



Annette L. Dierkens

January 4, 1961 - September 23, 2011

ANNETTE DIERKENS NORWAY- Annette “Nettie” L. Dierkens, age 50, of Norway made her way home to the Lord on September 23, 2011. Nettie was born on January 4th, 1961 in Norway the daughter of Isabelle Eleanor (Bongi) Dierkens and the late Julius Dierkens. She enjoyed visiting with her family, friends, and neighbors. She had a big heart, a big smile, and a big hug for anyone that she could get her hands on. She enjoyed spending time with her nieces and nephews and had a very special bond with them. Nettie couldn't wait to get home from school to see if one of them would be there waiting for her. Nettie also enjoyed daily walks to Ed's Market for cappuccino, trips to the casino, and parties for all occasions. She was almost always accompanied by her mother Isabelle; her beyond amazing caregiver. Isabelle was vigilant, proud, enduring, and faithful; never letting herself give up the responsibility to care for her daughter. It could be said that Nettie was special needs and required years of care from her Father, Mother, & Sister. They would say that she gave them more than they ever were required to give her. She was part of all of those that were closest to her and exuded this in so many ways. She had her Father's simplicity; she could find the solace and true happiness from common everyday life. She had her Mother's spirituality; she traveled thru life guided by her daily rituals and an unshaken faith in god & family. She had her Sister's spark; she would say what needed to be said to set things straight. She had her Brother's stubbornness; she was told that she would be lucky to survive 15 years, she thrived for 50. Nettie leaves her mother Isabelle Eleanor Dierkens of Norway; her sister Ann Marie (Mike) Muraro of Norway; sister-in-law Maryann Dierkens of Vulcan; nephews Dean (Gina) Moraska of Vulcan, Edward (Michelle) Dierkens of New Port News, VA., and Jeff (Michelle) Muraro of Norway; nieces Melissa (Scot) Spade of Vulcan, Shelly Muraro of Norway, Nikki (Jeremy) Pipp of Vulcan, and Debbie (Ross) Rossato of Vulcan; Grandnieces & Grandnephews: Austin, Logan, Wyatt, Gabrielle, Alex, Chase, Marisa, Dante, Adrian, Jack, and Dominic; and her many special friends and close neighbors. She was preceded in death by her father Julius Dierkens, brother Edward Dierkens, and brother-in-law Ken Moraska. Family will greet relatives and friends on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 1 p.m. at the Norway Township Cemetery. Graveside services will be held at the Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. with Deacon Ronald LeMire presiding. A luncheon will follow the services at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norway.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Isabelle, Anne Marie and all the rest of the family -- my prayers, thoughts, and heartfelt sympathy go to you all. Nettie was blessed with an amazing family who treasured her and gave her a quality life. I told dear Isabelle many times that I'd like to trade places with Nettie for a few weeks so I could have a "break from my life" and receive some of the many blessings and special treatment that Nettie had -- Nettie always would laugh and say No. Nettie was a wonderful young woman. I enjoyed many special times with her and your family (every year Isabelle had the entire class to the camp for a wonderful day of relaxation, great food, and great fellowship -- a day we all looked forward to). God blessed Nettie with a joy of living and loving other people. I (as well as many that I worked with) loved her hugs, her laugh, her witty comments, her persistence, and her perseverance. There wasn't a day at school that I can recall that she didn't enjoy. She was a student that the staff felt very blessed by. I'm sure adjustment to life without Nettie will be difficult but I agree with Missy in that she is pain free and I can picture her enjoying all the benefits of Heaven (which I can't even begin to imagine the degree of happiness, peace, and contentment there must be there) and reunited with her dad, brother, uncle, and many others she loves as well as being in Jesus' loving arms -- laughing and being the center of attention. In this world, there is lot of sadness and pain, but Izzy, you and your family brought a world of happiness to Nettie and made her life comfortable and enjoyable. You have been a fine example to many of us of what sacrificial love looks like and yet you never acted like you were doing anything special. I thought you were extraordinary! I know you'll miss Nettie and your life will be changed radically but I hope you'll be able to go on in her memory and be able to enjoy life to it's fullest -- as one parent who lost her son recently told me "life is precious and I have to live every day well to honor him". You've had more pain in life to bear than most should with the losses of so many close to you; I pray the Lord will give you comfort and keep you in His loving arms! I will continue to keep you all in my prayers!

Mona Servia - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear that Nettie has passed away! What a wonderful life she had. I will always remember Ann Marie talking about Nettie when she was caring for my Mom when she had cancer. What a wonderful relationship you had. Our deepest sympathies! Jaye L and Rick Conn

Jaye L Conn - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Isabelle, Anne Marie and rest of family. The staff at Northern Pines are thinking of you guys. The center is not the same without her and we miss her alot. Thoughts and prayers! All the staff at Northern Pines*

Northern Pines Staff - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM