



Marguerite "Margie" Valentino

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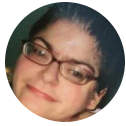
Marguerite "Margie" Valentino, 57, passed away unexpectedly on August 30, 2019 at Upstate Medical Center surrounded by her family. She spent her life in Syracuse and Liverpool and most recently, Rome, NY. Margie loved country music and watching detective police dramas such as CSI and Law & Order. Margie was born with Cerebral Palsy and was known to be very outspoken when it came to the rights of the disabled. Her physical limits were overshadowed by her heart and compassion for others. She was very proud and honored to be featured in a book written by Dick Case. Margie was very loved and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her mother, Judith (Carruth) Valentino of Baldwinsville; two brothers, Joseph (Lynne) Valentino of Baldwinsville and Daniel (Phillina) Valentino of Maryland; her nephew, Austin Valentino; two nieces, Alexis Valentino-Capurso and Bianca Valentino, as well as many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Many thanks to all her caregivers throughout the ARC community during her lifetime.

Private family services will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Upstate Cerebral Palsy, 258 Genesee St., Mezzanine, Utica, NY 13502 or Upstate Medical University, 750 E. Adams St., Syracuse, NY 13210.



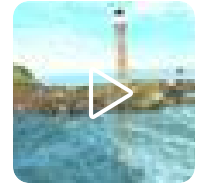
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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



September 10 at 6:57 AM



Donna Lannon posted:

We used to live next door to you on Hawley Ave. I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Donna (Haskell) Lannon

September 14 at 6:29 AM



Mike Malone posted:

I knew Margie when I worked at Syracuse Developmental Center around 30 years ago. I remember her as a wonderful, intelligent person with a big heart and a great sense of humor. She was strong and courageous in her advocacy for others, especially vulnerable people, and she always expressed herself with grace and dignity. Margie had a very positive attitude and faced her own formidable problems with a great and quiet resolve. I had great respect for Margie and I learned a lot about strength, dignity, and empathy from her. My condolences to her friends and family, Mike Malone

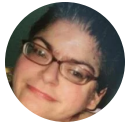
September 12 at 2:39 PM



Gail Healy posted:

Hello Judy, Joe, Lynne, Daniel, Phillina, and family, Even as I type your names, memories come flooding back of the days at SDC when Margie was my Music Therapy assistant. She spoke of you all the time as her family was so important to her. Margie was a great friend and taught me so much. I'll never forget when we performed a song that she wrote during a visit from Governor Mario Cuomo, - "Life Must Go On". He liked it so much that he played it on his weekly radio show. My love and prayers go out to you as you mourn her passing and celebrate her beautiful life. Margie, you are truly a gift and blessing in my life ❤️🙏 Gail Montag Healy

September 9 at 9:54 AM



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JS

Joanne Spangler lit a candle in honor of Marguerite.

I loved visiting Margie when I was in Syracuse. She would get excited to see me her dad Joe, Aunt terry and Uncle Nick. Especially when she saw her dad Joe Valentino. She really loved him. Rest In Peace my sweet niece.love Aunt Joanne Valentino.



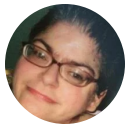
September 7 at 4:24 PM

RC

Ron Calley posted:

My name is Ron Calley and I worked at ARC around 1974. One of the sweetest memories of those times was concerning Margie. At the end of each day as the buses arrived (pre wheelchair lift days) I would lift Margie out of her chair and carry her onto the bus. She always enjoyed this so much as she had a crush on me. My heart was so touched by this that my compassionate heart felt great love for her also. We shared a moment of human joy together each day and the other staff members waiting with their students in the area also experienced this joy as they watched our interaction. I lost touch with Margie all these long years since and can only offer her my prayers now. Sincerely, Ron Calley

September 6 at 10:11 AM



Media

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September 10 at 6:57 AM



Sandra J Wilson September 15 at 1:19 PM

Love this video !! Wish I had a copy !!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marguerite by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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