



## Vanessa M. Blase

August 22, 1964 - October 1, 2017

NEW HARTFORD - Vanessa M. Blase, age 53, entered into the Lord's presence as she peacefully passed away on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center.

Born in Utica on August 22, 1964, Vanessa was the daughter of Macey (Tata) Blase and the late Dominick J. Blase. She attended M.V.C.C. and continued her studies at SUNY Institute of Technology where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business.

Vanessa worked as a Customer Service Representative for the NBT-Mang Insurance Agency on Genesee Street, Utica, where she regularly brought a spirit of enthusiasm and a keen attention to her work. Vanessa was also an outgoing, fun-loving person. She loved to travel and visit friends. Vanessa, through her hobby of photography, saw things through various lenses. She had genuine pride and joy in being a care taker and love giver to her 2 felines, Rah-Rah and Geo. She was proud to serve on the board of directors for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Organization. Vanessa was grounded by her Christian faith, a moral compass that guided her to her home of worship at the First Assembly of God Church in Marcy, NY.

Vanessa was blessed with an admirable commitment to her parents. She helped maintain her mom's well being until her own illness precluded it.

Vanessa is survived by her mother, Macey Blase; her brother-in-law, Charles Bruce Teel of Texas; nephew Joshua Teel; and niece Meredith Teel. She was preceded by a sister, Rebecca Anne Teel. She also leaves an aunt, numerous

cousins, and many friends who blessed her life, especially Valerie, Hallie, Mindy, and Larry.

The family is grateful to the staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for the compassionate care rendered to Vanessa.

Visitation will be held Friday, October 13th from 11:00-12:00 noon at the First Assembly of God Church, 9427 Maynard Dr, Marcy, NY 13403. Vanessa's funeral service and Celebration of Life will also be held at the church, immediately following the visitation with Pastor Pat Hilkey officiating.

Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be considered to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. online at <https://ww5.komen.org/Donate/Donate.html>; envelopes will be available at the service. Interment will take place graveside in Crown Hill Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Memorial Park

Paris Road  
Clinton, NY  
(315) 737-8008

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Assembly of God  
9427 Maynard Dr.  
Marcy, NY

## Funeral Service

OCT **13**. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Assembly of God  
9427 Maynard Dr.  
Marcy, NY

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ I have had the joy of working with Vanessa and getting to know her for the past 5 years here at work. She brought a sense of joy and life to the office. When I think of Vanessa I think of her laugh and her appreciation of life and her "can do" attitude. She never complained or appeared to bear any burden. She always just did whatever she had to do. I regret that I didn't have the opportunity to know Vanessa longer than I did, but I certainly will cherish the time that I was given and will always keep her in my heart. My prayers go out to her family and friends-thinking of all of you.  
My sincerest condolences,



Angie Mattice  
NBT-Mang Insurance Agency

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Angela Mattice - October 10, 2017 at 01:43 PM

DV

“ What a joy it is to remember Vanessa as a little girl in the Genesee Street, Utica, NY church, and to have watched her grow into adulthood! How fast the decades have flown by; we have been out of NY state these past 17 years, but kept in touch with Vanessa during her recent medical battle, especially. We send our prayers and condolences to the family members; we have sweet memories of many of YOU, too, and trust our Savior to hold you all close to His heart.

In His Name,

David and Maureen Verdura  
Bradenton, Florida

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David and Maureen Verdura - October 08, 2017 at 05:19 PM

RC

“ So sorry to hear of Vanessa's death. She was a wonderful person. My daughter Denise and I will always have pleasant memories of her. Our condolences and prayers to Macey and the family. Ruth Conte and Denise Gymburch

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**Ruth Conte** - October 08, 2017 at 08:50 AM

CP

“ Vanessa' was a shining light for Jesus.. I will always remember her sweet and quiet countenance and wonderful smile . When the time came for her to enter the battle, she showed the courage and strength of a great warrior . Her fight is over and she rests in the arms of her Jesus. She loved family and friends and she loved her church family. My condolences and prayers to all her family, may good memories and the blessed assurance that she is with her Lord and Savior be your greatest comfort.. Love, Carole

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**Carole Pape** - October 05, 2017 at 08:08 PM

LF

“ Whether waiting for treatment, doing a survivor walk or just having fun, Vanessa always brought the light and love of Jesus with her. She lit up the room with her smile and kindness. I am so thankful for our friendship, it was a gift from the Lord. I can still hear her saying these past few weeks, " I have such an amazing peace." I know so many will miss you Vanessa. I will miss your stories and wonderful sense of humor. You made me laugh, especially when we weren't supposed to. You were a warrior. Now the warrior has laid down her sword and is resting in Jesus. I see you in my mind's eye, walking with your dad, telling him all kinds of things and laughing. I love you my dear friend and look forward to seeing you again. Love, Laurie

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**Laurie Ferris** - October 05, 2017 at 04:01 PM