



Rebecca J. Almstead

September 20, 1960 - June 9, 2019

Newtonville-Rebecca J. Almstead, 58, entered Eternal Life suddenly on Sunday, June 9, 2019. Born in Utica, NY, she was the cherished daughter of Samuel P. Simbari and the late Nancy Palmisano Simbari.

Rebecca graduated from Notre Dame High School in Utica and Siena College, class of 1982. She was a Senior Fiscal Analyst for SUNY Construction Fund, employed for 29 years.

Rebecca loved life and had so many interests. She enjoyed fashion, Pilates, traveling to the Caribbean, beaches, baking and cooking, her dear dog Fergus, the New York Yankees and Giants.

Rebecca was close to her Catholic faith, and proud of her Italian heritage. She was a two-time cancer survivor and supported the American Cancer Society and participated in many of their events.

She was the beloved wife and friend of Jeffrey J. Almstead; dear sister of David J. Simbari (Lynn Bradley); dear sister-in-law of Susan Almstead (Michael

Shook); loved aunt of Stephanie Simbari, Stephen Simbari, Michael Levato (Mary Longbottom) and Quinn Levato; loving cousin of Rosemary Dougherty (Duffy), Ann Wolanski (Thomas), Sean Dougherty (Jennifer), Jennifer Reittinger (Paul), Sara Sicilian (David), Leah Wolanski, and Michelle Snider (Casey); she is also survived by many dear, loving and fun friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Rebecca's family Thursday, June 13, 2019, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Funeral services Friday, June 14, 2019 at 9:15 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to St. Pius X Church, Loudonville at 10:00 am where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Memory Gardens Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a special message for the family, light a virtual candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com.

Those wishing to remember Rebecca in a special way may send a contribution to St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville, NY 12211.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens Cemetery

983 Watervliet Shaker Road
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **13**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUN **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Rd
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 462-1336

Tribute Wall



“ *Rebecca J. Almstead*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Jeff,*

I just found out today about the loss of your wife. I am so sorry that you have to go thru this. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

I been there. If you ever need someone to talk to please reach out to me.

Kirk Pogge and family.

Kirk Pogge - June 15, 2019 at 02:22 PM



“ *Sam and family I am so sorry for you loss. Becky was a beautiful person.*

Bob Longo

Bob Longo - June 13, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ *Sam and Family, Please accept our condolences. So very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Ray and Grace Durso*

Cissy pastorella - June 13, 2019 at 01:06 PM

RL

“ *Jeff and Family,*

Please accept my sincere condolences. Becky was good and generous person who loved life. Her priorities were always with you, family, friends and of course her Collies. I will always remember how good you both were to me when I was at the FUND. Words cannot convey how sorry I am for your loss. She was smart, funny, and exceptional, a great friend who will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Dick Lucas

Richard Lucas - June 13, 2019 at 12:46 PM



SD

“ *Sari Jean Deluca lit a candle in memory of Rebecca J. Almstead*



sari jean deluca - June 13, 2019 at 12:36 PM

BG

“ I had the pleasure of working with Rebecca for many years at the Construction Fund. She was always there to help. She was a consummate professional. She had a smile that would light up a room. Anyone that worked with her considered her a friend. She will be missed.

We lost a truly wonderful person with her passing and God gained a truly wonderful angel.

Bill Goergen

Bill Goergen - June 13, 2019 at 09:48 AM

SC

“ Sam and family,
So sorry to hear of the passing of Rebecca. Peace and love to the family.

Tony and Sandra Cotrupe

Sandra Cotrupe - June 13, 2019 at 06:44 AM

GL

“ Jeff, Davey and Sam "Bear": I sit here contemplating what I could possibly say about Beck that you don't already know. Your wife, sister, daughter and my/our family friend...she was so much fun to be around and so loyal and true. Her smile would light up any room she walked in to. There was no doubt about what was important to her...family, dogs, friends. She was and always will be a special part of our family! I always enjoyed my trips with Beck to Yankee Stadium and also the NCAA Tournament at the "Dome." One of my most favorite memories with Becky was one of our trips when we went to see the Yankees It wasn't a game that was planned for me to attend but my phone rang at like 7:30 am that morning for a 1:00 game start, and Becky was on the other end saying "get up I want you to go with me to the Yankee game..."...It ended up being the game when Arod hit his 500th HR and a memory that I will always hold dear in my heart. It was fitting she should be there for that historical moment in Yankee history as she was a true die hard Yankee fan! Becky loved her Yankees like she loved her family and friends. The world was made a better place merely by her existence.

Jeff, Dave and Sam, please know how much you are loved and how special you are to our family. After all these years, we are like family and thank God for bringing all of you - Sam, Nan Nan, Dave, Jeff and of course, Becky into all our lives. It's hard to imagine not having Christmas visits any more like we did for so many years, but those memories, too, will stay with me/us forever. God truly blessed us all when Beck was born. She is now with Nan Nan and hopefully saving a place for the rest of us so one day again we will all be together.

May Becky's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Gina Luce

Gina Luce - June 13, 2019 at 01:17 AM

DG

“ We were so saddened to her of our cousin Becky's passing! After plowing thru the challenges she previously faced, it is that much harder to hear of her passing at such a young age. Here beautiful spirit will live on in our memories. Our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.



Terry and Donna (Simbari) Grant, Machias, NY

Donna Grant - June 12, 2019 at 06:01 PM

CG

“ Christine Gelfuso lit a candle in memory of Rebecca J. Almstead



Christine Gelfuso - June 12, 2019 at 05:06 PM

AM

“ With my deepest sympathy to all during this difficult time...Angela Meola



Angela Meola - June 12, 2019 at 04:00 PM

LP

“ Dear Davey.....I am so very sorryMaryrose told me, I will ALWAYS cherish Elizabeth, Ang Hammond Avenue, I am praying and lit a candle for Rebecca, and Sam I know he is in the hospital, I am so very sorry. God be with you. Love and prayers from Vermont.

Lynda Tebsherany Peige - June 12, 2019 at 03:48 PM

LS

“ Jeff and Susan and all of the family - I send you love and hope , to heal your hearts at this terribly sad time. May she rest in beautiful peace with her loved ones gone before her ❤️



Love,
Lori

lori scena - June 12, 2019 at 01:54 PM

BO

“ Sam, Dave and family my sincerest condolences. While I read your post Dave I had tears in my eyes and flashbacks of Elizabeth St. and growing up together. Connecting with you all over the past several years has been a joy, The pictures that Becky would post of many years ago brought many memories to mind. It's memories like them that will get you through this period of grief and over the years. Keep them memories alive and Becky will be there on your sides. Her smile was always like her mother Nancy's, very captivating and will not be forgotten. Nancy was there waiting for her with that smile and now they will both be angels on your shoulders guiding you through life. I wish I could be in Albany to pay my respects, but I will be there in prayers. God Bless Becky and may she RIP.

Bobby Ollerenshaw - June 12, 2019 at 08:10 AM

BN

“ To all of Becky's family, friends and co-workers, I extend my deepest sympathy in her passing. Becky was always a very vibrant, cheerful and upbeat co-worker. I am in shock. Although I only worked with Becky for five years in the SUNY Construction Fund, she left an indelible impression on me and all that worked with her.

Brian Nopper - June 12, 2019 at 07:08 AM

PV

“ *Becky and her wonderful spirit would always light up our pilates studio as soon as she walked through the door. Her beautiful smile and genuine heart always brought kindness and joy to us all. I am so thankful I got to know her . She always shared her love for her family and her love for her dogs. I will forever hold her in my heart. She was and always will be the true meaning of “ one in a million”.*
♥ you Becky, Pam at Pilates.

pam vanalstyne - June 12, 2019 at 06:16 AM

MG

“ *Jeff so sorry for your loss , she was was a wonderful caring person.*
Mark Goldfarb. Delray Beach, Florida

mark Goldfarb - June 12, 2019 at 05:18 AM

MM

“ *Michael Marino lit a candle in memory of Rebecca J. Almstead*



Michael Marino - June 11, 2019 at 10:07 PM

MM

“ *Sending our very deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Michael & Deborah Marino - June 11, 2019 at 10:04 PM



“ *Lavender Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rebecca J. Almstead.*



June 11, 2019 at 09:45 PM



“ *Jeff, Mark and I send our deepest condolences on Beck's passing. She was a wonderful lady and will truly be missed. Prayers are with you and your family. Therese & Mark Kamilow*

Therese Kamilow - June 11, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ *Dave I'm sorry for your loss. I recently became friends with Becky on Facebook. I guess our love for our dogs connected us after many years. My thoughts and prayers.*

Donna Gatto

Donna Gatto - June 11, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ *John & Kitty Simbari lit a candle in memory of Rebecca J. Almstead*



John & Kitty Simbari - June 11, 2019 at 07:32 PM

RS

“ *Condolences from your family's friends at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany NY.*

Rev. William Schram - June 11, 2019 at 06:45 PM

PB

“ *Jeff, I am so sorry about Becky - my sincere condolences to you and your family - RIP Becky*

Pat Bird - June 11, 2019 at 04:29 PM