



## Jerilyn Massi

December 10, 1944 - May 14, 2008

Jerilyn "Jerri" Fulvio Massi, 63, of Plantsville, wife of Dr. James Massi, passed away Wednesday May 14, 2008 at her home. Born in Upper Darby, PA, she was daughter of Monica Hewitt Fulvio of West Chester, PA and the late Albert Fulvio. Jerri lived in New Britain for 30 years, moving to Plantsville a year and a half ago. A graduate of Immacuata College in Pennsylvania in 1966, she was President of Manes & Motions Therapeutic Riding Center, a member program of the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain since she founded it in 1999. She was a member and Eucharistic Minister of St. Dominic Church in Southington and was a sustaining member and past president of the Junior League of Greater New Britain.

Besides her husband and mother, she leaves two daughters, Maria Dakake and her husband David of Burke, VA; and Joanne Humen and her husband Michael of Kensington; two sons, Leonard Massi and his wife Raquel of Tamarac, FL and Gregory Massi of Arlington, MA; a brother, Albert Fulvio and his wife Patricia of Quarryville, PA; seven grandchildren, Gabriel and Nuria Dakake; Alex, Stephanie and Nadia Humen; Tristano and Maverick Massi; and four nephews.

Funeral services are Monday 9 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10 AM at St. Dominic Church, 1050 Flanders Road, Southington. Entombment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Waterbury. Calling hours are Sunday 4 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Manes & Motions, c/o Hospital for Special Care, 2150 Corbin Avenue, New Britain, CT 06053. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Our thoughts to all of the family and to Monica Fulvio, Jerillyns' mother, from all of the distant Cassidy and Gartland cousins living across Canada. Miles apart, time passes and generations change, but family is always family no matter how distant.

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**Russell Cassidy** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ A great friend & neighbor who will truly be missed but most certainly never forgotten. Through your loving spirit and great compassion you began a program that sits deep in my heart. Your work will continue through all of us at Manes & Motions. Go now and Rest in Peace.

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**Marie Aparo** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Jerri gave me several years of wonderful friendship and guidance through our work together at Manes & Motions. I only wish I could tell her how much she had to do with my career choice and how her love and support got me through high school and college. Although I've moved away and continued my life elsewhere, it is difficult for me to visit or think of Connecticut without seeing Jerri. I know her work will live on and she will continue to bless Manes and everyone she has touched with her incredible spirit.

*I'll miss you, Jerri. Thank you for how you've shaped me.*

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**Amanda Caros** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I knew Jerri through having volunteered with Manes and Motions for three years starting in 2001, and I have to say, even 7 years later, her amazing spirit still touches me. When I learned about her passing, I was truly shocked and heartbroken because I didn't even know she was sick and would never even know because of the way she always carries herself with such positivity. I am heartbroken because I know what an impact she has made on this community, how many lives she has touched, and just what a beautiful person she is. When I close my eyes and think of Jerri, I see her smiling, I hear her laughter, and I feel her warmth...and I know that this vibrant spirit of hers will live on in all the lives she has touched. I will continue to remember her and am so thankful that Manes and Motions is the legacy she leaves...for so many lives have found hope as a result.

*Much love to all going through this hard time,*

*Kelly*

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**Kelly Dougherty** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Jim and Family, and the Fulvios,*

*Jeri babysat the four of us Dibeler cousins one summer in Huntington Station, Long Island when my mother needed help. Even then she was loving and fun, kind and patient.*

*Blessings to all, you are in my prayers. Jan Dibeler*

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**Jan Dibeler** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ *I knew her briefly and from that can only guess how much her family will miss her. I can only offer my sincere condolences.*

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**Ira Spar M.D.** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Dear Dr. Massi,*

*The family of Ernest James Peters Kensington is very saddened to hear of your wife's passing. Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy are with you and your family.*

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**Debra Peters Aresco** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear JoAnne,  
We were so sad to hear of the loss of your mother. May God give you strength during these difficult times. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Michelle and Ethan Wendehack

Michelle and Ethan Wendehack - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I had the sincere pleasure of working closely with Jerri and helping her grow Manes & Motions, an organization that she loved. Jerri always brought laughter and a smile to our meetings and inspired me to seek my own independence. Jerri, thank you and may God bless you.

Scot Scala - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Jeri and became friends only recently, when I became a member of book club. also, because I am a hairdresser, Jeri had asked me to cut her hair short when it was inevitable that she would be losing it to chemo. our freindship was so short but very sweet, she was a woman whom I admired and had great respect for. sadly, diane barile

diane barile - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Her smile, her laugh, her thoughtfulness and love were a gift to us all. She completed what we are all on earth to accomplish: "Love one another".

Joan McGuigan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I've had the BEST job ever because of Jerri Massi! She gave me the opportunity to be the Program Director at Manes & Motions for 2 yrs. It was an awesome, loving and memorable experience, just like Jerri!  
My thoughts and prayers are with her family.  
Through Manes, so many families' lives have been touched; the riders' families, volunteers' families and staffs' families. That has happened because of Jerri!  
Thanks Jerri! We love you!

Kim Carrafa Russ - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ Over the last few years I had the opportunity to meet and get to know Jerilyn. She was a true lady-intelligent, humble and kind. I know this a great loss to Jim and her family. I hope her life will act as solace to this great loss. Sid Ulreich

sidney ulreich - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL THE FAMILY

JACK PARKER - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Jerri's time here on earth was too short but she still managed to do great things. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and to me, a great friend. Jerri, your suffering is over, go soar with the angels.....

Gail Ouellette - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Joanne and family,  
You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this tough time. She was a wonderful lady and if it weren't for her vision of Manes & Motions, my nephew Jordan, who has autism, wouldn't look forward to Saturday mornings!! Thank-you for that!

Kathy Kelley - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Jerri will always be remembered for her infectious laugh, her caring ways and her diligence to giving back to the community. Out of ashes she shall rise and live as a role model in our hearts and sole for all eternity.

Mary Jane Hills - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I enjoyed working with Jerri for several fun years at the Jewish Ledger. Jerri always had a smile, and we shared a good laugh on most days! Family always came first for Jerri, and I know that you will miss her. May your fond memories bring you smiles through the tears. You will be in my prayers.  
Debbie Cohen

Debbie Cohen - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Dr. Massi: My sincere sympathy to you and your family. May the love and memories that you shared with your wife sustain you during this difficult time.*

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**LAURIE MARGENTINO** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Dr. Massi, our thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you and your family during this sad time. The PI Department Katie, Jen, Penny, Cathy, Nancy, Sue, Laura and Cheryl*

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**Katie Betancourt** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM