



Mrs. Grace A. Vallone

December 29, 1948 - June 19, 2021

Grace A. Vallone, 72, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts passed away Saturday surrounded by her loving family. She was a breast cancer survivor before succumbing to colon cancer.

Born in New Lebanon, NY, the daughter of the late Margaret and Frank Havranek, Grace was a graduate of New Lebanon High School class of 1966. Upon graduation, she graduated from the Berkshire Business School and began her career in the banking industry.

She spent the majority of her banking career working at Greylock Federal Credit Union working her way up to Assistant Branch Manager at the Pittsfield Merrill Road location until she retired in 2017. Grace also managed financials for Vallone's Automotive, owned and operated by her husband.

Grace was a regular communicant of St. Charles Borromeo church and an active member of the community. She had participated in community events such as Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, and Junior Achievement. Her hobbies included spending time at the casino with her friends and going to the beach. Another hobby that was her pride and joy was making Christmas cookies and passing them out to friends and family near and far.

While her hobbies brought her happiness, her true joy was with her family, especially her grandchildren. She supported all of their activities including sports, school activities, or anything they aspired to do.

She is survived by her husband of over 50 years, Frank J. Vallone, Jr. Grace leaves her two daughters, Stephanie Vallone of Pittsfield, and Elizabeth Puleri

along with her husband Jeff, both of Pittsfield.

Grace is also survived by her twin sister Edith Ward and her husband Charles of Saratoga Springs, NY, and sister Kathleen Kazura and husband Al of Pittsfield.

Grace's grandchildren and family were everything to her. She leaves her granddaughter Gabrielle (Mazzeo) Ziter, her husband Troy Ziter, and great granddaughter Braelynn, granddaughters Olivia and Haley Mazzeo, Elyse Puleri, and grandson Brent Arseneau.

She was also very close with her nieces and nephews.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Grace A. Vallone will be Friday, June 25, 2021, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, Pastor Emeritus. Entombment will be private.

Calling hours will be Thursday, June 24, 2021, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires or the Berkshire Cancer Center, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201, in her memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church
89 Briggs Ave.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

Tribute Wall

JZ

“ *My deepest sympathy.
Jeff Zaremba*

Jeff Zaremba - September 15, 2021 at 11:02 PM

TG

“ *I'm very sorry I missed the services. I worked with Grace at Greylock on Merrill Rd. She was energetic, happy, and got stuff done. I enjoyed working with Grace. Please accept my condolences. I wish I knew earlier to tell her family in person, if that was allowed. I will miss her. Trisha*



Trisha L GFCU - July 03, 2021 at 07:17 PM

KL

“ *Kathy Larson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Grace A. Vallone*



Kathy Larson - June 26, 2021 at 02:17 PM

KL

“ *I first met Grace at the Bank. She was always more than pleasant and beyond helpful through the years. Knowing her through Curves, and during her retirement I learned what a fighter she was and how important her family and friends were to her. Grace was a beautiful woman inside and out. I feel blessed to have known her. Condolences to Stephanie and the rest of her family. Sincerely , Kathy Larson*

Kathy Larson - June 26, 2021 at 02:16 PM

MB

“ Grace you were my friend my mentor and I will always cherish the times we had! You will be greatly missed! My heart goes out to you and your family ❤️

Mindy Brown - June 25, 2021 at 05:21 AM

SC

“ Robert Scales
Sorry for your loss sending prayers

Scales - June 24, 2021 at 03:51 PM

AA

“ Grace was a great friend. We were Curve buddies and breakfast buddies. She will be dearly missed.

Anne Amidon - June 24, 2021 at 01:11 PM

GH

“ Words cannot begin to describe how sad we are knowing that Aunt Grace is no longer with us. She was truly a special and kind hearted person. As a kid, I always looked forward to summer fun at Aunt Grace's house which included family bbq's, pool time and great memories. Aunt Grace was so loving, welcoming and always made you feel right at home. As we prepare to move on without our dear Aunt Grace, we will continue to keep her memories and positive spirit alive in each of us. We love you Aunt Grace.

George and Jackie Havranek

George L. Havranek - June 23, 2021 at 02:30 PM

GH

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George and Jackie Havranek

George L. Havranek - June 23, 2021 at 01:12 PM

LG

“ After we all graduated from high school I lost track of Grace until the advent of Facebook. Then I was able to catch up and see her beautiful family and life. Please accept my condolences. Focus on your beautiful memories. She’s like that.
Lesley W Gonzalez

Lesley W Gonzalez - June 23, 2021 at 09:43 AM

GH

“ So sad to hear that Grace passed away. My sincere condolences to her family, especially her sister, Edith.

Ginny Holt - June 23, 2021 at 08:16 AM

MC

“ My memories of Grace go back to the time when we both worked at Berkshire Bank & Trust, many years ago. She was always helpful and well liked by both co-workers and customers, and greeted everyone with a warm smile. We both eventually took new positions elsewhere, but I was lucky enough to see her occasionally at Greylock, where she would greet me warmly and ask about my son and family. She was an amazing person to know and will be greatly missed. My condolences to her family and friends.

Mary Chandler - June 22, 2021 at 08:51 PM

GZ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gabrielle Ziter - June 22, 2021 at 08:12 PM

SK

“ Our condolences to Grace's family. We know that she inspired strong family connections and love and that she will be missed by many.

Sandi Kazura & Gary Davis

Sandi Kazura - June 22, 2021 at 03:53 PM

BF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Barb & Tom Fillio

Barb Fillio - June 22, 2021 at 03:19 PM

JR

“ So very sorry for your loss. Grace was truly a genuine, generous and caring woman. It was my great pleasure to have known Grace and to be considered a friend by her. My sincere condolences to all.

Jean Rice - June 22, 2021 at 02:48 PM

MB

“ "Amazing Grace", as I often referred to her. I was so blessed to have known her if only for a short time. We, met at Curves, and most times we did nothing but laugh during a class. She was such a giving person and more than a friend. Always willing to help you when you, were struggling. Thanks, Grace for all the wonderful memories and R.I.P. Love, Maryann Bassett

Maryann Bassett - June 22, 2021 at 02:36 PM

PD

“ My deepest condolences to Grace's family! Grace was a wonderful, thoughtful friend to everyone. She will be missed by all of us!

Pat Dunn

PATRICIA DUNN - June 22, 2021 at 12:41 PM



NC

“ Stephanie and Liz I am so sorry for the loss of your dear Mom. May she Rest In Peace ❤️ Sincerely, Nancy Carlson

Nancy Carlson - June 22, 2021 at 11:02 AM

SD

“ Frank & Vallone Family, We were so sorry to hear about Grace. Our hearts are broken for your family's loss.

Craig Cochrane & Suzanne Daley

Suzanne Daley - June 22, 2021 at 10:13 AM

LC

“ To all of Grace's family, so very sorry for your loss.
Lori Cote

lori cote - June 22, 2021 at 08:25 AM

LT

“ I first met my dear friend Grace at the former Pittsfield National Bank at the corner of North and West Street so many years ago. When she moved to Greylock Federal she was like my personal banker taking care of all my needs. To Stephanie and all of your family I send my sincere condolences 🌸 in the loss of your beautiful Mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers Stephanie.
Love, Linda Thornton ❤️🙏

linda Thornton - June 21, 2021 at 07:17 PM

MB

“ Condolences to the family. I only knew her through the bank but she was indeed a very special person...always a smile. An angel indeed
❤️

Martha Brown - June 21, 2021 at 06:50 PM

“*Eight O'clock words for an older generation is synonymous with A & P coffee; aromatic freshly ground coffee beans bagged while you awaited checkout. For others 8 o'clock is the start of a work or school day. For me, on most weekdays 8 o'clock was a special time, for around that time the phone would ring or I would dial out for a nice morning conversation with Ole Aunt Grace. I diverge: the term Ole Aunt Grace is a family thing, a term of loving affection, respect, her resilience and appreciation for everything she did for others. During the course of our conversation, a bewildered Grace would at times mention a little shoulder soreness or backache. She would say, "I ache a little today, I just don't get it." I would shortly learn that in addition to cleaning her home top to bottom, washing multiple loads of clothes, stacking wood stove pellets, baking 12 batches of cookies and shoveling snow Ole Aunt Grace found time to help a cherished family member paint 3 rooms. Perhaps this is a slight exaggeration on her days' activity; however, an emphasis must be put on Slight. Aunt Grace was always in motion, helping others before herself, giving never taking. Caring and sharing in between a little swearing lol...She was given the perfect birthname... She defined the name GRACE...in the theological sense it exudes reverence; in many domains from performing arts to sports the great ones, the superstars, the best of the best are often described as doing it with style and GRACE. She was the consummate role model and played all of life's roles to perfection. Her love for family transcends proper words. We can cement her legacy into the annals of life by humbly caring, appreciating, respecting, understanding and loving all that is dear. Grace was eloquent and dignified; exhibited classiness never sassiness. Afterall she was the personification of GRACE. For me, from a selfish perspective, 8 o'clock will never be the same; however, every morning when that clock hits 8 my Ole Aunt Grace will always be on my mind. She was more big sister than Aunt...I will miss her voice, her laughter, and advice. Heavens' gain is our family's and society's loss. Love you forever...my heart is broken...never to be mended. Rest in Peace my angel your suffering has ceased. Btw In closing another family thing: Aunt Grace always liked me best...lol*

George Havranek - June 21, 2021 at 03:31 PM

SC

“ *A woman of substance. A kinder soul there will never be. We are blessed just by having known Grace. Sheila & Al Coppola*

Sheila Coppola - June 21, 2021 at 03:18 PM

CM

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Grace was an amazing woman loved by all. Keeping your family in my prayers and sending virtual hugs!*

Clara (Wilker) Michael - June 21, 2021 at 01:53 PM