



Monica P. Poznanski

February 9, 1953 - December 16, 2025

Voorheesville-Monica P. Poznanski passed away peacefully in her home on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, surrounded by family and friends, after a lengthy illness.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Genero and Anne Pisarri.

Monica was a model of true friendship. She cherished the relationships she formed throughout her life; from her early days at Maryrose Academy and Holy Names, to her time at SUNY Plattsburgh, where she earned her bachelor's degree, and SUNY Albany, where she completed her master's degree. It was during these years that many of her lifelong friendships were built and nurtured.

A defining part of Monica's life was her career and unwavering commitment to her students. She dedicated more than 30 years to Watervliet City Schools as a guidance counselor, making a lasting impact on countless students and families. Even after her retirement, Monica felt called to continue serving others and stepped into a role at Hudson Valley Community College, where she once again inspired and transformed the lives of students.

Above all, Monica was a devoted and deeply loved wife, mother, nana, and friend.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Poznanski; her daughter, Alyssa (Poznanski) Szu-Tu, and son-in-law, Derek Szu-Tu; her grandsons, Austin and Wes Szu-Tu; her brothers, Thomas Pisarri and Richard Pisarri; her sisters-in-law, Janet Mar and Anna Morris; and her brothers-in-law, Jan Poznanski and Bill Poznanski.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Monica's family Sunday, December 21, 2025 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 p.m. at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter through the rear parking lot entrance only.

Monica's Funeral Service will be held on Monday, December 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 25 Mountainview Street, Voorheesville, NY 12186, where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will immediately follow at St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands, NY.

Those wishing to honor Monica's memory may make a contribution to The Community Hospice Foundation, 310 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208.

To leave a message for the family or view additional services, please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral Mass

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthew's Church
25 Mountainview Street
Voorheesville, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Monica P. Poznanski*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 19, 2025 at 03:49 PM

KS

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss . I graduated in 2008 and from 2004 she helped me a great deal . Always someone to talk to and I appreciate her. What a sweet soul . Rest easy

Kayla S - December 20, 2025 at 07:38 AM

MD

I worked with Monica for many years at Watervliet High School. What a classy lady who was a true student advocate. My deepest sympathies to her family and friends. Blessed are the lives that were touched by her

Marcy Dillon - December 21, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *Fire Orange Amaryllis and Rose (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Monica P. Poznanski.*



December 29, 2025 at 07:03 AM

TO

“ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. Psalms 34:18
Praying for your strength, peace and understanding during this difficult time. my deepest condolence to the family . Monica, thank you I thank God for the gift of you You will truly be missed. I enjoyed every moment with you and” I am thankful for you”your friend and caregiver Tonya.. every time I watch the view I will think of you💕

Tonya - December 21, 2025 at 07:55 PM

CT

“ I went to grade school with Monica at St. Teresa's. We were neighbors on Fleetwood Ave and so walked to school together and played in the neighborhood. I am grateful for those childhood memories, when we shared simple pleasures. I am grateful to hear of Monica's full and caring, compassionate life and want to let her family know I am also grateful for those childhood memories. Wishing comfort, and warm memories, to all of Monica's family.
Cynthia Clancy

Cynthia Clancy Thurston - December 21, 2025 at 04:06 PM

PF

“ Paula, Marty, & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica P. Poznanski.

Paula, Marty, & family - December 21, 2025 at 03:52 PM

PF

“ Patricia F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica P. Poznanski.

Patricia F. - December 21, 2025 at 09:25 AM

KB

“My heart goes out to Monica’s family. As her caregiver, I was blessed to witness her strength and her gentle, loving nature. I will miss you dearly Monica. Her smile could light up a room, and her kindness touched everyone who cared for her.”

Krystal Barton - December 20, 2025 at 07:55 PM

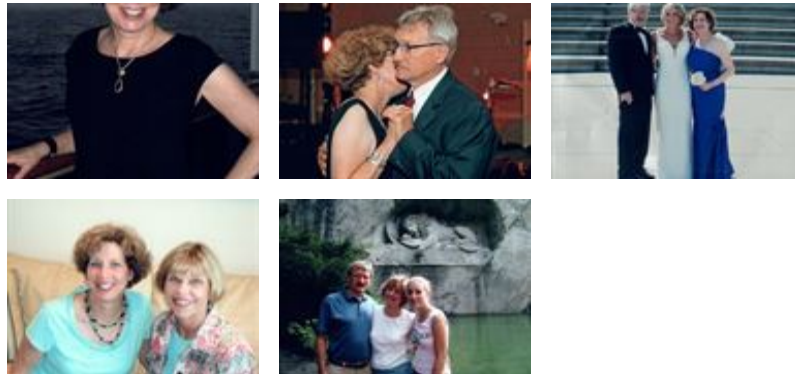
SB

“Shrimattie B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica P. Poznanski.

Shrimattie B. - December 19, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“122 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 19, 2025 at 03:44 PM

CS

Love all the pictures of your family!

carol szutu - December 19, 2025 at 08:29 PM

LI

“ I will never forget when aunt Monica & Uncle Tom got my first (and only) American girl doll when I was a little girl, it always meant so much to me she will be missed love you aunt Monica



Lilly - December 19, 2025 at 03:12 PM

LK

“ Love, Angie, Lars, Dakota, and Kinley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica P. Poznanski.

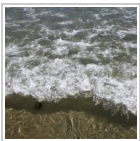
Love, Angie, Lars, Dakota, and Kinley - December 19, 2025 at 12:37 PM

LK

“ Love, Angie, Lars, Dakota, and Kinley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Monica P. Poznanski.



Love, Angie, Lars, Dakota, and Kinley - December 19, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ To Monica's Family: Please accept my condolences on your loss. I was Monica's classmate at Maryrose Academy and we were friends on Facebook later in life. I enjoyed seeing her posts. She was a beautiful person.
Maryrita Dobiel



Maryrita Dobiel - December 19, 2025 at 11:47 AM

FC

“ From Dagmar, Markus, Anja & children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica P. Poznanski.

From Dagmar, Markus, Anja & children - December 19, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Monica P. Poznanski.



December 19, 2025 at 10:46 AM

WT

“ With love, Ann, Joe, Dave & Theresa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica P. Poznanski.

With love, Ann, Joe, Dave & Theresa - December 19, 2025 at 05:39 AM

WT

“ With love, Ann, Joe, Dave & Theresa purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Monica P. Poznanski.



With love, Ann, Joe, Dave & Theresa - December 19, 2025 at 05:39 AM

MO

“ Monique purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Monica P. Poznanski.



Monique - December 18, 2025 at 10:45 PM

EP

“ What a truly special person who meant so much to so many. Her kindness, patience, and steady guidance helped countless people feel seen, supported, and hopeful during difficult times. Her impact will live on through the many lives she touched. Sending my deepest condolences to her family, friends, and all who were lucky enough to know her.

Ericha Phaneuf - December 18, 2025 at 07:18 PM

AS

“ Arthur, Carol and Laura Szu-tu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica P. Poznanski.

Arthur, Carol and Laura Szu-tu - December 18, 2025 at 06:08 PM

AS

“ Arthur, Carol and Laura Szu-tu purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Monica P. Poznanski.



Arthur, Carol and Laura Szu-tu - December 18, 2025 at 06:08 PM

AN

“ Anna, Jan, Bill purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Monica P. Poznanski.



Anna, Jan, Bill - December 18, 2025 at 05:08 PM

LJ

“ Laura Joseph purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Monica P. Poznanski.



Laura Joseph - December 18, 2025 at 03:24 PM

BF

“ I feel so lucky to have known Monica through Alyssa, one of my dearest friends. My family had the honor of joining a trip to the Outer Banks with her and the whole family—an unforgettable experience, especially for my young kids who got to experience the ocean and beach for the first time. It was during that trip that I got to know Monica. She was warm, funny, and so easy to talk to. I will forever be grateful to Monica for raising Alyssa to be such an incredible friend. We are all thinking of you and sending the family all of our love.

Brynne Presser Funderburg - December 18, 2025 at 03:16 PM

DM

“ *Monica was our neighbor but more than that a good friend. We will always cherish her charming personality, giving and generous spirit and good sense of humor. We loved her smile (and that twinkle in her eye) that came with appreciating a funny story or twist! She had a great heart, and she will be missed but more importantly remembered for the many ways she gave of herself to others. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom and Alyssa and all her extended family and friends. Monica blessed many in her life and now she can rest. May peace be with all of us who mourn the loss.*

Dale & Joy Meyer - December 18, 2025 at 12:18 PM

MW

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Tom, Alyssa and the entire family. Monica was a wonderful lady, always kind with a smile to share. My prayers are with you at this difficult time. May she rest in peace.*



Maria Woods - December 18, 2025 at 12:08 PM

IC

“ *Dear beautiful Monica, Tom, Alyssa ,Brothers. What a compassionate and giving life, in touch and shared with so many people who are grateful for her care, support and wisdom. Many condolences for all of the struggles and pain that Monica may have had. Wish you peace! Cousin Irene Murray*



Irene Murray, cousin - December 18, 2025 at 11:46 AM

UL

“ Ute, Kristin and Lukas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica P. Poznanski.

Ute, Kristin and Lukas - December 18, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Monica P. Poznanski.



December 18, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Monica P. Poznanski.



December 18, 2025 at 10:09 AM

BC

“ Monica was a true professional in every sense of the word. Her students were so fortunate to have her as their guidance counselor and, in many cases, a surrogate parent. The Watervliet High School was so fortunate to have her on the staff for so many quality years. Our sincere condolences to Tom, Alyssa, family members, and friends. Bob Christiansen

Bob Christiansen - December 18, 2025 at 06:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Monica P. Poznanski.



December 17, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ The Mar Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica P. Poznanski.

The Mar Family - December 17, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Monica P. Poznanski.



December 17, 2025 at 06:38 PM