



## Diane J. Epps

September 6, 1942 - December 6, 2003

Diane J. Epps, age 61, of The Valley, Syracuse, New York died Saturday, December 6, 2003 at University Hospital, Syracuse.

Diane was born September 6, 1942 in Syracuse, New York and was a lifelong resident of the area. She was a communicant of St. James Church. Diane was preceded in death by her beloved grandmother in 1992.

Mrs. Epps is survived by her husband of 40 years, Billy D. Epps; two daughters and their husbands, Cheryl and James Lynch of Penneville, New York, Renee and Charlie Epps of Cicero, New York; one son and his wife, Steven W. and Linda Epps of Syracuse, New York; three sisters, Linda (Tony) Simiele of Solvay, New York, Jeanine Cilani of Solvay, New York, Michelle LaMontagne of Syracuse, New York; five grandchildren, Steven W. Epps Jr., Johnathon Epps, Nicole Epps, Jamie Lynch and Brian Lynch.

Services: Wednesday, December 10, 2003, 10:30 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., and 11:00 a.m. in St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina St., Syracuse where a Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated by Father Daniel J. O'Hara.

Burial: St. Mary's Cemetery, 4100 E. Genesee Street, Dewitt, New York.

Calling Hours: Tuesday, December 9, 2003, 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
at the funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse.

Contributions: American Cancer Society, 6725 Lyons Street, PO Box 7, East  
Syracuse, New York, 13057-0007.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Diane J. Epps*



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**Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home** - December 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *MOM, TODAY IS MOTHER'S DAY AND ITS THE WORST DAY OF THE YEAR FOR ME. CHERYL, AUNT LINDA & I JUST WENT TO THE CEMETARY AND PUT FLOWERS ON YOUR GRAVE. I PUT YOUR PICTURE IN THE PAPER FOR MOTHER'S DAY & CHARLIE MADE SURE IT WAS FRONT ROW, CENTER AND IN COLOR AS YOU DESERVE. EVERYTIME I SEE YOUR PICTURE IN THE PAPER OR GO TO YOUR GRAVE, IT BECOMES TOO REAL. THE REALITY OF YOUR DEATH WASN'T REAL UNTIL I SAW YOUR OBITUARY IN THE PAPER-ITS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THERE. I MISS YOU EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY HOUR OF EVERY DAY AND I WILL NEVER BE THE SAME. LIFE WAS PASTEL AND FULL OF JOY WHEN YOU WERE ON THIS EARTH AND WHY GOD HAS CHOSEN TO CHANGE THAT IS A QUESTION THAT WILL FOREVER REMAIN UNANSWERED FOR ME. I MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH AS I CRY AND PRAY FOR YOU DAILY. I LOVE YOU MOM CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AGAIN. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO YOU HOPEFULLY IN A PLACE MUCH MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN HERE. PAINFULLY YOUR DAUGHTER, RENEE*

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May 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“MOM, IT IS CHRISTMAS EVE AND WE ARE ALL AT AUNT LINDA'S. I VISIT YOUR SITE EVERYTIME I AM HERE, BUT CAN'T SEEM TO STOP CRYING LONG ENOUGH TO EVER WRITE ANYTHING. I CRY FOR YOU EVERYDAY OF THE WEEK. THERE'S NOT A MOMENT THAT GOES BY THAT I DON'T THINK OF YOU AND WONDER WHERE YOU ARE AND IF YOU ARE OKAY. LIFE IS PRETTY MUCH UNBEARABLE WITHOUT YOU HERE AND, AS I AM SURE YOU KNOW, HAS CHANGED DRASTICALLY FOR US--AND NOT FOR THE BETTER. UNCLE RALPH CAME TO YOUR MEMEORIAL SERVICE AND MADE THE COMMENT TO ME THAT YOU WERE ALWAYS THE GLUE OF THE FAMILY--WHICH WE ALL ALWAYS KNEW. I TRY EVERYDAY TO DO THINGS THAT WOULD MAKE YOU PROUD OF ME AND TRY TO BECOME A BETTER PERSON, SISTER, FRIEND, NIECE AND DAUGHTER. I OFTEN THINK THAT GOD PUNISHED ME BY TAKING YOU--WHY I DON'T KNOW--BUT I DO THINK THAT ALOT. YOUR GRAVE IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GRAVE IN THE CEMETARY-AUNT LINDA & I MADE SURE OF THAT. I ALWAYS PUT MEMORY PHOTOS OF YOU IN THE PAPER ON ALL OF THE HOLIDAY & SPECIAL OCCASION DATES SO THAT YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU AND THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU. I ONCE TOLD YOU THAT I WANTED TO DIE BEFORE YOU SO THAT I WOULD NEVER HAVE TO GO THROUGH LOSING YOU AND YOU TOLD ME I WAS WRONG TO FEEL THAT WAY. I WILL NEVER-EVER GET OVER LOSING YOU. ALWAYS THINKING OF YOU AND LOVING YOU, YOUR LOVING DAUGHTER, RENEE

