



Tamara Felicia

March 1, 1964 - August 24, 2016

Tamara Felicia, 52, of Syracuse, NY, passed away Wednesday, August 24, 2016 after a very short illness. Born in Syracuse, NY, she was a graduate of Corcoran High School and SUNY Cortland. She was an elementary teacher for the Syracuse City School District for 30 years. Tamara was a very loving person and was very involved in her community.

Tamara is survived by her husband of 27 years, Timothy Felicia; son, Joseph Felicia; daughter, Makenzie Felicia; mother, Karyl Culligan; sister, Kelly (Kevin) Pangman; brothers, Michael (Tammy) Culligan and Patrick (Kristin) Culligan; Father-in-law and mother-in-law, Martin and Judith Felicia; brother-in-law, Martin Jr. (Kris) Felicia; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her father, Gerald Culligan.

Calling hours will be held Monday, August 29, 2016 at St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina Street, Syracuse from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in St. James Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Salem-Hyde Elementary School PTO, 450 Durston Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13203.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tamara Felicia*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM



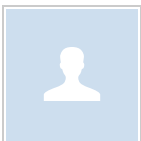
“ *I am your last friend. /Pan Sukh fb. / pansukh5566@gmail.com / moral life now / wish to see you. /*

November 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I do not no this beautiful lady but her picture speaks a thousand words. My condolence to all of her family.*

Candle of Memories - September 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Felicia was my sixth grade teacher at Salem Hyde and I was sad to learn of her passing. She will always remain one of my favorite teachers of all time (and I've had a lot of great ones). I remember vividly how she made each of us in the class feel special, unique and truly capable. She really knew how to make a young person develop confidence.... and feel cool in a way only she could! A truly great woman who will be missed by all those she taught and loved. Prayers for Mrs. Felicia's family, friends, and colleagues.*

September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Mrs. felicia was my 5th grade teacher. I love her so much. She was kinda a second nana to me. I could always go to her if i needed help with something. When i heard that she passed away, i couldnt sleep,eat,drink and i kept crying. I wanted to go to her funeral but i couldnt so i was very upset. But i keep her in my heart all the time. Ily mrs. Felicia 🥹

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“ May her memory be a blessing.

August 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Tamara's family, including the Salem Hyde School community. Tamara was an excellent educator and good person who will be missed tremendously. My prayers for strength during this time and beyond.

August 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to read of Tam's passing. Our hearts go out to you Tim, and to your children. We can't help but think of all the kids she influenced over the years she taught school.

Ben & Red Donzella

August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Felicia family you have my prayers and deep loss at this time. Tamara was a wonderful friend and will be missed by all.

August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ms. Felicia was my son's teacher this past year. Her enthusiasm and caring was a godsend and last year was my son's best year at school. Her wonderful sense of humor and her way of connecting with others will truly be missed.*

August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Felicia family, our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Tamara. May she rest in peace.*

August 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Timmy, and Family, I am so sorry for the loss.. My your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.*

August 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tamara was my son's sixth grade teacher at Salem Hyde. She was extraordinarily gifted; to this day, he still mentions her- he is 35- and she was one of the teachers he wanted to attend his high school graduation party, which, of course, she did.
Her loss is heartbreaking.
Prayers and sympathy to all who loved her; Tamara was in a class of her own.*

August 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“Tim, Joe and Kenz - we were devastated to hear about Tamara. She was a dynamo, a force of nature. So full of positive energy and life, and so funny! We loved our times together on the bleachers cheering the girls on. She would show up in late October wearing flip flops with all her blankets and quilts! We can't imagine a world without her amazing smile and dazzling personality. Know that she loved you all with such a fierce passion. She was so proud of you all. We will miss her and cherish the time we spent together forever. Sending big hugs to you all. With much love, Lisa, Scott, Emma and Meg Blystone

Heart - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“I only met you once, but I felt your kindness and goodness in that one meeting. You took my daughter Aubrey under your wing when she joined Salem Hyde's staff and made her feel welcome and a part of the wonderful community you helped to create. For that I will be eternally grateful. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to your family at this difficult time, but somehow I know your presence will be with them and with Salem Hyde in every smile, every whisper, every laugh, every achievement forever!

Sincerely,
Melody Mariani

August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Tamara, Words can't express the sorrow in my heart. From first teaching together with you to planning our weddings to having our children and watching them grow, I was blessed to have you by my side. Thanks for your friendship, all the laughs, and even the snorts. More importantly, thanks for sharing your beautiful family and kind heart with me. Tim, Joe, & Kenz- My heart is breaking for you all. You were the center of Tamara's life. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this most difficult time.

Rest in Peace my Dear Irish friend.

Until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

With love and a heavy heart, Colleen Karmis

August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim, "My Joe" , Kenz, Culligans & Felicia Families.....there are no words to express the sadness I felt when I heard of Tam passing..anyone that knew her loved her! I met Tam through family, she was friends with my cousin Colleen Karmis, and she became part of our family. I am blessed to have many great memories,. That spitfire "Ms Thang" attitude, that sparkle that lit up any room, that smile !! I had not seen Tam in over a year, but she still greeted me with a "Hey girl friend" and gave me that big bear hug! We talked briefly gave our life updates etc and in true "Tam fashion " the little speed demon was racing off to the next thing! I'm gonna miss you crazy girl.....until we meet again.....xoxo Mary Ellen Kramek

August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim, Joe and Mackenzie- no words can express the sorrow we feel; Tamara was a beautiful woman inside and out, it was our honor to have known her. Thank you to our boys for their love of football as that is what allowed us to get to share many laughs and good times with all of you. In time, may your memories help ease your pain. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Tim and Sheri Perez, and Ricky Alfreds

August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sending my deepest condolences to your family. I will never forget you. You were my 3rd grade teacher at Dr. Weeks your first year teaching! I was even lucky enough to have you again for 6th grade. Than to my surprise you were also my oldest sons teacher at Salem Hyde. I remember how vibrant you were..always smiling and saying "girlfriend". You were so beautiful inside and out and will be deeply missed.

August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Tamara, our lost is great our grief is deep - as a former colleague and friend your impact was both great and small on so many individuals. You left a mark on peoples hearts and changed lives in ways that you probably didn't realize. For that and the many other gifts that your brought to all those who met you, may the Lord Jesus hold you in His loving arms and bring your family peace and comfort until you again will one day be reunited. My prayers and thoughts go to all the family and friends who feel her absence s so deeply.

August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ My first memory of Tam is hearing her say "HEY GIRL, how are ya?" ! Always a smile on her face everytime we saw eachother. What an honor to have known you Tam, you will forever be in our hearts and in our thoughts. You were so proud of your kids. Cheering joe on the football field and Kenz on the soccerfield. You will be forever missed in the Marcellus Community. Tim,Joe,Kenz, we all love you and cant even begin to express our sadness for all of you. Our hearts are so heavy right now, we will miss you unbelievably Tam. God Bless

August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ One of my best friends is her Mom, Karyl, also her siblings. My heart and prayers go out to you all especially to her husband and children, I know this is a devastating loss and such a shock. No parent wants to outlive their children. I have enjoyed all the beautiful stories her Mom proudly tells of her kids and grandkids so, I know their are beautiful memories to be had in time. May the Lord give you the strength to get through this and know she is in peace. Keep her close in your heart and be thankful you were lucky enough to have been embraced by her love and generosity for many years. Mary Beth Condon { Karyl, I want so much to give you a big hug }

Candle of Memories - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ We had an angel with us for 52 years , now she is home with God. No words can express how we will miss her. Tamara was one of the most thoughtful people i have ever met. May god give you strength to carry on. Linda Rollinson

August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Tamara had a special way with some of our most challenging students. Her presence at Salem Hyde will surely be missed. I will definitely miss her saying "Girl, you got this!" Every time I passed her classroom with a rowdy bunch of kids. To her family, I am very sorry for your loss. She was a spitfire in every sense of the word and I am certain that her loss has created a hole that can never be filled.

August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I always loved walking past Tamara's room and hearing her have conversations with students about what they were learning, and I would think to myself- that's the way teachers should sound when they are teaching. I always loved that she hid a big roll of packing tape in her closet that I was always welcomed to borrow. And I always loved hearing her say, "Hey girrrrrll!" when we saw each other in Wegmans parking lot. My heart, thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim, my heart was broken when I heard the news. Although, I haven't seen you and Tamara in several years, I will always treasure the memories, of our days on Conductor Ave. in Cicero, I pray God will help you through this difficult time! RIP Tam

Heart - August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim & Family,

We are so saddened to learn of Tamara's passing. May God give you the strength to endure, and draw you closer to Himself during this period of sorrow and mourning.

Kenzie, a special prayer for you from us... May the Lord keep you in His arms, guiding and protecting you through this period in time. I know your pain, anger and the anguish you are experiencing at this moment- having gone through the loss of a parent myself. May you take comfort in knowing that your Mom is no longer feeling any pain, that she now rests in the arms of her Creator, and can enjoy the splendor of heaven. Hold tight to the memories you shared with your Mom, for they are PRECIOUS!

Katie and our whole family will be here (in Brockport) for you. Our prayers and love are extended to you and your family. Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

*With love and prayers,
Gordon & Sally Scott (and family)
3456 Buffalo Road
Allegany, NY 14706*

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family,

*This woman was the teacher of two of my three girls that went to Salem Hyde. She was an amazing and gifted woman with more compassion and a love of teaching than anyone I have ever met. She will be truly missed by all she has taught and their families.
Danielle Higgins*

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. Mrs. Felicia was the best teacher my children had. She went above and beyond to help my son with ADD. Always looking for new ways to help him. Prayers for her family. RIP Mrs Felicia ❤️

Candle of Memories - August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Words do not do justice to the pain felt because of your absence. You were the first person who truly made me feel welcome at Salem Hyde. And on the worst days you always found a way to motivate me to keep moving forward because the work we do matters. You and I were kindred spirits and I will miss the many laughs we shared and stories we commiserated over.

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ The are not words in the English language capable of expressing the sorrow and loss for Tamara's Salem Hyde family, staff and student alike. She was an exceptional teacher and a wonderful person. We will keep her memory safe in our hearts.

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ The only person closer to my wife than me was Tam. She was there for every moment in Jen's life the past few years and her loss will be felt for a long time. I want your family to know that Tamara's memory will always live on with Jen, whether it be through her style of teaching or through the many stories they've created together. I thank Tamara for the bond that she had with Jen. It was always nice that she was there when Jen needed an outlet. I know she'll be there for Jen whenever she's needed.

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Tamara....Thanks for lending an ear when i needed to talk to someone...I am Proud to call you my friend....The Lord has his arms wide open for you!!!!!!

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



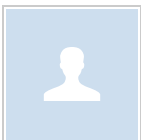
“ Tim, Joe and family,
Words fall short expressing our sadness over the news of Tamara's passing. Sudden loss is something we know much about and if we can be of any comfort or assistance please let us know. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
The Novak family

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart goes out to the family. What a loss. Tamara was an exceptional person and a wonderful teacher. 3 of my children had her, my son this past year. He struggled most of the year and every time I came into school she would hug me and tell me I was a good mom, he was a great kid and to hang in there. That meant the world to me. It's hard to find teachers like that, yet we were lucky enough to have her 3 times. She touched our lives and will never be forgotten. ❤️

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ A shining light left earth yesterday but there iappeared a new bright star in heaven. My deepest sympathy to all who knew this amazing woman-a true teacher in every sense of the word. Tamara will never be forgotten-she will be in our hearts always.

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Family, I am truly sorry for your loss...Mrs Felicia was my third grade teacher and boy did i give her a run for her money... I will always remember her Saying Now Mijah dont you get fresh Mr!!! As I use to back talk her from time to time... Mrs Felica would read (Junie B Jones) with such sas in her voice. Heaven has gained another Angel ... Much Love Diva

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Felicia and Culligan Family,

Although my daughter Grace and Kenzie played soccer together I never bumped into your mom at any of the games. If I had I would have recognized her as my old friend (from grade school and Jr high) Mrs Culligan was my Campfire Girls Leader. I have many fond memories of Tamara growing up! We drifted apart in high school but always had smiles for each other.

I am very sorry for your loss and pray that your many fond memories help you during this sad time.

Sincerely,

Jean-Marie Ward Bowhall

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