



Mary Sue Terrasi

August 21, 1956 - May 16, 2019

Mary Sue Terrasi, age 62 of Monroe, went to be with her heavenly Father Thursday morning in her home. She had been bravely battling cancer for the past four years. Family and friends may visit from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Bacarella Funeral Home. The Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Monday evening. She will lie in state at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Michael Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. by the church pastor, Rev. Fr. Philip Ching. Following the funeral Mass, Mary Sue will be laid to rest at St. Joseph Cemetery near her son, Gregory James, who died in January of this year.

Born on August 20, 1956 in Wyandotte, MI, Mary Sue was the daughter of Edward and Patricia (Schulte) Cook. She was a 1974 graduate of St. Mary Academy and was a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Lutheran Home for several years. She married William Terrasi on October 17, 1986 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Carleton.

Mary Sue had an unwavering faith in God and was always serving others. She devoted herself to several prayer groups and organizations. After her nursing career, she volunteered for adult day care through Frenchtown Senior Citizens and home care programs. As an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at St. Michael Church, she brought Holy Communion to many in-home individuals and nursing home residents. Mary Sue also volunteered for Heartbeat of Monroe and was a Right to Life activist against abortion.

Mary Sue was multi-talented and enjoyed a variety of hobbies. She was creative with a keen eye for design both in and outside of the home. As a seamstress, she proudly made many homemade decorations herself. She enjoyed flower gardening, landscaping, cooking— for which she was very well known— sewing, crocheting and playing her music. She was gifted with a beautiful voice that she shared at church, in her community, and especially with her daughters. She also enjoyed power walking at an inhuman pace. She cherished her role as a grandmother, especially when at their lake house. She also enjoyed being a God-mother as well as a charitable sponsor to third world children.

Mary Sue is survived by her husband, Bill Terrasi of Monroe; three children, Rebecca (Lev) Gartman of New Jersey, Amy Terrasi of Monroe, and Elizabeth (Gabriel) Giarmo of Carleton; her parents, Ed and Pat Cook of Carleton; six siblings, Joseph (Rebecca) Cook

of Grass Lake, MI, Anthony (Helena) Cook of Arizona, Christopher (Patricia) Cook of Ida, Catherine (Michael) Garner of Missouri, Barbara (Brian) Stein of Carleton, and Theresa (Bart) Fisher of Indiana; three grandchildren, Jacob James, Jordan James, and Sophia Giarmo. Mary Sue and Bill are also expecting two new grandchildren in the next two months.

Memorial donations are suggested to Unbound Ministry (www.unbound.org) a non-profit organization that supports families and children in third world countries, Right to Life of Michigan, or to the family for a foundation that will be established pursuant to Mary Sue's Christian acts of charity.

Online condolences and special memories may be shared with the family by visiting the obituary page at www.bacarellafuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Events

St. Joseph Cemetery

909 N. Monroe Street
Monroe, MI, 48162

MAY 19 **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

Bacarella Funeral Home, Inc.
Address: 1201 South Telegraph Road, Monroe, MI, US,
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MAY 20 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 08:00PM

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MAY 20 **Rosary** 06:30PM

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MAY 21 **Instate** 10:00AM

St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church
502 W. Front Street, Monroe, MI, US, 48161

MAY 21 **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Terrasi.



May 20, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ Bill - so sorry to hear of Mary Sue's passing. She lived a wonderful life and had such a great influence on all of us she came in contact with. One of our great memories is sharing the birth of the twins with both of you at Henry Ford many years ago.

David Harwood - May 20, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ FARID BERRY and family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mary Sue Terrasi.



FARID BERRY and family - May 20, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ Dear Elizabeth and family,
Your mother was a very caring and vibrant women. You all have been on a long journey of pain and recovery. I want you to know that I will continue praying for all of you. This is God's way of allowing circumstances to happen so that He can bring healing and reconciliation to your family. May each of you experience the comfort and joy that comes with knowing Christ and following him in such a way that you inspire those around you to be encouraged and put their trust in Him. Hope is just a prayer away! Lead by example and raise your children to honor their grandparents and respect each other.
Sincerely,
Kimberly Buell

Kimberly Buell - May 20, 2019 at 07:58 AM



“ Bill, I was so sorry to hear of Mary Sue's passing. She had a strong faith and we know you will be together again with her someday. We also know that where she is now, there is no more pain and suffering. Still for her family this is a time of sorrow. I wish I could be there personally for support. God bless you and your family.
Warren and Mary Gilbert

Warren Gilbert - May 19, 2019 at 11:44 PM



“ Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Terrasi.



May 19, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ Bill, Becky, Amy, Elizabeth, Aunt Pat, Uncle Ed, Cathy, Barb, Joe, Chris, Tony, Terri ; I am so sorry for such a great loss. Mary Sue was a gift. God has got that singing angel now.

My sweet , sweet cousin now sings in heaven. The birds that sing each morning must be her voice. When I hear a chime I will think of her as well. Her gifts were many . I admired the gift of kindness she gave out so easily . She was so loving. My beautiful bridesmaid will always be in my heart.

Love, hugs and prayers for all of you as you go through another funeral this year.
Carol Ann

Carol Ann - May 18, 2019 at 09:12 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Terrasi.



May 18, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ Bill Terrasi & Family:

Very sorry to hear of your loss!!

Bob & Barbara McKeon

Robert McKeon - May 18, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ Bill, so sorry for your loss. Tony Peluso

Anthony Peluso - May 18, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ Dear Bill and Family, Mary Sue was such a wonderful lady with her soft-spoken, kind and gentle ways. Her being on this earth made quite an impression on many, many people. She was very devoted to the pre-born babies. That is how I got to know her. May the Good Lord guide you through this difficult period.

JoAnn Green - May 18, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Terrasi.



May 18, 2019 at 08:24 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Terrasi.



May 18, 2019 at 08:01 AM



“ My memory of Mary Sue was a sweet, kind person who would talk to me at St Michaels functions. I remember her from St Michaels Church.
God bless her and her family.
Kelly Badger-Bausman

Kelly Badger-Bausman - May 17, 2019 at 08:23 PM



“ Bill, I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know your wife, but from working with you, I know she had to be a wonderful person! You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts.
Sincerely. Lori Tallerico

Lori Tallerico - May 20, 2019 at 09:45 PM