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December 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi, it's me again. Today is 1 year you have been gone. I still can't believe that you are no longer with us. A day doesn't go by that I don't think about you and all that we shared together. I miss talking to you 10 times a day and being with you. I have to grocery shop alone, sometimes I talk to myself because you aren't there. Christmas shopping alone is hard. We had such a bond, I don't know why God had to break our bond. We have only had each other since we were little girls. We went to church today and prayed for you, and then we all went to the cemetery and said a prayer for you and gave you flowers. One year Diane and so many things have changed, the kids will be spending Christmas Eve with us. We were together for Thanksgiving too. We all went to Renee's and Charlie's house. We had a good time, but there was a lot of tears too. The girls made the pies and did great. You taught them well. There will be a memorial in the paper for you tomorrow. God how I wish you could have outlived me, I think you would have handled it better than me, you were always the stronger person. I am going to go for now and I will talk to you again at Christmas. I love and miss you so much. God Bless you. Love always, Linda Rose

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December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Sis, Happy Birthday, Wish you were here. I have a card for you and I am bringing it to you today. We are all coming to see you today. We wouldn't forget about it, we put a little something in the newspaper for you too, just to let you know how much we still love you and miss you. It is also 9 months today since you have left us. There isn't a day goes by that I don't think about you. I still have a lot of hard times. Last week was really bad, because it was 1 year ago Tony got sick and you were with me thru the whole thing, I just sat and thought about everything, and why it has to be this way. Some days I really can't handle it and I don't know what to do with myself. I thought it would be easier by now but, it's not. I knew it was going to be hard, but not this hard. I miss you terrible. I am going to go for now I will talk to you again real soon. I love you very much and miss you. God PLEASE take care of my sister. Thank you.  
Love, Linda Rose

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September 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Sis, it's me and it's Memorial Weekend and we would be doing flowers together. I hope the angels are taking good care of you. The girls ans I will be up to see you Monday and bring you some flowers. Tony is taking care of the garden you helped him with last year it looks really great. You would be proud. I just heard Honky Tonk on The oldie station and it reminded me of when we used to Jitter Bug to that song. Remember? Our good times huh! Boy we had alot of them. How I wish we still had more, but now they are just great memories. God I miss you so very very much. There are so many days I don't know what to do with myself without you. Mondays are really hard for me because that's day we would plan our week of what we were going to do. When I was in Peter's today I was thinking about you when I was buying the jelly balls because you would have gotten them too. Crazy aren't I. Well I am going to try and go to bed now. I will see you monday. I LOVE YOU and MISS YOU IINDA ROSE

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May 28, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Happy Mother's Day, you were not just my sister but my mother and my best friend. It has been 5 months since you have been gone and what a whole I have in my heart. I miss you everyday. Some days it is just so hard to function. Everyday there is something that reminds me of you and I just sit down and cry, because I miss you so much. I new it was going to be hard but not this hard. I can't seem to get past it. Please try and help me. I try to be so strong for the kids but there are just times I can't. We were together for Mother's Day. It was nice. I love and Miss you very much. Say Hi to Gram and to Mom who I never got to know. Love You Linda Rose

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May 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ HiDi, I haven't had a chance to come see you this week,I will soon. I hear the flowers were all in bloom for Easter. I'm glad , I know how much you like your flowers. I sure do miss you. There goes that lump in my heart again. Please if you could try to help your son, Steven, He's having a hard time with out you. Thanks.. I keep thing I'm going to see you in the kitchen when I go by. Sitting there with your glasses on your nose, reading the morning paper.

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April 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Sis, It is Easter week and 4 months since you have been gone. It's 1:00 a.m. and I can't get myself to sleep. I miss you so so much, it hasn't gotten any easier. Everbody said in time it would get easier, they are lieing to me.Things have gone so wrong.,but don't worry I will be there for your kids. They are coming to my house for Easter dinner and Tony and I are going to try and make it really really special.Their our kids now too. Just think I have seven kids and never went thru labor. We are going to come and visit you this week.I will bring you some pretty flowers that you always liked.Tony and I are going to be Buried right next to you so you will never be alone.I try talking to you everyday so you don't think I forgot you,I can't and I never will.Have a Happy Easter and I will pray for you in church Sunday.I love and miss you very very much. HAPPY EASTER SIS.

