



Donna M. (Matherson) Lanni

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Donna M. (Matherson) Lanni, 71, of Syracuse, passed away peacefully at home with her children by her side. Born in Syracuse to the late Richard J. and Helen J. (Sullivan) Matherson, she studied at Syracuse University and then went on to become a cosmetologist at the Syracuse Home for over 25 years. She enjoyed traveling and frequent trips to the casino. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially her beloved children.

Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Richard J. Matherson, Jr., and her longtime companion, Joseph Siracusa.

Donna is survived by her son, Charles Gates, IV; her daughter, Marietta Lanni (Bob Hannan); a brother, Keith (J.J.) Matherson; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Family and friends may call Thursday, June 2, 2022, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (Corner of Buckley Rd.) N. Syracuse, NY 13212, immediately followed by a funeral service in celebration of Donna's life at 12:00 PM at the funeral home.



Events

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Visitation


 **Thursday**, June 2, 2022


 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



Funeral Service

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



June 1 at 5:04 AM



Marjorie Jackson posted:

I DIDN'T KNOW HER VERT WELL WE TALKED ONLINE SOME TIMES . I'M VERT SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS . MARJORIE JACKSON

June 3 at 5:56 AM



Patti Robbins posted:

My beautiful, wonderful Donna. I loved you so much, my friend. I am so sorry and heartbroken. I wished we had more time together. We had so much fun hanging out in the good old days. You will be missed. Chuck and Marietta please let me know if you need anything, you have my deepest condolences. I Love you all. Until we meet again old friend Patti Ciccarelli RobbinsLas Vegas, Nevada

June 2 at 12:40 PM



Jessica Morrison posted:

I know that I am not alone in feeling that Donna was like a second mother. She had a way of embracing you and all of your flaws and loving you anyway. Growing up with Marietta, when Donna said that I could call (or page) her any time of day whenever I needed anything, I believed her. She may not have arrived on time, but she was always there. She was our ride to and from the club, our late night/early morning breakfast buddy, our designated driver whenever one was needed. She was there for, and helped make, so many of my best childhood memories happen. Summers at Harbor Fest, the Renaissance Festival, and the casino. New Kids on the Block concerts. Even shooting fireworks out of the car window late at night as a prank. She pushed me out of my comfort zone and was there to hold my hand, or to curse at me, along the way. From high school graduation to my wedding day, she was there. She helped me to feel like family and I will always think of her and Marietta in that same way. Time has a way of changing people and relationships, but the love is always there. I hope that the love and memories of Donna will help comfort Marietta and Chuck and the rest of the family as they adjust to this sad new reality. I wanted to so much to be able to spend this day with the family in person and to pay my respects to my "second mom", but I will be there virtually and in spirit. I'd like to think that Donna will continue to be with us in that way, too.

June 2 at 8:17 AM



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Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Lanni family.



June 1 at 7:20 AM



Paula Tiner posted:

Donna and I were friends for over 40 years. We went through good times and rough times together. My heart is broken. My sincere sympathy to Chuck and Marietta. She loved you. Paula

May 31 at 9:40 AM



Maria Catalano August 9 at 2:23 PM

Donna was a good person who lived for her family but when she needed her kids to be good to her as she was with them all their lives, they let her down & broke her heart ❤️ I'm happy that she has finally found peace & is with her Joe now!! RIP, Donna!! ☐



Judith Klein posted:

Donna was great friend for decades working together in the beauty salon business.. we shared many wonderful times and have the best memories of our time working together.... I was fortunate to see her a few times this past year or so and know she struggled after Joe's passing .. she was a beautiful person , a great friend and a wonderful mother .. my condolences to her family and friends who will miss her .. Judy Klein

May 31 at 4:18 AM



Mary Lou Strom lit a candle in honor of Donna.



May 29 at 5:44 PM



Mary Lou Strom posted:

Keith, Chuck and Marietta want to express my sincere condolences about your loss. Donna was a good friend to me for many years and she had a kind heart. I know God has a place for her and will keep her in the palm of His hand. May she rest in peace and be with the angels. Mary Lou Strom

May 29 at 2:13 PM



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MH

Mary Theresa Hannan sent a Your Light Shines to the Lanni family.

May 29 at 11:16 AM



LE

Lisa And David Eichna sent a Pink Potpourri Bouquet to the Lanni family.

May 29 at 11:04 AM



RV

Robbie/Las Vegas Nv lit a candle in honor of Donna.

Keith, So Sorry to read about Donna. My condolences go out to you my ole Friend. May God Bless Donna & You. Rest In Peace Donna, You were a good ole friend.

May 28 at 2:43 PM





Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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