



Deloris Maxine Cleaveland

June 6, 1932 - December 8, 2017

Deloris "Max" Cleaveland, while surrounded by family and friends, died on Friday, December 8, 2017, at Loretto Health & Rehab, Syracuse, New York. She was preceded in death by her husband David Alan Cleaveland and leaves five children: Perry (Caren) Cleaveland, Sheila Lester, Sherry (Kim) Cleaveland Klink, Sandra (Albert) Cleaveland and David (Ronna) Cleaveland Klionsky, as well as eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Max was born in Ohio, on June 6, 1932, the eighth child of nine of John and Mayme Garrett. She graduated from New Washington High School and went on to study nursing in vocational medical training. After moving to Syracuse in 1962, Max practiced nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital and later provided loving care to a small local nursing home as well as private home service. Max ultimately retired from Loretto Health & Rehab working skilled nursing units and later as Nursing Supervisor at Loretto's Heritage facility. Max became a member of Erwin Methodist Church, where she enjoyed singing in the choir. Max and her husband Dave were known for their love of Bluegrass music and the people associated with enjoying and performing the music. She found joy in attending festivals with her family and forming long-lasting friendships. Known for her compassion, decisive actions, intelligence, love of people, sense of humor, and her wonderful (crooked) smile (as she was wont to say), Max will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services are private.

Donations can be made to CNYSPCA, 5878 E. Molloy Road, Syracuse, NY 13211.

Please visit the online memorial at www.ballweg-lunsford.com

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“ With a heavy heart I want to send my most sincere condolences to the entire family of my dear friend Max. I loved her from the moment I met her. I often use her cute little Southern saying of "lay them out in lavender" & I smile inside as I can still hear her say it. I'll treasure my memories of bringing her to the Dome on the Call A bus so she could watch her boys play. She got a kick out of having some dome foam with me. Of course, we also had to sneak a hot dog because it was the closest to her favorite bologna. She shares a birthday with little Miss Monkey who she loved almost as much as her precious Goldie. She loved to sit in my yard or be at camp in Skaneateles to just relax & enjoy a summer day. A ride in my convertible was another special treat. I will miss her more than I can say. I am honored to have known such a wonderful & loving person. Rest in peace my dear friend. I am thankful that you are no longer suffering.

Elizabeth A. Ranalli - December 17, 2017 at 06:35 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful woman. Maxine had the biggest heart. She was so giving. I loved her laugh. She enjoyed life even the dumb plays and the price is right us kids would put on when they came to visit. Max, you will deeply be missed.

Lori - December 17, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ Maxine was the warmest, most generous woman I ever knew. She welcomed me into her life of music and laughter and became a most trusted friend. She made me a part of her family of musicians and students and friends. Her inspiration lives on, but she will be missed. Love to all the Cleveland family. Mary Ellen (White) Turner

Mary Ellen Turner - December 15, 2017 at 08:01 PM