



Teresa Zielinski Mortise

November 2, 2023

Teresa Zielinski Mortise, 69, of North Syracuse, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 2, 2023, surrounded by the love and faith of her devoted family and friends. Terry was raised in Endwell, NY, the daughter of the late John J. and Alberta M. (Budrewicz) Zielinski, and sister of the late Nancy Zielinski Shea.

Terry dedicated her entire life to spreading love, kindness, faith, compassion, and generosity in as many ways as possible to family, friends, and her community. From Maine-Endwell High School; to St. Joseph's College of Nursing; to Le Moyne College; to becoming a highly respected Registered Nurse; to embracing the role as Nurse Manager of Family Medicine at St. Joseph's Hospital; to volunteering wherever needed, Terry was known and will always be remembered for the countless ways in which she served and deeply cared for those around her. She touched the lives of hundreds of patients and co-workers, and dedicated her profession to a 47-year career at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, N.Y. Nominated by her co-workers, doctors, and selected by committee, Terry was honored in 2013 with the St. Joseph's Hospital Sister Patricia Ann "Lifetime Achievement Award." This award is given to a dedicated employee who exemplifies the caring principles and characteristics established by the hospital's founding Franciscan Sisters.

Outside of caring for her family and community, Terry loved working in her vegetable garden, a passion that she had proudly shared with her father. Every Spring, Terry embraced the wonder and beauty of the new growing season, and brought a smile to others with her perfectly grown vegetables, as well as beautiful photographs that she took of flowers, plants, and nature. She was especially excited to plant Italian green beans brought from Italy by her special neighbors, Jack and Maria Marino. Terry felt incredibly blessed to be surrounded by many kind-hearted and loving neighbors, and made certain to show her love and gratitude for them during her evening walks and touching conversations throughout the neighborhood.

Surviving are her devoted husband of 45 years, Carmen F. Mortise; a loving and deeply grateful daughter, Kimberly Anne Mortise; a brother, John P. Zielinski; two sisters, Kathy (Dave) Reist and JoAnne (Carl) Cichetti; Sister-in-law, Phyllis (Rick) Hesselbarth; Brother-in-law, Richard Mortise; and many loving nieces and nephews; as well as grand nieces and nephews.

In addition to her beloved family members, Terry has a lifetime of treasured friends, co-workers, and caregivers that she deeply loved who remained there for her throughout her kidney transplant and recent illness. Terry's family is eternally grateful for the outpouring of love and support they have received throughout the years.

Calling hours will be on Friday, November 10th from 4 to 7 pm at Fergerson Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse. Funeral services will be on Saturday, November 11th at 10 am at St. Rose of Lima Church, 407 South Main Street, North Syracuse followed by burial in North Syracuse Cemetery. Donations may be made to St. Rose of Lima Church, 407 South Main Street, North Syracuse, NY 13212.

Cemetery Details

North Syracuse Cemetery

555 South Bay Road
North Syracuse , NY 13212

Previous Events

Calling Hour

NOV 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.
215 South Main Street
North Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 458-1970
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

NOV 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Rose of Lima Church
407 S Main St
Syracuse, NY 13212

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Central New York Syracuse Chapter of the National Nurses Honor Guard Coalition wishes to acknowledge the nursing career of Teresa Mortise, RN. We honor Terry for the difference that she made in the lives of so many patients and colleagues. Our sincere condolences to you, her family. May the love of family and friends give you comfort. May the love of God give you peace.*
Sincerely,
CNY SYR Nurses Honor Guard

Faith M Terry ,RNC, CNYSYRNHG - December 23, 2023 at 07:31 PM

CM

Thank you. Central New York Syracuse Chapter of the National Nurses Honor Guard Coalition. The ceremony that you performed for Terry at calling hours was so very special and meaningful to our family. You are truly wonderful people. God Bless you. Carmen Mortise

Carmen Mortise - December 25, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Teresa Zielinski Mortise.*



November 09, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Teresa Zielinski Mortise.*



November 07, 2023 at 03:00 PM

DC

“ I remember Terrie from our days at Maine-Endwell. She was always kind and a gentle soul. It is no surprise that she became a nurse and devoted her life to helping others. My deepest condolences to her family. Denise Comeaux

Denise Comeaux - November 04, 2023 at 05:44 PM