



## Vanessa J. (D'Arts) Pucine

June 8, 1948 - January 21, 2022

Vanessa J. (D'Arts) Pucine began her journey in Spirit, being held in the loving arms of G~d, of Christ, on January 21, 2022. She is survived by her son Michael, sister Yvonne, brother Adrian and his wife Linda with their family, Frank and Laura Pucine, and dear friends Mary and Tony Citrinite and their family.

Vanessa was born in Colchester, England on June 8, 1948, to Irene Mable Warren and William J.R. "Reggie" D'Arts. The family sailed to the New Country, to Canada, when she was 10. After a few years, they migrated once more and landed right in the middle of East Utica; she lived the rest of her life in Utica, New York. Vanessa went to UCA Girls High School with a dream to attend FIT in NYC to become a fashion designer and make beautiful clothes. Even though she didn't go to FIT but instead to Utica College, her dream endured and eventually came true, finding a way to its fulfillment.

In the mid-1970s, Vanessa married William "Bill" Griffith and they had a son, Michael. Although the marriage was relatively brief, they remained caring friends throughout their lives. In the mid-1980s, fate would have it that a friend of Vanessa's set her up on a blind date with Angelo "Tiny" Pucine, and the couple never looked back. Vanessa and Angelo shared a 35-year, Grace-filled, "in Love," blessed and beautiful journey of life partnership (married 30+ years), until Angelo's passing in 2016. This was a deep loss for Vanessa, perhaps one she never "got over," which was understandable, though he remained close in Spirit every day. Those of us who knew this couple, we

honor Vanessa and “Tiny” for your joyful, miraculous example of what a partnership can be. To say Angelo adored Vanessa would be an understatement; he cherished her and would do anything for her. We know their spirits continue their dance of Joy and Love.

Vanessa worked at Bank of Utica for 40+ years, dedicated to helping provide stability for her family and herself. She was a true delight to those who knew her. She had a sweet, kind, and generous heart—that’s who she was.

However, watch out if somebody crossed anyone in her family or people she cared about. :)

Those who knew her were blessed by her Love and Goodness. She ended up sharing her fashion gifts after all, by joyfully creating beautiful clothing and garments for many friends and family. Vanessa took great pride in creating a beautiful home adorned with many crafts and knickknacks and her own embroidered designs. She was also passionate about music: from back in her college days when she saw the Beatles live in-person, to listening to Don Henley on repeat for days straight, to an ecstatic love for Queen and Freddie Mercury. Harry Potter and witches and vampire stories delighted and fascinated her wonderful imagination. True to her English roots, she and her life-long friend and dear sister Yvonne would watch many an English program, laughing wildly together. Vanessa often would say, as her house can attest, that she ought to have been born in the Victorian age. Maybe so... however, for those who loved her, we are so grateful that she brought the Victorian age to us instead and much more. Thank G~d for her head-thrown-back, “good witch,” infectious laugh! We will always Love you, Dear Vanessa.

Thank you to Dr. Din, Dr. McBride, Dr. Dhabhar and his staff, along with the nurses of Faxton St. Luke’s, for your help, care, and compassion, and to Hospice and Palliative care for your critical service.

Vanessa’s Visitation and Celebration of Life will start at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Regardless of vaccination status, face masks are required to remain in compliance with the state and county mask order.

This tribute was composed by her son, Michael, with family input. Last but not least, she was an extraordinary mother.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
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<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ It is hard to find le mot juste to express my deep feeling of sadness and remembrance imprinted in my memory of my former sister-in-law, Vanessa. She was a fabulous seamstress: a great fit for FIT/NYC! Years ago, she did all my sewing alterations, as needed, perfectly.....I clearly remember her magic with a sewing needle! Vanessa passed too young; and, there is never enough time to be kind, caring and loving to those who leave their imprint on our hearts as Vanessa did on mine. The night sky stars have competition in her sewing magic arena! Wishing you peace.

*Lorraine Griffith - Sister of Bill Griffith*

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**Lorraine Griffith Bucklan** - February 05, 2022 at 11:32 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Vanessa and I went to Mt. Carmel School and UCA together. I moved away and we lost touch over the years, but my Mom reconnected with Vanessa who was always there to share her seamstress skills and a cup of tea. I remember her kindness, her smile, her joyous laugh and love for all things English. Rest In Peace my friend.

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**Angela LaNeve Chmielenski** - February 05, 2022 at 09:39 AM

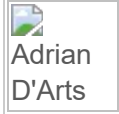
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**Adrian D'Arts** - February 05, 2022 at 05:49 AM



Adrian  
D'Arts

*A few years ago in Utica*

**Adrian D'Arts** - February 05, 2022 at 05:54 AM



“ *Vanessa was a great co-worker. She had a wonderful attitude and sense of humor. She was extremely hard working and very honest.*  
*Izzy Cominsky*

**Izzy Cominsky** - February 02, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ *From all of the Corasanti's, my mother Connie, my brother Joe and I, and our whole family, are very sorry to hear of your loss, and our love and prayers go out to her and you.*

**David Corasanti** - January 30, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *TO THE PUCINI FAMILY AND THE D'ARTS FAMILY I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSE I AM THE FRIEND THAT FIXED HER UP SO MANY YEARS AGO WITH ANGELO THEY WERE MADE FOR EACH OTHER WE HAD GREAT FUN WORKING TOGETHER ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE BANK OF UTICA I AM TRULY SORRY NANCY LYONS MONTERO*

**NANCY MONTERO** - January 30, 2022 at 02:39 PM



*Dear Nancy, thank you for posting this. I was hoping you would share. I'm sorry, I tried to remember who this mysterious friend was. Mom had mentioned your name a number of times over the years as the miracle matchmaker and it had slipped my mind. The night before posting this, my aunt and I were trying to remember. Anyway, thank you again and for having been my mom's friend and it warms my heart to remember the fun you had together at Bank of Utica. Bless you!*

**Michael Griffith** - February 01, 2022 at 09:17 PM

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*Lorraine Griffith - sister of the late Bill Griffith*

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**Lorraine Griffith (Bucklan)** - February 04, 2022 at 11:41 PM

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“ *Thoughts & prayers to the Pucine family. May she rest in peace.*



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**Peter Maneen** - January 30, 2022 at 01:43 PM

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“ *Yvonne,  
May your wonderful memories with your sister give you strength.  
Sending sincere condolences, prayers & love. Rest In Peace  
Vanessa.  
Mary Gearhart*

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**Mary Gearhart** - January 29, 2022 at 05:28 PM

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**Laura Pucine** - January 29, 2022 at 04:07 PM

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**Laura Pucine** - January 29, 2022 at 04:06 PM

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**Laura Pucine** - January 29, 2022 at 04:01 PM