



CatherineAnn "Cathy" Patierno

January 4, 1961 - January 4, 2013

NISKAYUNA- CatherineAnn "Cathy" Patierno, 52, passed away at home on Friday with her loving family at her side after nine years as a cancer fighter. She now rests in eternal glory.

Cathy was born in Schenectady on November 3, 1960, the daughter of Catherine Truscello Patierno and the late Donald L. Patierno. She graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School and received her Bachelor's degree from SUNY Brockport. Cathy lived and worked in the Rochester area for many years. She loved children which she demonstrated in her career as a teacher and then as an administrator in the daycare field. Cathy returned home to her family in 2002 and was diagnosed with neuro- endocrine pancreatic islet cell cancer a year later. She never wanted to be defined by her cancer and most people never knew how sick she really was. She worked up until the spring of this year at HSI in Albany. She was an intuitive and embraced holistic, and spiritual studies. Cathy's visualization in her battle against cancer was that of Wonder Woman, and she fought like a superhero. She was a miracle and inspiration to everyone who knew her. She inspired each life she touched with a positive and optimistic attitude throughout her journey.

Cathy was a wonderful daughter, sister, auntie and friend. She will always be the best Aladdin to Madi's Jasmine.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving mother, Catherine Patierno; devoted sister and brother-in-law, Maria and Tom Gilroy, of Niskayuna; cherished niece and nephew, Christopher and Vicki Gilroy, of Wilton and Beth Gilroy and her fiancé Martin O'Malley, of Brighton, MA, adoring grand nieces, Madi and Ella Gilroy; many loving relatives and friends.

Services will be held Tuesday morning at 8 am at the Rossi & Ditoro Funeral Home, at Union and N. Jay Streets, and then to St. Luke's Church, State Street where a Mass will be celebrated at 9 am with Fr. Dominic Isopo officiating. Burial will follow in St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Brandywine Avenue.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call at the Rossi & Ditoro Funeral Home on Monday from 3 to 7 pm.

Memorial contributions may be made in Cathy's memory to The Carcinoid Cancer Foundation at www.carcinoid.org.

Comments



“ Cathy was more than a friend Her courage she showed in fighting her brave battle with cancer . Showed me that we can all raise above what ever life gives us. She is not gone but will forever live in my heart and memories. May God Bless her loved ones . love and blessings Rich Browne

Rich Browne - Colonie, NY - Friend - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Cathy, you were loved and will be missed by all of us here at FoCastle Farm.

Glenn ,Colleen, and Judy - Burnt Hills, NY - co-workers - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Maria, Tom and family,
Please accept our deepest condolences. We just read about Cathy and our hearts are filled with sadness for you and all who knew and loved her. May you be comforted by the joyous memories of loving times. She may be out of sight but will never be out of mind nor heart.

Loving you, Greg and June

June & Greg McGarry - Ballston Lake, NY - Friend - January 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Cathy,I'm sure we will all miss your physical presence. At this moment I believe that your spirit is soaring into the Divine Light of unconditional love. However, knowing your resolve to live and for the love of her family and friends, I'm confident you will visit us to share your love from the other side. May you all be comforted by the knowledge that there is peace and joy on the other side of this life. I won't say good-bye, but hello, in anticipation of your spiritual visits to us.Your friend eternally,Rev. Stephen C. Robinson

Rev. Stephen C. Robinson - New York, NY - Co-worker and dear friend - January 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Cathy through HSI. She was always gracious with a quick smile, and kind words. She was a warm person and I extend heart felt condolences to her family and friends. Heaven must have needed another angel

Jill Braymer - Cambridge, NY - acquaintance/friend - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Cathy was a wonderful person! So,friendly and caring. Everyone will miss her dearly. Now she is at peace in the spiritual world! My condolences to her family and friends.

Carol Karp - Albany, NY - Friend/colleague - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Gilroy Family:I am so sorry for your loss. When I think of devoted sisters, I think of Cathy and Maria. Cathy, you were always warm and friendly to me and Bob. May your spirit be at peace.

Linda Rennie - Loudonville, NY - Friend of the family - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ May the light of our prayers connect you to the light of love and bring you rest. Please, come visit our circles, you certainly know how to find us!

Barbara - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ It was wonderful getting to know you and working with you through HSI. Your professionalism and caring were conveyed each time we spoke. I send deep felt condolences to your family. My thoughts and prayers are for your easy transition into Spirit World.

Barbara Stevens - Stuyvesant, NY - Fellow seeker - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We were so blessed to have known Cathy at HSI always a cheerful voice on the phone or in the office. Although I only knew her for a short period of time I knew she was truly a beautiful soul. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this time. Celebrating her life, and her courageous spirit. If you knew her in passing, as I did, you would have never known she was sick really. She was that strong. God Bless.

Susan Anclam Potter - formerly of Guilderland, NY - Friend - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM