



Julie Giantonio

March 5, 1971 - August 22, 2012

On Wednesday August 22nd the world lost an angel when Julie Giantonio, 41, of Meriden, wife of Steven J. Iovanna, died unexpectedly. Born in New Britain, daughter of Mary Jane Burns and her longtime companion, Louis "Poppie" Czarneski of New Britain and James J. Giantonio and his longtime companion, Isaura Agostinho of Tolland. She was a Meriden resident since 2003. A 1989 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School in New Britain, she received her bachelor's from Central Connecticut State University. Besides her husband and parents, she leaves three children, Nicholas Giantonio, Jimmy Iovanna and Isabel Iovanna all of Meriden; her paternal grandmother, Simone Giantonio of New Britain; her brother, Jamie Giantonio and his wife Kristen of New Britain; three aunts, Patricia Najarian and her husband Harry of Wolcott; Cathy Paskus and her husband Clem of Terryville; Maureen Corr and her husband Rob of New Britain; two uncles, Timothy Burns and his wife Bonnie of Avon and Ronald Giantonio and his wife Debbie of Middletown; a niece and nephew, Morgan and Benjamin Giantonio; several cousins; and many friends.

Funeral services are Tuesday 9 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain with a procession to St. Maurice Church for a 10 AM Mass. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Monday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lyme Disease Foundation, PO Box 466, Lyme, CT 06371. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Julie's family by "clicking"

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Tribute Wall

PP

“ How very sad that three children have lost their beautiful Mom, a husband has lost his gracious wife, parents have lost their young daughter, and relatives have lost a wonderful member of their family. My sincere sympathy goes out to all of you.

Patricia B Papagna - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I may not have known Julie for very long, but I remember the day she came to work at Lane. Since her office was not ready she spent the first two weeks in my department. On her second day she came to me to say "my office smells like dirty feet and I think it me" I laughed, and laughed, and I knew right there and then I was going to love this girl, and I did. We spoke as often as our work schedules allowed. I will truly miss her and extend my deepest sympathies to you - her family. She was one of a kind!!

Sharon Bates - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Steven,

I am very sorry to hear of the sudden loss of your wife. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Beth Bucciferro - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ Steven - So sorry to hear of the sudden loss of your wife. You and your family are in my thoughts.

*Deepest sympathy,
Heather*

Heather Paradis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Jimmy & Family,
I am so sorry for your loss, my heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time.

*With deepest sympathy,
Carla Alves*

Carla Alves - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Dear Jimmy and family,
We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Al, Carol, Melissa and Kim Alves*

Carol Alves - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Words cannot begin to express the sadness and devastation we felt when hearing the tragic news of Julie's passing. Though it's been a few days for the news to sink in, Mike and I still cannot understand how someone so young with so much ahead of her could be taken from her loving family and friends.

Only a small comfort comes when remembering the full life Julie had led at such a young age. I didn't know Julie well, but for over 20 years had the opportunity to hear about her many achievements, despite several obstacles, from her number one fan and supporter - her dad.

Julie's ability to battle, then conquer, Lyme Disease, the many years she spent as a hardworking and loving single mom, and all the while maintaining a career are extraordinary life achievements - all of which were accomplished by a very early age.

Though our thoughts and prayers are with all of Julie's family and friends at this extremely difficult time, our heart goes out to Nicholas as his loss is almost incomprehensible, notwithstanding the blessing of a loving and dedicated grandmother, grandfather, uncle and aunt, and his step-father, brother and sister, who will undoubtedly get him through the worst and keep the memory of his beloved mother alive.

Our deepest condolences are with Julie's loved ones, as we know there are many gathering today and tomorrow to honor her life and the fond memories she leaves us with. We are very sorry we cannot be there in person to pay Julie our final respects, but please know she is in our every thought and prayer.

With our deepest sympathies,
Michele & Mike

Michele & Mike Allison - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I express my deepest condolences to the family and Jamie Giantonio.
I will keep the family in my prayers.

Tonilynn Collins - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Words cannot express the shock and sadness after finding out the sad news of Julie's passing! My thoughts and prayers are with all her family and friends who were close to her... I'm sorry I won't be able to make it to say this to all of you in person but please know Julie is peacefully looking down at everyone and watching over her 3 dear children...
I have many fond memories of her growing up together. Those memories will be cherished...

Suzanne Houston Henninger - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ My mouth dropped when I saw that Julie had passed. We went to Middle School together at St. Francis and use to live near each other on the West End. My sincere condolences to Julie's family, especially her children. Sweet Dreams Julie!

Kim Kelley Davis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Dear Steve,
My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss. You will forever be remembered in my prayers.
With love,
Nancy Chiero

Nancy Chiero - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Steve, my deepest condolences to you, your family and Julie's family. Such a loss. She will be deeply missed.

Gary

Gary Klare - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ To Jim & Isaura & family,
Words can not express my deepest sympathy to you and your family for this tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and hope the strength of family and friends will help you through this difficult time. Love, Holly and Charlie

Holly Migliore - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My deepest sympathy to Julie's husband and children at this most difficult time. May you find the strength to get through this terrible tragedy that we have no explanation for. Know that she is in Heaven-may she watch over you always and protect you. I became friends with Julie through a mutual friend, Cate and shared many great stories with her on FB. I am very honored to call her my friend. She will be greatly missed and she will forever hold a special place in my heart! Rest in peace, Jules. I hope in Heaven they have a Facebook just for you.

Laurie Banos - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ So sad to hear about the loss of such an outstanding woman. My heart breaks for Steve...for Julie's children and her family! My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone at this sad time.

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

ES

“ *Maryjane and family words can not heal or dull the pain, but no that my prayer is that God will give all of you strength at this time. So sorry for your lost.*

eather reynolds/Joe Stevenson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *Words seem inadequate to express the sadness felt over Julie's passing. My deepest sympathies go to both family and friends. My thoughts and prayers go out to all who knew her. She will always be fondly remembered.*

*Wendy Bonola
Class of 1989*

Wendy Bonola - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to Julie's family. Julie was a great friend, confidant and co worker. She was too young to be taken from us and I am very saddened by her unexpected death. Jules, I love you and will never forget your friendliness and humor. RIP, see you in Heaven!!*

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

MO

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to your whole family.*

Marion Oliver-Cross - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Our words are not adequate to express the sorrow we feel for your loss. Life does not make sense losing someone so young and vital. We were blessed to watch Julie grow into a lovely young woman, and become a champion for all suffering from Lyme disease. Several years ago, she went out of her way to help us find the right doctor for our son, David, to ensure he was tested properly for that horrible disease. She followed up with us to ensure we took action. We will forever be in her debt. Julie truly is an angel. We are blessed to have had her touch our life and truly lucky to have known her special beauty.

Linda/Steve Knybel - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Jimmy,
We want to express our deepest sympathy to you, Isaura and your family on the the loss of Julie. There are not words enough to say how sorry we feel for all of you.
Love, Ann & Sammy

Ann & Sammy Siegel - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. May your wonderful memories get you through this very difficult time. Our condolences...

Magie and Nelson Alves - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ our prayers and sympathy go out to the Giantonio and lovanna families...we remember Julie as a kind gentle friendly person and a wonderful mother may God give you strength at this time ..

Scott & Carol Collins - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ My deepest sympathy to Julie's family, her children, friends and relatives. It was an honor and a blessing to have known Julie throughout our high school years at St. Thomas Aquinas~Class of 1989! I have wonderful memories of Julie that I will cherish forever. She had an amazing smile, brought us alot of laughter, and was such a fun-filled friend. May God's love give you strength at this most difficult time in your life. Heaven has gained an angel! Rest in peace, my dear friend and classmate!

Rosanna Ruscito Patoine - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ So sorry for youre loss from the Paulo family, our prayers go out to the family

Roger S. Paulo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Jamie and family:*
Dave and I offer our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Please find strength and courage to one day celebrate Julie's life and her many contributions to yours. She was one of a kind and was like a big sister back in high school and I will not forget it.
Sue and Dave Steiner

Susan Steiner - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ My loving best friend and wifey, my life will not be the same without you. I was truly blessed to have met you and become so close to you and your family. I will forever keep you and all the memories in my heart. The beach, the trampoline, the summer at the pool, the many drives to nowhere, and of course the whip cream!! Thank you for your wisdom, strength, faith, and love. Rest in peace my beautiful angel. I will forever love you and see you again one day...

Annette Kaminski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Julie you will be truly missed. You are an angel now....watch over us always, especially Nick. Your infectious laughter is one of the things I remember most. Such a beautiful smile and loving soul...Rest In Peace.

Belinda Martinez - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Too young. I am proud you were my friend. Memories at Hammonasset, the support you gave when I needed it most, sitting at karate, whip cream!! Julie, you will be missed by many. You were a wonderful mother, I think something you were most proud of. I never got to tell you Kira's fashion tribute to you, and no it wasn't staples!! LOL! I will pass it on to Nick and Steve, though, for they will find it very loving and sweet! Miss you every day since I found out, but glad we were in touch last week. I am at peace with that in a sense, and more importantly, hon, I hope you are. Love ya!

Melanie Hanner - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM