



Andrea (Brauer) Dowling

October 3, 1974 - February 4, 2017

Andrea (Brauer) Dowling, 42, of Tully, NY, passed away on Saturday, February 4, 2017, after a long battle with breast cancer. Born in Binghamton, she was a graduate of Chenango Forks High School. She graduated from Keuka College and went on to earn her Master's Degree in education at SUNY Cortland. Andrea was a 1st Grade teacher at Solvay Elementary School.

Andrea battled fiercely and privately with breast cancer for over 7 years. During her fight, she was still able to continue working as an amazing teacher, inspiring countless 1st graders through her uncanny abilities to improve their reading and learning skills. As an incredible mother, friend, and sister, she created a rich legacy of memories with her friends and family. These precious times and events will be forever preserved by her dedication to capturing every moment through photos and video.

Even while managing her family, career, and treatment, her athleticism that was so evident in her early soccer and track accomplishments never waned. She continued to run and walk several miles a day in proud defiance to challenges she faced. Through all her struggles, Andrea never lost the mischievous twinkle in her eye or her radiant smile. Her courage, strength, determination and refusal to be defined by her affliction are inspirations to all who knew her.

Andrea is survived by her loving husband of 16 years, Lee Dowling; daughters, Delanie Rose and Demi Grace; parents, John and Patricia Brauer of Canandaigua, NY; twin sister and soul mate, Adrienne (Mike) Weaver of Binghamton, NY; brothers, John Brauer of Endicott, NY, Jeremy (Amy) Brauer of Buffalo, NY, and Jeff Brauer of Clarks Summit, PA; in-laws, William and Marge Dowling of Weeki Wachee, FL; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, NY 13084. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 10 a.m. at The Church of the Nativity at St. Leo's, 10 Onondaga Street, Tully, NY 13159. Burial will be in the Spring.

Andrea's family would like to thank the caring staff at Francis House in Syracuse for all their love and support. In lieu of flowers, they would prefer that donations be made in memory of Andrea to Francis House, 108 Michaels Ave., Syracuse, NY 13208.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **8**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - LaFayette
2584 Field Lane
LaFayette, NY 13084
(315) 677-3648
info@ballweg-lunsford.com
<https://www.ballweg-lunsford.com/>

Service

FEB **9**. 10:00 AM (ET)

The Church of the Nativity at St. Leo's
10 Onondaga Street
Tully, NY 13159

Tribute Wall



“ Lee, I just learned your beautiful wife passed. From the messages I read she sounded like an amazing woman. How lucky you were to have her in your life. My prayers are with you and your girls at this difficult time.

Linda Allen

Linda Allen - February 12, 2017 at 09:42 PM

MY

“ Lee, My deepest sympathies on the passing of your wife, Andrea. She seemed like an amazing lady. My prayers are with you and your family. God bless and may he provide you with additional strength. Sincerely, Mary Young

Mary Young - February 12, 2017 at 09:01 PM

TH

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I was fortunate to play soccer with Andrea at Keuka College, I was a senior when she was a freshman. I will always remember her beautiful smile, kind heart and tenacious soccer skills. The love she had for her sister was no other I'd seen. I will keep Andrea's family and all who love her in my thoughts and prayers. May you feel God's love during this difficult time. Peace be with all of you. Tracey Halleran-Sweet

Tracey Halleran-Sweet - February 11, 2017 at 04:01 PM

JS

“Andrea was a good friend of my daughters and a wonderful loving person. She was always so pleasant and friendly when we saw her at any of my daughters functions. She will be missed. She is with God now and no longer in pain. Another angel watching over Lee and the girls.

With much love,
Jim & Judy Sullivan

James Sullivan - February 10, 2017 at 11:38 AM

MW

“Andrea was an amazing sister, aunt and friend to us. We have watched her live her life with a beauty and grace that defied her situation. Our sorrow is immeasurable. Andrea is loved and missed with the utmost intensity. We will spend the rest of our lives ensuring that Andrea's daughters remember what a wonderful mother she was. We will be there for Lee and the girls in the days, weeks, months and years to come. Thank you for the smiles, joy and happiness Annie. With love, the Weaver Family.

Michael Weaver - February 10, 2017 at 09:05 AM

TF

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The Weaver Family - February 10, 2017 at 09:03 AM

JR

“ I was fortunate to have worked in Andrea's classroom for many years. She will be remembered as a wonderful teacher and lovely person. I will never forget helping to make "Gingerbread Houses" with a classroom of excited first graders and Mrs. Dowling. This was one of her many fun projects. She will be deeply missed.

Sincerely,
Janet Robinson

Janet Robinson - February 09, 2017 at 05:31 PM

RW

“ Hi, Lee. I noticed the name Christian in the church you attend. For people who are true Christians, we know that the greatest things we can contemplate in times of real, deep sorrow, like now, are those about Jesus. We have in Him a life that never ends! We will have perfect conditions, no death, eternally! I trust these very few words encourage and strengthen you and all your loved ones. With all my sympathy,
Roger Walker, IT Jersey City.

Roger Walker - February 09, 2017 at 04:57 PM

SG

“ Lee, as a partner and friend I am really sad about the loss of your beloved wife.
I wish you to have strength and courage in this moment.
Sebastien Gautier

sebatien gautier - February 09, 2017 at 08:47 AM

BN

“Adrienne: I remember meeting your sister when we used to go out for happy hours after work. She (and you) lit up the room with your craziness and humor! I will continue to remember her beautiful smile and twinkle in her eye. She will always, always be here with you, and her spirit will live on through her daughters. I know how difficult it is to lose a sibling but please know that the sadness you feel now will eventually lessen. I know you will think of her a million times a day and you will continue to be a wonderful, caring aunt to her girls. My deepest sympathy to you and your family, your mom and dad, your brothers, Lee, Delanie and Demi.
Thinking of you,
Brenda (Terry) Nichols

Brenda Nichols - February 09, 2017 at 07:15 AM

ME

“The staff of MemorialDonations.org is sorry to hear of Andrea's passing. We have received a memorial donation in their name to help those fighting cancer. Their page is here: http://memoriamdonations.org/memorial/show/Andrea_Dowling

MemoriamDonations.org - February 08, 2017 at 10:53 PM

CS

“Lee and family. I am so sorry to here about the passing of Andrea. I wish I could be there in person with you all, but please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers

Chuck Spears

Chuck Spears - February 08, 2017 at 07:42 PM

PB

“ Dear Patty and John, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your beautiful Andrea. I remember her and her twin sister Adrienne and her brothers back so many years ago. May you find peace in knowing that she is still with you in spirit and in your memories. May God bless you all. My girls send you their love also



Pat Brigiotta and her family.

Pat Brigiotta - February 08, 2017 at 06:49 PM

PS

“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathies on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.

Peggy and George Saito

Peggy Saito - February 08, 2017 at 03:50 PM

JA

“ Lee, I am so sorry and my prayers go out to you and your family. Our few conversations about Andrea showed me the love you had for a beautiful energetic women. I will continue to pray for you and your children. John Arnott

John Arnott - February 08, 2017 at 03:38 PM

JB

“ I remember the Brauer twins while there were here at Keuka College. I am so very sorry to hear of this news. I wish the family well in this time of loss. Know we are all thinking of you. Be strong.

Jen Bates (Dengler) '97

Jen Bates - February 08, 2017 at 12:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Andrea (Brauer) Dowling.*



February 08, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Andrea (Brauer) Dowling.*



February 08, 2017 at 09:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrea (Brauer) Dowling.*



February 08, 2017 at 09:05 AM

MW

“ I wanted to express my deepest condolences to the Brauer/Dowling families. When I heard the news of Andrea's passing, I was deeply saddened. I had the pleasure of getting to know Andrea (& Adrienne) at Keuka College & played soccer with her for 3 years. Andrea always had a smile on her beautiful face & her athletic ability was AMAZING! I'll never FORGET all of the fun times we shared on & off the field. My thoughts & prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Mary (Demong) Willson

Mary Willson - February 08, 2017 at 08:52 AM

JK

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss; my prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Josipa Kleva
AXA

Josipa Kleva - February 08, 2017 at 07:38 AM

NL

“ I am so so sorry about Andrea. She was an awesome teacher and the kids loved her. She always looked so cute walking down the hall in her heels with a bunch of little ones walking behind her. She was so sweet. My heart goes out to her family. She's a beautiful angel now. 💕

Nikki L. - February 07, 2017 at 07:36 PM

NC

“ We offer our heartfelt sympathies to Lee, John, Patty and the extended Brauer family on the untimely death of your beloved Andrea - a Golden Angel.

Ar dheis De go raibh a h-anam dilis.

Andrew, Neasa and family, Galway, Ireland.

Neasa Cummins - February 07, 2017 at 04:32 PM

H(

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the entire Brauer family...hoping memories can get you all through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Thinking of you~ the Williams family of Deborah Dr, Binghamton, NY

Heather Guido (Williams) - February 07, 2017 at 03:50 PM

CC

“ We were completely shocked and deeply saddened by the news of Ann's passing, yet absolutely amazed by her strength and the strength of her close family and friends that supported her through her fierce battle. Prayers for continued strength to her family and all those left heartbroken by the loss of her physical presence. May you continue to feel evidence of her spiritual presence in your lives, and find joy in the many great memories made.
Christie (Poffenbaugh) Carlson and family

Christie Carlson - February 07, 2017 at 01:13 PM

GP

“ John and Patty, we are so sad to learn of your loss. Please know that you and Andrea's family are in our prayers. May perpetual light shine upon her. *Greg y Lilly Pedroza*

Greg y Lilly Pedroza - February 07, 2017 at 10:53 AM

JC

“ My heart goes out to Lee, Adrienne and the whole family. I will always value the time I spent with my section 4 girls at Keuka. They were a couple of comets that made that place so much better and more fun. This is such awful news but every time I think of a memory I have of Andrea it is a memory that makes me smile.

I know there are no words that can help at this time especially for Delanie and Demi but as they get older they will meet people who knew their mother and all of those people will share great memories of what an incredible and special person their mother was.

Love, prayer, and thoughts to you all.

Jim Crowley

Jim Crowley - February 07, 2017 at 10:46 AM

DK

“ I am so honored to have known Andrea. Both of my children were blessed to have had her in 1st grade and she made such an impact on their lives. Andrea and I would always talk about "our Delanie's" and share our photography and photo book "adventures"! On behalf of my family, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Andrea's entire family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Deseree Kaszubinski - February 07, 2017 at 09:57 AM

RD

“ The Dennis Family sends you thoughts and prayers at this time for your loss. may God bless you and your family. Barb And Dick Dennis

Richard Dennis - February 07, 2017 at 07:08 AM

FM

“ Lee, please accept our condolences on Andrea's passing. Clearly she lived life to the fullest and had a wonderful affect on all around her. Our best to you and your family during this difficult time.

Fred and Kathleen Mahardy

Fred and Kathleen Mahardy - February 07, 2017 at 06:39 AM

LF

Lee and Family! Please accept our sincere condolences on your huge loss! Your beautiful wife definitely persevered through a very tough battle! Our prayers are with you, your girls and the whole family in the days, months and years ahead! "I pray that out of His Glorious riches that He may strengthen you with Power through His Holy Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your Heart through Faith." Eph 3:16-17 (with Peace Just like He gave us when Lenny died) With Love always.. Len and Laurie Fabian

Len and Laurie Fabian - February 07, 2017 at 08:51 AM

DA

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Mrs Dowling. She was my daughters favorite teacher. When we would see her in the halls always had a smile and said hello. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

❤️ *The Michalkow family*

Dawn - February 07, 2017 at 05:58 AM

TA

“ Lee... this is Pete Omiecinski's sister, Tammy. Our family sends our love and prayers to your family on your tremendous loss. Cancer is an evil horrid presence in our lives and it discriminates against no one. Please know you have loving friends, family and a community here who are here for you.

~Tammy & Andy Aiken

Tammy Aiken - February 07, 2017 at 04:09 AM

AQ

“ My condolence is sent to the Dowling family. I know how very much she was deeply loved prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time may God be with you all

Anna quarantillo - February 06, 2017 at 09:46 PM

MV

“ My deepest condolences to the Brauer and Dowling families. Andrea was a beautiful soul - -radiance inside and out! Cancer can take so many things, but it did not take her spirit, her faith, her love for family and friends. Most importantly, it defined her courage and willingness to fight bravely and untiringly. How fitting that she entered heaven on Survivor's Day, for she was a survivor in all the ways that count. We all loved her then and even more deeply now for her accomplishments. A full life in such a short time---God must be very proud of her, as we are. Know that I am praying daily for her, and for her family and friends. She takes a bit of us with her, but she left us oh, so much. Rest in the arms of Jesus, Andrea. You have most certainly earned your angel wings.
with love,
Mary Liz Vecellio

Mary Liz Vecellio - February 06, 2017 at 09:27 PM

FL

“ We are so sorry for your family's loss. We are praying for you all. - Franco & Laura DiRosa



Franco & Laura - February 06, 2017 at 08:25 PM

JS

“ My deepest and heartfelt condolences to all of Andrea's family. I was a teacher at Chenango Forks and had the pleasure of knowing this beautiful young woman, who had so much to give and who truly touched so many lives. My thoughts and prayers are with Andrea and all of her family.

JoAnn Sarpolis

JoAnn Sarpolis - February 06, 2017 at 07:46 PM

KM

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss, please know that there are prayers for you across the country knowing how devastating this must be for your family.

Love and Prayers,
Scott and Kerry Meyers

Kerry Meyers - February 06, 2017 at 07:20 PM

AW

“ I was fortunate enough to have shared my college years at Keuka with this very special, sweet, loving and fun young lady....the memories are forever in my heart and will never be forgotten...RIP my beautiful friend...

❤️💜❤️Alexis

alexis worn - February 06, 2017 at 07:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrea (Brauer) Dowling.



