



Pearl M. Mattis

November 15, 1937 - June 27, 2014

Pearl M. Mattis, 76, of Lafayette, NY died on Friday, June 27th, 2014, at Upstate University Hospital after a long and herculean battle with lung cancer. Pearl was a feisty wife, a loving and brutally honest sister, a mother who loved with infinite humble sacrifice, generosity, many hugs and kisses and an occasional stern rebuke. Her truest joy in life was her role as Babcie to her three grandchildren. Pearl is predeceased by her parents, Joseph J. and Marie A. Magdon. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Robert \"Bob\" Mattis Jr.; her daughter and biggest fan, Lynn Marie (Norman Jr.) Mingoelli; her son, David Davis (Carol Roberts); her sister, Barbara J. Magdon; her brother, John (Linda) Magdon; grandchildren, Matthew Davis, Jacqueline Davis and Norman Mingoelli III; and nephews, Kevin Magdon and Casey (Sarah) Magdon. Pearl was born in Olyphant, PA and upon graduation from Olyphant High School as valedictorian of her class, she moved to Syracuse, NY. She worked her entire life, beginning at age 16, holding bookkeeping positions with various employers, before beginning her 32 year career with the City of Syracuse, where she served under five mayors. Starting as a bookkeeper for the DPW and culminating with her promotion to a Purchase Analyst II in the Purchasing Department at City Hall, where her hard-nosed determination and knowledge of contract and commodity goods purchasing, saved the city millions of dollars over the span of her career. She was a true unsung and dedicated employee. Pearl loved to cook, always looking for new and interesting recipes acquired from the internet to prepare for her family and

friends. Christmastime always meant the annual pierogi making marathon with her children, grandchildren and sister. Pearl was known for speaking her mind and was often found at the Lafayette Inn with Bob, doing just that. There is a cavernous void in the lives of those who she touched with her love, humor and unique outlook on life. Services will be held at 4:00 PM on Thursday July 3, 2014 at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 2584 Field Lane, Lafayette, NY 13084. Calling hours are from 1 - 4 PM, Thursday, July 3, 2014 preceding the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to Wayward Paws, Inc., 3205 Bush Road, Jamesville, NY 13078.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pearl M. Mattis*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - June 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kelly Services plopped me down in the Commissioner's office at DPW green out of CCBI next to a woman who puffed on branches. Floundering, Pearl took me under her wing, helped me figure out who called "Santar Bono"? (Sam Tarbono) and helped me laugh instead of sweat. She had a great matchmaking skill and connected Lynn and I. We hit it off and had soooooo much fun. We played softball together and Pearl and Bobby were out biggest fans! I cherish those memories and the special times I spent with Pearl and her family.*

July 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob, Barb, Lynn and family,
I am honored to have had the privilege of meeting and helping to care for Pearl. She will always be one of those few, in my line of work, who stays with me. How could she not!
My prayer is that the great love I witnessed among you will sustain you through your grief. Peace to you all.*

July 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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“ Bob
She was a Great Lady! She is now resting and at peace hopefully drinking a cold rolling rock. Everyone at the LaFayette Inn will miss her greatly.

July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob and Family,
So sorry to hear of Pearl's passing! I remember her from Monday nights at Knoxies. She was such a sweet lady and will be missed by all. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob and Family, Dave and I would like to send our sincere condolences to you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss. Pearl was a wonderful woman and we always enjoyed our conversations with her. Dave will miss being called "stinky!!" a great memory. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ shag , david i met ms pearl at shags retirement party but before then you guys always talked of her especiey shag always good i could tell by talking to her she was a good soul , wife , mother, grandmother and friend to many. sorry for your loss the mattis and davis families. shes watching over you uncle shag shes an ANGEL)\"(

July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Lynn, Norm, Norm (III), Dave and all of Pearl\'s family. We are extremely sorry for your tremendous loss but I am personally and truly grateful for the opportunity to be able to experience her honest and unique character. She was a person you loved to be around because Pearl was genuine and real. She truly was the unsung hero; not just at city hall but with all of her family and friends. Visiting / meeting Norm down at city hall meant you pleasantly had to (and wanted to)go through his \"protector\". She was also fortunate having her family supporting her as she did. May God bless Pearl and all of her family during this time.

Tony & Lisa Liccione and Family

July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob & family,
You are all in our thoughts & prayers. I have always held close to my heart the wonderful memories of family gatherings while growing up, whether just to hang out or spend those cherished holiday times together. Pearl was always known for saying what was on her mind and loving her family with that true Magdon intensity!! She holds a special place in the hearts of everyone who knew her. May you be surrounded by the love and warmth of family and friends.*

*God bless.
Sandra & David Kuznia*

July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Family of Pearl Mattis -
On behalf of the City of Syracuse Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs we extend our heartfelt condolences to each of you.*

I worked with Pearl for her entire career with the City and can attest that she was everything mentioned in her obit! But as you all well know, she was also the most kind-hearted and caring individual as well. I always enjoyed working with her and the many lessons she imparted on me as we tried to ensure the correct product was purchased for the job/project to be completed successfully. Even when told No! she would then work with us to get what was needed. Truly Pearl was one of the best and will be greatly missed by many.

July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob and family- We are so saddened to hear of Pearls passing. You will remain in our thoughts as will great memories of times shared (I can't help but thing SU Basketball games at the Inn will have a slightly different tone form now on, especially from the North end of the bar!)
Cherish you memories and take care of yourselves.

July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob and family - We are very sorry for your loss. We will always remember the conversations and good times with Pearl at the Cabin and Inn and the friendship that developed. She was fortunate to have such a caring family. Pearl will truly be missed.

Debbie & Chuck

June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. She was a great person to have a conversation with.

Jim

June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave, and Shag sorry for your loss,

June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Truly one of kind.great lady.Pearl was quick with yes or no, then she would help to do it right.truly a huge asset to DPW .Shag and family God Bless.

June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ You will always be in our hearts . Lafayette will not be the same without you!

Love you
Lois & Dave

June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb,
I know what a tremendous loss this is for you -- you spoke so much and so kindly about her that it was clear that she was a very special soul -- it is also clear that you shared her very best qualities. What a beautiful obituary that you and your family wrote. It was touching and really fully celebrated her life. You are in our thoughts and prayers and want you to know that if there is any way we can assist you during this difficult time, we are only a phone call away. All of our best, Bill and Kim

June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave - always enjoyed conversations with your mom at the LaFayette Inn. Very sorry for your loss.

June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob and family: We will never forget our conversations with you and Pearl, whether it was the Cabin, Inn, or Green Hills. And of course, those \"pigs\" of hers were the absolute best. She leaves quite a legacy. We are sorry for your loss. Cherish your memories of her. May she rest in peace.*

June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM