become her friend immediately. Her friends were numerous, and those very close to her, stayed with her through all the adversaries, and comfort her, and give her hope, and courage to not give up. Again, my very deepest gratitude to each and everyone of you, and if there is karaoke , and a casino in heaven, my sister will be leading everyone in song, and winning on the slot machines.. God bless you all, and I am sure she will be watching over you, and guiding you....###imported-begin###sonny###imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 11:36 PM



“ *Tanessa, Paul, Josh & Family... Your Mom, Daughter and Sister was a dear friend and will be missed by everyone who knew her. She is out of pain now and dancing with the angels. Know that while she was your angel here on earth, she is now your angel in heaven watching over each of you. Until we meet again
RIP.. Terri###imported-begin##Elaine (Borruso) O'Connor###imported-end##*

September 18, 2009 at 10:54 PM



“ *Aunt Mary Uncle Al Sonny Tanessa Paul and Josh No words can describe the loss that is felt with Terri's passing. The memories of her will be in our hearts forever. Terri rest in peace your courage and strength will be an inspiration to all that are left behind. You will be missed but you will never be forgotten. Till we meet again I love You###imported-begin##Sue Testa###imported-end##*

September 18, 2009 at 10:47 PM



“ *Dear Al, Mary and Sonny,
My sincere sympathy for the loss of your daughter and sister. May she enjoy all the comfort, peace and happiness of her heavenly home with Our Savior, Jesus. May your hearts be filled with joy and fond memories of Terri and may her spirit be vibrant in your lives until we all meet again.
With love and peace during this difficult time,
Mary Guzzardo Annese
Ft. Mitchell Ky.###imported-begin##Mary Guzzardo
Annese###imported-end##*

September 18, 2009 at 08:13 PM



“ Terri, I will miss you so much. All those long talks we had, until 3:00am. All the coffee we went through. All the trips to the Casino, where I was your lucky charm. The time I was sitting behind you, trying to pick up that gorgeous girl. You won \$2500.00, and started screaming my name. I jumped up and hugged you and kissed you. The girl saw that and left. Oh well. Thank God, you don't have to suffer anymore. All my best to YOU, my good friend. Ed Iffert###imported-begin##Ed Iffert###imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 08:11 PM



“ Rest in peace Terri. I'm going to miss you. Now you are in a better place looking down at all your friend that love you and keeping them safe. Dancing Dave###imported-begin##David Krol St. Petersburg, FL###imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 08:04 PM



“ Tanessa, Paul and Josh,

May the memories of your Mom fill your days and replace the sadness that you feel now. She will be forever in your hearts and in the hearts of all who loved her. She will always be with you.

Love,

Tim, Donna, Jessica and Derek###imported-begin##Donna Toussaint###imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 06:00 PM



“ It is a sad time for all who knew Terri. May we all remember her spunk and spirit and her zest for life. She will be forever missed by all who knew her and she will never be forgotten.

Terri, you are finally at peace and may a part your spirit live on forever in all you have left behind. Rest in peace cousin, until we meet again.

Uncle Al, Aunt Mary and Sonny, our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. You will forever be in our prayers that you may find the strength in your memories and the peace that she is now an "angel" looking over you.

*All our love,
Tim, Donna, Jessica and Derek##imported-begin##Donna
Toussaint##imported-end##*

September 18, 2009 at 05:55 PM



“ She will be missed so very much, Rest in Peace my dear friend Terri.##imported-begin##Donna Murray##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 03:49 PM



“ Aunt Mary, Uncle Al, Tanessa, Paul and Joshua - Terri's faith, strength and courage will be an inspiration to all afflicted with terminal illnesses. She will be remembered for the love that she passed on to others - even during her suffering. May you hold her in your hearts and smile as you remember the special times with her. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Dianne Rutledge##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 01:13 PM



“ we will miss you##imported-begin##pam, matt & leo##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 01:09 PM



“ To the entire family,
I am truly sorry about your loss. I know that Terri is in a much better place and in peace. I pray that you will be comforted during this time of loss. God bless all of you and know that I am here if you need a shoulder or an ear.
Love Jill##imported-begin##Jill McClusky##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 12:53 PM



“ Rest in peace my cousin. You are with the angels now.##imported-begin##Roseanne##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 12:35 PM



“ To Sonny and Family, My heartfelt Sympathy and Prayers are with you. I didn't know Terri very long but what I did know was that she was a Sweetheart and always had a Smile on her face whenever I saw her. God Bless her and all of you as well...Sincerely, PapaJoe Rossi##imported-begin##Joseph Rossi##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 12:00 PM



“ Your mom was a great person with so much love for her children. She gave her all in this battle and will be deeply missed. She always had a smile, no matter what she was going through. She will be deeply missed and always in the hearts of those that loved and cared for her. Our prayers are with you.....always know how much you were all loved by your mom, you three were her whole life.##imported-begin##Sherry Kittleman##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 10:58 AM



“ We are so sorry for you loss. We met Terri when she started working at the 229 Legion and she was such a pleasant person from the start. Always kidding around and laughing with everyone. She will be greatly missed by so many people. God Bless you all and I'm sure she is happy in Heaven.##imported-begin##Jim and Dorothy Acquaviva##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 10:24 AM



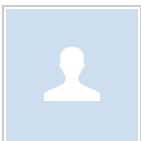
“ I my heartfelt prayers go out to Terri's family & friends. While it is a sad time, we must always remember her spunk and zest for life. I remember her love for karaoke and the songs she would sing to each and every friend. If there is anything I can do for the family please call me. You are all in my prayers##imported-begin##Sue##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 09:55 AM



“ *Tes, Paul, and Josh,
Terry was a special person in many ways and touched many lives. She was always there for me and I hope in this time I can be there for you... Terry was an inspiration on everyone she touchd, she will always be our guardian angel....
Thank you for sharing her with us!###imported-begin##Norma & Woody Coffin###imported-end##*

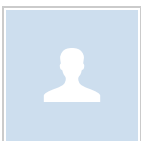
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“ *Tannessa and Family*

May the God of comfort help you during this difficult time and may the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer.###imported-begin##Becky Hagadorn###imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 07:46 AM



“ *Tanessa , Paul , Josh and family- your mom was like a mom to me as she was a lot of people. She touched a lot of peoples hearts during her time on earth.Hope you take comfort in knowing she is with god now and at peace and out of pain. I know she is smiling down watching over everyone. If you need anything you know where to find me and my number. RIP Ter , I love you and will miss you always!!###imported-begin##Tina Suits###imported-end##*

September 17, 2009 at 06:46 PM