



Diana Claudia Salustri Clifford

October 21, 1936 - April 28, 2011

Albany- Diana Claudia Salustri Clifford, 74, died Thursday evening, April 28, 2011 at home with her beloved daughter at her bedside.

An open letter to those who have touched my life...

Well, it is time for me to join those who have gone before me, who I believe are waiting for me, and who I have missed talking with, seeing and touching: my mother and father, Clelia (Marini) and Joseph Salustri, who supported me and loved me the best they could through very difficult times; my beloved sister, Tecla Salustri Garrity, who was my joy as a child and my anchor as an adult; my sisters, Barbara Rose, Gloria and Josephine, who I never knew well enough because they were taken too soon; and my big brother, Ezio, who I never met because he died as an infant. I am looking forward to quite a reunion with my many departed aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends! And now, the best part of leaving, my little ones, my twin sons, Anthony and James, who I never laid eyes on, I look forward to holding, kissing and snuggling the baby boys that were taken from me on their birthday because they were too precious to leave heaven for even one day.

Now, for the worst part of leaving, Valerie, always my little one, without whom this life would not have been worth it for me: your love, humor, kindness and devotion kept me going when I thought of giving up. Of course, I dread leaving you, but I won't – not really. My love will always be a part of you. Thank you

for all you have done for me. You are my greatest joy. To Tecla's girls, Diana Garrity King and family, Mary Garrity Babeyko and family, and Cecilia Garrity Clark and family, thank you for being a part of my life. James Walsh, my longtime cherished companion, thank you for your support during my sometimes difficult road. You have brightened up my later years and made my load lighter. To the Walsh family: thank you for including me in your family dinners. I so enjoyed your wit and fun-loving banter. To Bud Clifford, thank you for giving me my greatest happiness, Valerie. I want to acknowledge my late parents-in-law, Katherine and Maurice F. Clifford, and my in-laws, Karol Graber and family and Don Clifford and family. Thank all of you for always making me feel welcome. To all those whose paths have crossed mine and become friends, whether in school, work, or "recently" thank you for the laughter and warmth you have added to my life. Finally, to my doctor, without whose care and concern my journey would have ended much sooner: my wonderful oncologist, Dr. David Mastrianni and his Saratoga office staff. Thank you for not giving up the fight.

God Bless you and all those you love,
Diana

Per Diana's request, there will be no viewing.

Contributions in memory of Diana may be made to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Diana Claudia Salustri Clifford*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Dear Valerie,*

I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Her loving words were incredibly moving. It is evident how much you two meant to each other.

I am also deeply sorry that we have lost touch. I would love see you and renew our friendship.

With heartfelt sympathy and love,

Hannah##imported-begin##Hannah Rothenberg##imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 08:31 PM



“ *Dear Valerie and Jim, We were saddened to hear about the loss of your Mom. Diana was such a special lady and loved and admired by so many. We were all blessed by her friendship and love. She made all of us better people by her acceptance of life and its many struggles. You were so special to her and made her proud. You and Jim were the wind beneath her wings. We all thank you for making her so happy throughout the years. Diana deserved it. Love, prayers and blessings, Rosemary and Jack##imported-begin##Rosemary and Jack Hennessey##imported-end##*

May 06, 2011 at 02:07 PM



“ Sending my condolences to you. I work with Valerie and am very sorry about her mother. I hope she gets through this as best she can. She has my prayers.##imported-begin##Michele Calvin##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 09:29 AM



“ Valerie, I am so sorry for your loss. I know words can never ease the pain of losing a loved one....especially a mother....but I pray that God will provide you with comfort and peace during this very trying time.

with sympathy,
Sameia##imported-begin##Sameialika Tarver##imported-end##

May 02, 2011 at 09:49 AM



“ Valerie,

I am so saddened to learn of the loss of your beloved mother. You and she have been in my prayers the past few weeks and will continue to be as you grieve. Please know that I am available to you at anytime to help in any way. God Bless you for the devoted and loving care you provided to your mother. I know you have a treasured relationship with her. May God comfort you and give you peace.##imported-begin##Ann Slattery##imported-end##

May 02, 2011 at 09:41 AM



“ Val,
So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kathy Normandin##imported-end##

May 02, 2011 at 09:25 AM



“ Valerie,
I am so sorry to hear your mom has passed. You are blessed to have been close to her and to have known her the best. If you need anything at all, please call me. With sympathy, Michelle##imported-begin##Michelle Martinez##imported-end##

May 02, 2011 at 07:30 AM



“ Dear Valerie,
We were sorry to hear of your Mother's death;she will be in our prayers. Our condolences go out to You and your cousin's Diana, Mary, and Cecelia .
Sincerely,
Joan, Carol-Ann and Michael Feeley##imported-begin##Joan Feeley Hatch##imported-end##

May 01, 2011 at 10:52 PM



“ You will always be remembered for your Hon and Dears.....Give Uncle Bruce a hug for me##imported-begin##Sharon Prefore Leesburg Florida##imported-end##

May 01, 2011 at 12:32 PM



“ Dear Valeria and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother. I will always remember Diana's humor. She always made people made smile. My thoughts are with you and this time.
The Gardella Family
The DiCarpio Family
The Root Family
The Barnett Family###imported-begin##Mary gardella-Root###imported-end##

May 01, 2011 at 12:08 PM



“ Valerie, there are no words to tell you how sorry I am. Please know that you have been in my thoughts these last few weeks and I will continue to think of you as you go through this difficult time. Time does heal, you just have to hang in there. I know what you are going through so if you ever need a shoulder know I am there. Take care of yourself.
With sympathy,
Cathy###imported-begin##Cathy Elacqua-Guinane###imported-end##

May 01, 2011 at 11:05 AM



“ Dear Valerie,
I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a lovely lady, I still have the computer angel she made for me, on my desk. You have been blessed to have such a close & loving relationship with your Mom. May you find comfort in memories & know that I will keep you & your Mom in my prayers###imported-begin##Marianne Novak###imported-end##

April 30, 2011 at 09:02 PM



“ I am really sorry to hear about the passing of your dear friend Diana. I know you cherished her company for many years and I am deeply sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Bill Rielly##imported-end##

April 30, 2011 at 06:36 PM



“ Dear Valerie, Jim, Diana, Mary and Cindy,
Please accept our condolences on your loss. We will miss Dee's smile, warmth and laughter. Despite her pain she always brightened every get together with her humor. After fighting a long hard battle may God welcome her with open arms and may she rest in peace. She will remain forever in your hearts. With love and prayers, Charlotte and Frank.##imported-begin##Frank and Charlotte Sala##imported-end##

April 30, 2011 at 04:38 PM



“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT DIANA. WE WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER. MY HUSBAND RAY WHO WORKED WITH DIANA AT NIAGARA MOHAWK ALSO SENDS HIS SINCERE REGRETS. WE OCCASIONALLY MET AT THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY CENTER AND WE HAD AGREAT LAUGH. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

SINCERELY
DAWN & RAY LEFEVRE##imported-begin##RAY & DAWN LEFEVRE##imported-end##

April 30, 2011 at 02:30 PM



“ Dear Jim, I am so sorry for your loss of Diana. I only met her a couple of times but she was a very kind and lovely lady. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Rose##imported-begin##Rose M. Perrotto##imported-end##

April 30, 2011 at 01:49 PM