



PATRICIA (Pat) M. PICARELLO

February 13, 1955 - December 16, 2014

Patricia (Pat) M. Picarello, 59, of Sussex, NJ, passed away on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice in Newton, NJ.

Pat was born on February 13, 1955 in Brooklyn, NY to Mary (Harold) and John Diehl.

She grew up in West Milford, NJ and married Michael Picarello, her high school sweetheart. They moved to Sussex County in 1988 where they raised their three children and have resided ever since.

Pat worked at Yetter's Diner in Augusta, NJ for 15 years. She loved working there. She was such a people person and made all of her customers laugh and whoever met her usually requested her as their waitress whenever they came in. She made lifelong friends with the people who worked there.

After the diner she worked at Skylands Center for Autism for about 5 years. She did the overnight shift with adults who were developmentally disabled. She had 5 men in her group home and loved each one of them. She would always have the sweetest things to say about them after her shift.

Pat has been battling cancer for about 15 years. It all began with Stage 4 breast cancer. She went through stem cell replacement therapy, chemo and

radiation. She remained in remission until she was diagnosed with uterine cancer in 2008 and then stomach cancer in 2010.

Her final battle began in May 2014. She was always a fighter. When she was diagnosed the first time she just said that there was no way she was ready to leave her kids and would do whatever it took to stay with them. She was a fighter right up to the very end. Even though she was in pain she fought with all she had.

Pat was the most amazing, strong, warm-hearted person. She brought a smile to everyone and made people feel right at home. She made all her kid's friends feel so welcome and loved that they all called her Mom.

After her husband passed away in 2008 Pat went to live with her daughter Kaitlin, her son-in-law Matt and her grandson Torin. She had such a special relationship with Torin. She took care of him while his parents worked full time. Torin adored her and she was such a huge part in making Torin into the sweet, caring and affectionate boy he is today.

Heaven must have really needed an angel, they just better be ready for the toughest woman they have ever gotten. We love you Momma.

Pat was predeceased by her beloved husband Michael Picarello in 2008, her loving parents Mary and John Diehl; and her dear sister Kathleen Diehl in 1960.

Pat is survived by her adored children Kaitlin Coykendall and her husband Matt Jr; Victoria Picarello and Michael Picarello III; her loving sister Laura Paul and her dear brother Wes Diehl.

She also leaves behind her cherished grandson Torin Coykendall and her loving niece Stephanie Paul.

The family will receive visitors for a memorial gathering and service from 12 noon to 4pm on Saturday, December 27, 2014 at the Branchville Fire House, 1 Railroad Avenue, Branchville, NJ 07826.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations are requested to be made in Pat's name to her family to help with medical bills as well as the bills that came in during the time her family was out of work taking care of her. Donations may be sent to: Kaitlin Coykendall, P.O. Box 533, Sussex, NJ 07461.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

DEC **27**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Branchville Fire House
1 Railroad Avenue
Branchville, NJ 07826

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of PATRICIA (Pat) M. PICARELLO.*



December 21, 2014 at 04:15 PM



“ *I consider it such a privilege to have had Pat in my life. Starting in high school when we first met the good times and laughs -- even during phone calls-- never stopped. She was fun, she was comical, she was kind, she was an extraordinary mom, wife, grandmother, sister and best friend . Even towards the end when we talked she was positive. She will always be the most beautiful person inside and out that I will ever know. To her children, her grandson, her sister, her niece and her brother; take comfort in the fact that you will all be together again one day. Fly high my sister! You are forever in my heart and my thoughts!*

Coleen Toor - December 18, 2014 at 07:55 PM



“ *Kate, Tori and Mike...So very sorry about your Mom's Passing. I worked with Pat at Yeters Diner..she was a wonderful person and it was obvious how she loved her children. I know she fought this to be with her Family. Just Remember, she will always be with you. Sheryl Witherell*

sheryl witherell - December 18, 2014 at 05:34 PM

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Katie, Tori, Mike, Laura & Wes: So sorry about hearing of Pat's passing. No other soul was so kind to those around her and she endlessly gave what little she had to her children in hopes that their lives could be a little better each day. All that knew Pat are truly better people for sharing her smiles.

Glen Van Olden - December 19, 2014 at 06:59 AM

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Katie, Tori, Mike, Laura, & Wes - I am heartbroken over Patty's passing and I know how difficult this must be for all of you. I've loved Patty with all my heart my whole life. I will always cherish our childhood together, she was so caring and kind. She never complained about being ill and only cared about others. Recently, when I had cancer, she called me to make me feel better and never talked about herself until I asked. Even though none of us had an easy childhood, every memory with her in it is a happy one. She had a way of making all the bad things go away when I was with her. She was my living guardian angel back then and I know that she will be your guardian angel now.

*Love You All,
Cousin Bobby*

Bob Smedile - December 25, 2014 at 05:49 PM