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April 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Today it is one month since you passed on and it is just as hard as the day it happened. There are alot of things I haven't been able to do without you.I'm afraid.I haven't gone to Price Chopper, Lorenzo's, The Dollar Tree or Big lots, because we always went there together,I'm nervous about going alone, that I might lose it,when they ask me where you are.I'm afraid .I need your help.I Love and Miss you so much, I wish with all my heart that God didn't take you away from me. I still do't understand why it had to happen to you.but like they say he takes the best ones first and he did.I Love and Miss you. I Love You, Linda Rose

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January 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts go out to Aunt Linda. I just want you to know my heart aches so bad for you.. It really does get better, Day buy day. But you will never forget. You just learn to live with it. There will always be something special, to remind you of her. I probably should mind my buiness. But, I think you're doing the same thing I'm doing. Somehow I feel close to her when I write to her. It's like and open line to her. Pretty special, I think. Do you agree? I hope this dose not offend you in any way. It's not meant that way at all. Please take care of your self. Diane we sure do love you, Fran

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January 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Di, We miss you a lot and love you. Beth and Matt miss your smiling face too.I love your picture. Love,Hugs and Kisses, All of Us.

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December 31, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ Tonight the four of us would be going have our usual early New Year's dinner, but instead we will be staying home spending a quiet evening just thinking of you and how much we miss our good times. There are so many things I have a hard time doing without you, they say it is suppose to get better with each day, so far it hasn't. It still hurts so much without you. I miss you very very much and love you. How do I start the New Year without you. I hope God is taking care of you. Happy New Year to you. I Love You and Miss You very very much. Love, Linda

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December 30, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ I still can't believe it. I think of Diane first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. The thought of her passing gives me a big lump in my throat. This picture was happy times. I'm glad we got to share them together. I will always cherish the times we had together. Love to all of you, Fran

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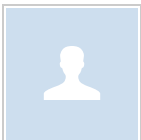
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“ I am going to miss you very very much, I can't imagine my life without you. Two sisters couldn't have been closer than we were. My life is going to very empty without you. I love you very much. Your Sister, Linda Rose

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December 15, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bill, Cheryl, Renee, Steve, and Linda, All our love and prayers are with you now. \*Lc

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ We are very sorry to hear about Diane. We will miss her alot she was a very special person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are sorry we can't be there in person. With all are love, Pat & Dick*

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ The Epps Family,All our Love and Prayer are with you..*

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ Our deepest thoughts and prayers to go out to your family at this time.*

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ Bill, Renee, Cheryl and SteveOur thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow. Diane was like a great person, you all have helped me and my family grow in many different ways and we will never forget that. She will always be looking from above keeping an eye on all of us that she knew. Diane has left behind many great things and she will be greatly missed.Mike, Donna and the boys*

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ My dearest sympathy is sent to you and your family, every loss is a difficult one especially when it's so sudden and a wonderful mom. I'm sorry I was unable to be there in person. Sincerely, Deb*

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Epps Family, May beautiful memories give you strenght at this time. All our love and prayers are with you.*

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Bill and Family, Our hearts are just breaking with this sad news. Throughout our lives we meet many people, but TRUE friends leave a lasting mark. Diane was one of those special people whom we could call a true friend. God must have a very important job for her in heaven, because he took someone so special. Please know that you're in our thoughts and prayers. Jim & Kathy*

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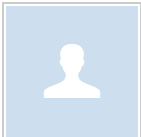
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“ *We are very sorry to hear about Diane she will always hold a special place in our hearts. she was a wonderful person so full of life and gave my family only the warmest of memories. We loved her.*

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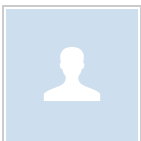
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“ *Dear Bill, Cheryl, Renee and Steve, I am so sorry for your loss, may Heaven be a much brighter place with her in it. My family and I will be praying for your family. May God Bless all of you and comfort you in your time of need. If you ever want to call me. 757-874-7407. With all my love, Laura Baxter*

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December 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *Diane was a wonderful person! We will miss her very much. We are very sorry for your loss.*

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December 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ I Love You Diane. I know you're with God now. I think of you often.*

December 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ We are going to miss her so very much. She was a good person. Kind, fun and loving. God must have needed a very special lady. It's so hard to write what you feel in your heart. We loved her. Our heart goes out to her loved ones. I wish we could see her smile just one more time, Love you Fran and Gale*

December 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ Steve & Linda, We are so sorry for your loss. If there is anything we can do please let us know. Mike & Mary Garlatti*

December 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ I knew her through her son, Steve. She was such a wonderful person, a great friend, neighbor and most of all, Mom. I'm shocked to hear of her passing and thanks to the Internet, even here in AZ. I was able to learn of her passing and have access to this beautiful picture.*

December 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ Rene & Charlie, We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Nancy & Paul*

December 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Diane, I will miss you so much! I'll always remember camping and the trips we all took, or coffee and donuts on a Saturday night at Bill & Diane's house. I will always hold a special place for you in my heart! I love and miss you so much.*

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December 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM