



Donna Marie McElhannon

September 17, 1951 - December 6, 2011

Donna Marie McElhannon September 17, 1951 - December 6, 2011 Donna Marie McElhannon, 60, died December 6, 2011 with her family by her side at Stonehedge Nursing Home in Rome, New York. Calling hours will be held Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a memorial service to immediately follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. She was born September 17, 1951 in Syracuse, New York to Lewis and Lucy Craft. Donna spent much of her time doing what she loved most, entertaining friends and family. Her greatest enjoyments and interests included cooking, baking, traveling and capturing lifes special moments by taking lots of photos. She graduated from LaFayette High School in 1969. She devoted much of her time and energy as a caregiver to family members. Donna is survived by her son, Chris McElhannon; sister, Sheila Mondore; brother, Gary Craft; two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, four nephews and five nieces. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 6725 Lyons Street, PO Box 7, East Syracuse, NY 13057-0007.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Marie McElhannon*

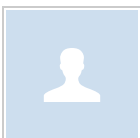


Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - December 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chris, Sheila and Gary, I am very sorry to hear of your mom and sister's passing. I have fond memories of hanging out at Donna's first apartment, dancing around to loud music. Donna always had a smile and always made me feel at home when I would bring my mom over to visit. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was very saddened to hear about Donna's passing. Growing up in a small community was a wonderful experience and though I'm far away now, I look back at those times fondly. Donna was a great addition to our group at school all those years ago. My condolences to her family. Donna is truly at peace at last!*

December 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sheila, Gary and families,
I am so sorry to hear that Donna passed away. I look back so often
of the times we all spent together, the fun we had, and I can still
hear her laughter! I will always hold those memories dear.
I love you all,
Kathy

December 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris, So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. However, I have
heard her final days were tough, so she is at peace now. I
remember her well from school and came in contact with her again
at Green Hills. She recognized me and we talked whenever we
could when I was in her line. She always did her best with you
growing up and then taking care of her parents. She will be blessed
in heaven. Beautifull girl rest in peace.prep

December 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris, Sheila and Gary,
So sorry for your loss. Donna was a dear friend through high school
and beyond. Loved to hear her stories.. Take comfort in knowing
she's at peace now. May God bless all of you in this time of sorry.

December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris, Although no words can ever express the sadness that I feel. I am so sorry for what you have to go through. You were your mom's life and she loved every minute of spending time with you. When you had the boys that brought her even greater joy. Know that she will watch over all of you even more. I will truly miss her no matter how long we went without seeing or talking we would talk for hours and it didn't matter what else was going on. I don't know what I will do this year without her meatball, and Christmas cookies. Last year I went home with a doggie bag. As I type this thought the tears I will fondly remember all our good times and I am very grateful that she was a part of my life. Love you guys, Kathy Taylor

December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your Moms passing. I had the pleasure of working with her many years ago at Community General Hospital. She always had a sense of humor and was a pleasure to work with as well as a great friend. Although we lost touch over the years she will always be remembered. May God bless you and your family at this time. Know that she is always looking over you. Rest on peace..Donna..

December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. She was a very friendly, smiling person. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you!! God Bless.

December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *May she rest in peace...she fought hard and finally her body couldn't do it anymore...She was a wonderful woman that will be greatly missed by all*

December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chris,
I worked with your Mom at Empire BCBS-Medicare for many years and have lots of fond memories of her. You were very special to her and she always was talking about you. She was a very sweet and kind hearted person. Hold your memories of her near to you during this very sad time. Know that she was loved by all. I will keep you in my prayers during this time. I am sorry she had to suffer but am glad she is in a better place. RIP Donna you will be missed.*

December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chris,
Sorry to hear of your loss! Your mother was a wonderful person and has touched the lives of so many; she will be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. If there is anything you need, please don't hesitate.*

December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to Chris, Sheila and Gary: Donna was a beautiful person, I was once her babysitter when Lew & Lucy lived in Syracuse. As a child, Donna was so effervescent and always smiling and what a wonderful personality! It was always a joy to be with her and Sheila, Gary came later. I met Donna again, years later and she was just as delightful. I feel truly blessed to have known her, may she rest in peace.

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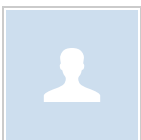
“ Chris & family,
I have many fond memories of Donna, she loved to talk about you. She was a big hearted lady who always stuck to her beliefs. Very true to friends and loved to talk. She never held back! RIP Donna, I will miss you

December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris and family,
I worked with Donna many years ago at Medicare, and heard of her illness through mutual friends. I'm sorry she was so sick for so long. I remember her as a very sweet and fun-loving lady with a beautiful smile. May your many wonderful memories of her bring you peace and comfort at this sad time.

December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We will all miss Donna. She was a great friend in school and as a neighbor. I don't know how she managed to keep smiling when she was so sick, she is at peace now and I am happy to have known her. Rest in peace Donna.

December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM