



Charlene Cusato

July 14, 1955 - January 24, 2015

Albany- Charlene (Cookie) Cusato, a life-long resident of Albany, died unexpectedly on the night of Saturday January 24, 2015 at the age of 59.

She is survived by her siblings, Victor Cusato, Marie Freeman and Patrick Cusato and her children, Kenneth Rizzo and Michael Cusato and her newest granddaughter Natalie Faith Cusato. She is predeceased by her parents Frank and Marilyn Cusato and her sister Gina Cusato.

Charlene was born on July 14, 1955 to Frank Cusato and Marilyn Cusato. On June 1, 1974 and January 29, 1993 respectively, she welcomed her two sons Kenneth and Michael, who were two of the most important parts of her life. She was employed for a number of years at Solomon and Solomon Law Firm in Albany and later at The Colonial Inn pub also in Albany.

She was a devoted mother who had a HUGE heart and treated everyone with the kind of caring and respect that you could ever ask from a human being. Any time a family member or friend was in need, 'Cookie' was always there to lend a hand; whether by cooking a large meal to feed a party, to lending some advice or to just providing a shoulder to lean or cry on. She faced many health obstacles in her adult life, but that did not stop her from living the kind of simple and free-spirited life that she wanted to live. She will be deeply missed by her friends, family, and the many people who knew her.

Funeral services Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, now located at 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit Wednesday, January 28, 2015 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment will take place privately at a later date.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.LGfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors
208 North Allen Street
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 463-1566

Service

JAN 28. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Charlene Cusato*



Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors - January 27, 2015 at 01:37 PM



“ *Our condolences to you and our prayers are with you.*

- John and Damaris Johnson

John Johnson - January 28, 2015 at 10:27 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlene Cusato.*



January 27, 2015 at 07:47 PM



“ *Digital Room, Inc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charlene Cusato.*



Digital Room, Inc. - January 27, 2015 at 04:56 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charlene Cusato.*



January 27, 2015 at 03:49 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear of Cookies passing.*

greg slocum - January 27, 2015 at 07:05 AM



“ *Cookie was an amazing friend and a dedicated mom through all her trials and tribulations she had a great love of life and a smile that lit up the world she was so giving and caring
You will be missed*

Deb Pitcher Martino - January 26, 2015 at 10:36 PM



“ *Shelly Beers purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Charlene Cusato.*



Shelly Beers - January 26, 2015 at 10:31 PM



“ Cheryl's Classic Bakery Tower was purchased for the family of Charlene Cusato.



January 26, 2015 at 10:22 PM



“ Cookie was an amazing, strong woman. I remember when she and my sister Joni would go out partying. They were always laughing and had fun times. I'm glad I got to see her when I last visited Albany.

My deepest sympathy to the family.

Rest in peace, Cookie.

Jeanie Emerick

gina emerick - January 26, 2015 at 10:16 PM



I am glad you got to see her last time you were home too.

joni - January 27, 2015 at 06:20 AM

JC

“ Ken, Mikey, Marie, Victor and Pat,
I have so many beautiful, fun memories of Cookie, as I sat here the past couple of days I have thought about them all. Our trips to Florida to visit your grandmother, and my sister. Our ventures out on the weekends following bands, yes we were groupies back then. And our trip to Hampton Beach. Many days out in the yard on our deck listening to music, barbecuing and going in the pool. Cookie loved her fun in the sun. We had many talks over the years, about our hopes, our dreams, our kids, our love life. All that I will hold close to my heart. Some of the best times of my life were with her, and our little ventures. I miss my daily phone calls and text. But I know she is with us. Ken and Mikey, I am so sorry you lost such a wonderful loving mother, know she will still be watching over you, walking beside you everyday. She was so proud of her boys you were her life. Marie, Victor and Pat, my heart goes out to you for the loss of your sister, you haven't even gotten time to grieve for your dad. This has to be so devastating for you all. I am so sorry for your losses. They are together now looking down on you all. She is not alone. And your not alone either, your family and friends are here for you to lean on, to cry to. You have allot of support. Everyone loved Cookie, she was a amazing woman, full of laughs, always wanting to have fun. She was beautiful inside and out. The most caring, loving woman. And she enjoyed people, young, old, didn't matter to her, kinda reminded me of my mother, who also loved her. I as so many others will carry her in our hearts forever. Gone but not forgotten, Rest In Peace Cookie, keep watching over us all. All my Love, Always and Forever, your lifelong friend xxoo

Joni Curry - January 26, 2015 at 09:58 PM

AW

“ Ken, Michael, Marie, Patrick and Victor -
I was blessed to share my childhood with Cookie. The memory of her wonderful laugh and the memories we shared will always bring a smile to my face. My deepest sympathies, you are in my thoughts and prayers. - Abbie Wiles

abbie wiles - January 26, 2015 at 05:26 PM

JO

And don't forget all the fun times we had in your Gremlin lol

joni - January 27, 2015 at 06:20 AM

MT

*To Victor, Pat, and Marie,
We were shocked and saddened to read of Cookie's death, especially so close to the passing of your Dad. As former next door neighbors from Morris Street, we have many memories of you all as kids. More recently, we saw Cookie on occasion when we took our walks throughout the neighborhood, when she lived down the street for awhile. She was always so friendly and sweet to us as we passed by and reminded me so much of your Mom.
We will keep her, your Dad, and all of you in our thoughts and prayers.
Marie and Dave Tenney*

Marie and Dave Tenney - January 27, 2015 at 06:51 AM