February 06, 2017 at 07:08 PM

CW

“ Our hearts go out to Andreas family and friends. My son had the honor of having Andrea as his first grade teacher. He is now a senior at Solvay High School. Todd has very fond memories of her, he is very heartbroken. She was so kind and caring. We are so very sorry for your loss. With Sympathy, The Wallace and Gessini family.



Colleen Wallace - February 06, 2017 at 07:06 PM

ME

“ On behalf of the Cornish family we extend our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Although Andrea never taught my children one on one, she was intrigual part of there first years. I sat this because all of the teachers worked together !!

To her amazing family, please accept our heartfelt condolences she was and will forever be consider a wonderful woman, wife, mother and friend 🙏❤️💋

meghan - February 06, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ Andrea always was so bright and happy when she would come and pick the girls up from the afterschool program my sypothy goes out to her husband and girls (Andrea Belcher afterschool program)

Andrea Belcher - February 06, 2017 at 06:00 PM

SL

“ The memories and laughs are countless. I know that you gave this fight your all, you wouldn't have it any other way. I'm glad you are at peace and hope your family and all of your friends will find comfort in all the good times that were shared in your much too short time on this earth. Rest easy, I, and so many others are so lucky to have had you in our lives!

Condolences from the entire Lawniczek family.

Stephanie Lawniczek - February 06, 2017 at 05:48 PM

PN

“ I will always remember the Halloween parade when Jim made us the ketchup and mustard costumes. You were the one that showed me that "dork" was a good name to be called and I could never thank you enough for being such a great teacher for my granddaughter. It was because of you and the extra help she received at SES that got her right back on track. I loved every minute in your classroom, even with some of the more challenging students. Isn't it odd that they always sat next to me? ;-) I wish this didn't happen but I pray you are now at peace and cancer free.



Pam Newton - February 06, 2017 at 05:25 PM

LH

“ The Leadbeater family sends you thoughts and prayers at this time. We are so sorry for your loss. I remember babysitting for the family for a good number of years.

Lori Leadbeater Heffernan - February 06, 2017 at 05:15 PM



Melissa Boileau

“ *Melissa Boileau lit a candle in memory of Andrea (Brauer) Dowling*



Melissa Boileau - February 06, 2017 at 04:54 PM

WB

“ *Wayne And Abby Brown lit a candle in memory of Andrea (Brauer) Dowling*



Wayne and Abby Brown - February 06, 2017 at 04:41 PM

WB

We are so sorry for your loss are prayers are with you and your family

Wayne and Abby Brown - February 06, 2017 at 04:43 PM

JU

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Dowling and Brauer families. Our thoughts are with you during this sad time.*

John and Jodi Ulmer

John Ulmer - February 06, 2017 at 04:38 PM

DF

“ *Lee, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that my family and I will keep you and your family in our thoughts and in our prayers.*

David Flynn - February 06, 2017 at 04:11 PM

KS

“ I am so sorry to hear the passing of Andrea. Although I haven't seen them since our High School Soccer days Vestal vs Forks I would always hear funny, amazing family stories from Laura Ray. Both Andrea and Adrienne were strong tough and beautiful athletes. I loved seeing all the beautiful pictures of their children and families. I am so sad and praying for her family and friends.
Karin Sherman - Vestal 1991

Karin Sherman - February 06, 2017 at 03:55 PM

JC

John and Patty, We are saddened to hear of your loss. We will keep Andrea and your family in our prayers.
Jim and Sandy Card

jim card - February 09, 2017 at 12:59 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Andrea (Brauer) Dowling.



February 06, 2017 at 03:23 PM

SY

“ Lee, I am very saddened by your loss. I will continue to pray for you and your family. If I can do anything for you, please don't hesitate to ask. May God Bless you and your family. Sue

Sue Yanulis - February 06, 2017 at 03:18 PM

CJ

“ May God Bless the family in your time of bereavement. My heart and prayers go out to each and every one of you. Lee if there is anything that I can do please don't hesitate to give me a call.

God Bless!
Cameron Johnson

Cameron Johnson - February 06, 2017 at 03:06 PM

 Wendy Caraher

“ I am so incredibly sad to hear of the passing of my friend and college soccer teammate. You were a beautiful person inside and out who could always make us laugh. I will always cherish the memories of our Keuka days. I am better to have known you. My heart goes out to your husband, beautiful daughters, your beautiful sister Adrienne and the entire Brauer and Dowling family. May you rest in peace sweet girl. Much love.



Wendy Caraher - February 06, 2017 at 02:37 PM

KA

“ Lee, as a co-worker and a friend I'd like to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I pray that God will keep you and comfort you in the days that lie ahead. I pray for your strength, endurance, patience, and understanding in the raising of your daughters; and I also pray that your memory of the good times that you shared with your wife grows stronger and stronger everyday. Wishing you the best from this day forward. -Karl

Karl - February 06, 2017 at 02:25 PM