



Mary (Callaghan) Guanciaie

January 30, 1952 - May 8, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Mary (Callaghan) Guanciaie announces her passing on Saturday, May 8, 2021 after a brief illness. She was born in Utica, NY to Robert and Rosemary (Butler) Callaghan and resided in the Syracuse area from an early age.

Mary graduated from St. Anthony's High School and attended Morrisville College. She worked for Onondaga County in the Civic Center where she met her future husband. They were soon married, started a family, which then became her most important job. She was a devoted and loving mother who felt fortunate to be able to be home with her children and enjoyed it immensely.

After the children were of school age, she continued her career as an assistant teacher at BOCES in special education. She was a kind, understanding and encouraging support system to students. She created a welcoming school environment and impacted many lives beyond the classroom.

Mary loved the simple things in life like nature in the springtime. She enjoyed cycling and hiking at Baltimore Woods and Beaver Lake. She loved feeding the birds and planting flowers, especially zinnias in her yard. Mary enjoyed visits to Southwick Beach, Ocean City, Maryland and the Adirondacks, especially Old Forge and Inlet. She was always reading; she loved coffee, a drink, or picnic by Skaneateles Lake.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister, Patricia Androkitis. Mary is survived by her husband of 41 years, Richard Guanciaie, and three daughters, Annie, Jenny, and Kimberly. She is also survived by her siblings, Paul (Eileen) Callaghan, Anne (James) Wright, and Thomas (Jeanette) Callaghan, along with many nieces and nephews.

There aren't enough words to describe what a special person Mary was. She was a wonderful friend and had a fantastic sense of humor. No matter what challenges life threw her way, she counted her blessings, kept a positive outlook on life, and was a fighter until

the very end. Mary made the world a better place and will be dearly missed.

Private funeral services entrusted to THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME. To attend the service remotely, please visit Mary's tribute page at tjpfuneralhome.com at 1:30 pm on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Mary's memory to Baltimore Woods (<https://baltimorewoods.org>) or the American Heart Association (<https://www.heart.org/en/affiliates/new-york/syracuse>).

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home - May 11, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ A great tribute to a family friend. My condolences to her family and friends. My prayers.
Patrick Diglio

Patrick Diglio - May 12, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ Dear Guanciale and Callaghan family, I am so very sorry, and heartbroken for you. Mary was everything wonderful in a human being. I worked with Mary at BOCES. I also remembered her from St. Anthony's. I was a couple years younger, but remembered her with her group of friends. I thought they were all so pretty. My husband passed away in January, and I received a lovely note with a mass for him. That was Mary, kind and thoughtful. God bless her, and all of you. Marie Hyland Shields

Marie Hyland Shields - May 12, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ What a beautiful lady!
Such a kind caring human being
Sure will miss Mary coming to my coffee/choc shop in skaneateles
It was such a joy to see her
May she Rest In Peace
The world is a better place because of her

Kay DiNardo - May 13, 2021 at 08:25 PM



“ Our hearts are so sad for you and your family! Mary was a joy to know and to be around! Her sense of humor and laughter always left me feeling good! She will be missed so much by all of you, especially her Rich! God rest her soul. We send our love and deepest sympathy! God bless you all with His peace!
. Kathy Klamm and Bob Hayes

Kathleen Klamm - May 15, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ To Mary's Family:

I had the pleasure of spending time recently with Mary during her exercise sessions. I really enjoyed listening to Mary talk about her loving family, you all meant so much to her. I always looked forward to seeing her, her sense of humor was great, she always made me laugh!

My heart goes out to all of you, she was indeed a fighter, she will be missed.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Gail (Giamartino) Behm

Gail - May 15, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ Rich, girls, and Callaghans, I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Mary was a gem and such a sweetheart. I will never forget the fun we had in and out of the Comptroller's office. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Much Love, Suzanne

Suzanne Cowin - May 14, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ RICH & FAMILY & THE CALLAGHAN FAMILY,

SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR WIFE, MOM & SISTERS PASSING. THERE ARE REALLY NO WORDS THAT CAN HELP AT THIS TIME BUT KNOWING THERE ARE ALOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT CARE ABOUT YOU & YOUR FAMILY. GOD BLESS.

BOBBY HAYES

BOBBY HAYES - May 14, 2021 at 12:49 AM



“ Tom and family - I am so sorry to hear of your sister's passing. I remember her from St. Anthony's; always smiling and friendly. I wish you and your family peace.

Tina E Redmond - May 13, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ Rich, Jenny, Annie & Kim,

We are so very sorry for your loss. While it didn't happen often enough, it was always so nice to run into Mary & Rich and update each other on our kids. She was always smiling and sharing a laugh. We will keep you all in our prayers as you face the difficult days ahead. Mary will always be with you.

With sympathy,

Marilyn & Tom Schneider

Marilyn & Tom Schneider - May 13, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ We were so very sorry to hear about the devastating loss of sweet Mary. Our hearts hurt for all of you. There are just no words that would help or take away the sadness. Please know that we are thinking of you and praying for strength for you to get through this. We wish you peace, and send you love and hugs.
Love, Dick and Carol Bishop

carol Bishop - May 13, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ Rich ,
My sincerest condolences and prayers to you and your daughters to you and your daughters . Very sorry for your loss.

Frank Tropea

Frank Tropea - May 13, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ Mary was a happy wonderful colleague. She was always encouraging & motivating her young students in music class. My thoughts & prayers for her family.

Kathy Freer - May 12, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ Dear Rich and Family,
Our prayers are with you as you grieve the loss of your beautiful wife. If we can help in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out.
Our deepest sympathies, Rich...
John and Sandra Masterpole

John Masterpole - May 12, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ Rich & Family,
Deepest Sympathy to you all , and I just wanted to say what a pleasure it was to have been in the presence of such a loving home on the couple of occasions that I did with Bob & Ginny .
Praying for the healing that only heaven can bring to your wounded hearts.
Mike & Valerie Ferris.

Michael Ferris - May 12, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ Rich and family, I and Suzanne are very sorry for your loss. As Mary was a breath of fresh air during her life, I'm sure she continues to watch over you and the girls from the Lord's side. Our prays and thoughts. Tom & Suzanne Thompson

thomas j thompson - May 12, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ Mary will be missed by many. I had the honor of working with Mary at Boces and loved her honesty, sense of humor and compassion for people. She could bring a smile to so many faces. I had the joy of Monday boating with her, Nancy A. & Nancy C. We would share many stories about families, hopes ,dreams and plans. There wasn't a time on the boat that she didn't make us laugh, offer good advice or just be a good friend and listen. The world was a better place because of Mary and I will truly miss her as many other will. My heartfelt sympathy to all of the family.

Helen Shaffer - May 12, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ Rich and family. I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mary , she was a ray of sunshine when we worked in the comptrollers office together, she will be missed, my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. My love to all Adrienne Dooher

Adrienne Dooher - May 11, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ To Mary’s Family, We are so sorry to hear of Mary’s passing. We were the lucky to get to know Mary years ago at Pine Grove. She was always so friendly and outgoing. Her humor got us through spinning class many times. She was loved by many. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Gene & Ann Conway

Ann & Gene Conway - May 11, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ Mary felt like my soulmate. I considered her my closest friend. We used to walk two or three times a week at Baltimore Woods. We would commune with nature and sit on the benches and solve the world,s problem. I always appreciated her sense of humor. I will miss her greatly and never forget her. My thoughts are with Rich and the girls.

Nancy Altic - May 11, 2021 at 06:03 PM



“ Mary was an absolute Joy. She was a year ahead of me at Saint Anthony's and I am very happy that we were able to get together last year. Mary will be missed and you are in my prayers.

Marcia Hallinan - May 11, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ Rich,
We were very sorry to hear about Mary. She was always so much fun and could always make us laugh. You and your girls are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mark and Chrissy

mark and christine gravelle - May 11, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ Rich, I am so sorry to read of Mary's passing. May your thoughts be of the wonderful times you spent together. Peace to you and the girls. Bob Kawa.

robert kawa - May 11, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ Rich, so sorry to read of Mary's sudden passing. Although it's been a long time since our softball days, we still remember what a lovely, sweet person Mary was. Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your daughters in this time of loss.

Mark (Dart) & Bettyan Rinefield

Mark Rinefield - May 11, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family, today and always.

American Heart Association - May 11, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ Rich and Girls, so very sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I'll always remember the fun times times in and out of the Comptroller's office. Mary was one of a kind and I was lucky to know here. God bless you all!

Rosemary DeGennaro - May 11, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ RICHIE, Please accept my condolences on Mary's passing. What a positive light she emitted. Always thinking of others. She had a Mass said for my Brother Tom who passed last June. They worked together @ BOCES. sending thoughts & prayers to you and the girls.

Peter L. Nolan

Peter L nolan - May 11, 2021 at 07:50 AM



“ Helen Shaffer is following this tribute.

Helen Shaffer - May 10, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ Mr. Guanciale, Anne, Jenny, and Kim -
I'm so very sad to hear the news of Mrs. Guanciale. She was always so kind and fun and had the best laugh. What a cheerleader she was for everyone and life in general. Sending you all love and peace at this time. Mrs. Guanciale touched so many people's lives and I know she will be deeply missed
With love and respect,
Katie Mack

katie mack - May 10, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ Each, Annie, Jenny and Kimberly I am so very sorry about Mary. She was one of the kindest and warm people I've ever known. She put up with all of the nonsense of the "boys" and always came away laughing. Art and I send our love and prayers to all of you and wish you all healing. Love to all... Ag

Nessa Vercillo - May 10, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ Mr Guanciale, Annie, Jenny, and Kim - I am so very sorry for the loss of your Mom. I have such fond memories of her making Pizza and the best salads. Cheering Annie in at basketball games. Teasing us about our shenanigans as we got ready to hit a field party. Her laugh was genuine and distinct and I'll never forget it. I wish so much you did not have to endure this pain. You are on my mind and in my heart now and in the difficult days to come.

Love,
Courtney Merriman

courtney merriman - May 10, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ Girls and Mr. Guanciale I was so very sorry to hear about your loss. I will always remember Pizza Fridays, that Italian dressing that I've never been able to recreate and a mom who seemed genuinely excited to go greet her husband at the door still in her Pine Grove workout clothes. Mrs G was one in a million and she loved you all so much. Much love, vibes and energy to your family now and always.

joanna Opato - May 10, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ Rich and Girls, I am so sorry to hear about Mary's passing. She was so sweet, funny, and a wonderful neighbor. I always looked forward to chatting with her. May you find peace and comfort in the memories you share. With thoughts and prayers Kathy Szczęch

Kathleen Szczęch - May 18, 2021 at 04:30 PM