



## Colleen Christine Cappadonna (Lothman)

September 11, 1962 - May 23, 2021

Colleen Christine Cappadonna (Lothman), 58, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 23, 2021 surrounded by family. She was born on September 11, 1962 in Willoughby, Ohio. Colleen will be forever remembered by her mother, Patricia Lothman; her children, Tiffany Szalay, Lauren Szalay (Kevin) and Cortney Paterniti (Dustin); her grandchildren, McKaylah, Saniyah, and Sawyer; her siblings, Richard Lothman (Jennifer) and Ronald Lothman (Lynn) and has joined her father, Arthur Lothman, in heaven. Colleen was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer in 2019. Earlier this year, it was discovered that it had metastasized to her liver. Some may say she lost the battle against cancer, but that is simply not true. She fought...hard! She fought bravely and gracefully. She fought, every day, and never gave up. If that doesn't sound like a win, then what does? Cancer affected her life, but it's just something she had, not who she was. There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Patty Lothman's residence.

As you all can imagine, there is no way to put into words how truly amazing Colleen was. "Amazing" is really an understatement. She has left a permanent mark on so many hearts, minds, and lives of people who knew and loved her. There are countless words to describe Colleen, but the first word that may pop into your mind is "selfless". Colleen always went out of her way to put the people she loved first. Whether that was making a personalized gift for your birthday (one of her beautiful scrabble game shadow boxes if you were lucky enough), or making sure her daughters had everything they could ever need or want (even if that meant putting her own needs aside). She always remembered everyone's birthdays and anniversaries without ever having to write them down. She was that good to people! The day she became a mother, her world revolved around her children. Colleen truly dedicated her whole existence to making her daughters happy, which was her greatest accomplishment.

Was Colleen selfless, yes! Was Colleen funny, hell yes! Man, oh man, could she make you laugh. She never took herself too seriously and was always able to laugh at herself, even during trying times. While in the hospital, Colleen and her daughters laughed until they cried about so many funny memories. This included the time she had dryer sheets AND

socks stuck in her pants at work (Sorry, Mom!) and the time she excessively sprayed Lysol on her hair thinking it was hairspray, as she ran late to a family party (again, Mom, sorry!) If you ask any of her friends or family, they will have endless stories of laughing so hard their stomachs hurt. Her laughter, her smile, her joy lit up any room and filled your heart with warmth.

One of Colleen's most unique attributes was her creativity and craftiness. Her talent was truly one of a kind. Not only did she create beautiful unique decorations and gifts, but her thought process behind everything she crafted was truly incredible. Colleen would have an idea, and you better believe that she would see it through, even if it didn't seem possible to others. Her famous lines were, "So I have an idea...and here's what I'm gunna do", or "I'm not sure exactly how I'm gunna do this, but it's going to work". Her creativity and ingenuity not only drove her decorating and crafting side, but also spilled over into her wardrobe as well. Colleen always looked adorable, matching head-to-toe, from her jewelry down to her shoes. She would get compliments on her outfits everywhere she went. She was always sure to tell everyone, "I got it at Gabe's, it was only \$5!".

It would be incredibly easy to go on for hours about Colleen, reminiscing on memories, happy moments, her positive attributes, and all her accomplishments. We must hold all of these things in our hearts and minds and carry them with us everywhere we go. She may no longer be here physically, but she lives through her children, her family, and everyone she has touched on this earth. Colleen simply was an angel on earth. Now she is the best guardian angel anyone could ask for. We bud on this earth to blossom in heaven, and there is no doubt that Colleen has blossomed into the most beautiful, breathtaking garden.

A private family service will be held at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Please offer condolences at <http://www.brunners.com>.

# Comments

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“ I went to high school with Colleen, but lost touch with her after high school(pre social media days). My experience with Colleen is the same as described in her tribute.. ... we would laugh until our stomachs hurt. She was always so positive and such a kind soul. Sending prayer for her family.

shari smith - June 02 at 07:04 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Colleen Christine Cappadonna (Lothman).



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“ Dearest Colleen,

Our long-running friendship of thirty-four years has been a treasure. Your essence of spirit, light, love, empathy, selflessness, and laughter has touched so many lives. You made this world a better place! Your beautiful daughters will carry on your exemplary qualities that you have instilled in them. You have always shown strength, endurance, and positivity throughout your life challenges. You fought the good fight! You are my inspiration and my hero! You're on my heart always and forever. Bedazzle the heavens with your love and light. Fly young and free, dear one. I cannot say good-bye, only "talk to you later, girlfriend".

My deepest sympathies for your family and friends. I pray that God's blesses all who loved you, uplifting us from our deep sadness, emptiness, and loss.

Love you,  
Lorraine



Lorraine Constantino - June 01 at 01:04 AM

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“ Lisa Medlen lit a candle in memory of Colleen Christine Cappadonna (Lothman)



Lisa Medlen - May 29 at 08:56 AM

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“ Stephanie Phinizee lit a candle in memory of Colleen Christine Cappadonna (Lothman)



Stephanie Phinizee - May 29 at 08:26 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colleen Christine Cappadonna (Lothman).



May 29 at 07:50 AM

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“ A beautiful heart , soul and spirit taken from us far too soon. It's an honor and privilege to call you family -cousin ! will love and miss you forever

darrell - May 29 at 07:34 AM



“ Colleen was one of the kindest people I've known. She is one of God's angels now. She will be surely missed. RIP.

Donna Bezik - May 29 at 11:06 PM