



Loretta Painter

August 27, 1943 - August 8, 2008

Loretta Mastriano Painter, 64, of Ft. Collins, Colorado died Friday, Aug. 8, 2008, after a lengthy battle with breast cancer. Loretta was born on Aug. 27, 1943 in Providence, R.I. She was the third child of Domenic and Loretta Mastriano. Loretta graduated from Central High and married Kent Painter on June 20, 1964. They moved to Ft. Collins in 1973. Loretta worked as a secretary, then bookkeeper at Blessed John XXIII and spent the last 13 years as an award-winning sales associate at Foley's/Macy's. She was a top-notch cook and Loretta's Lasagna was her signature dish. Loretta lived in Colorado for 35 years, but she still kept her East Coast accent. She loved to go for walks at City Park and around Foothills Fashion Mall. She liked bowling, gardening, hanging out with friends and family, helping people and spending time at the beach every summer. Loretta was a dog-lover as well as an avid Denver Broncos fan. Loretta was spunky, outgoing and had a lively spirit. She had a quote or witty saying for every situation. She is survived by her husband, Kent of Ft. Collins; daughter Debbie of Johnston, R.I. and daughter Jill of Los Angeles, Calif.; sister Lucille Scotti (and Vincent) of Smithfield, R.I.; and brother Domenic Mastriano (and Caroline) of Somerset, Mass. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 13th at 10 a.m. at Blessed John XXIII on University Avenue. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Denver Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 5206, Denver, Colo. 80217.

Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta Painter*

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“ *Jill and family- I just wanted to send our sympathy to you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your mom was always there to cheer you and our entire cross country/track team on to the finish. May your memories bring you comfort through this difficult time. Jenny (Hodsden) Lippold and family*

Jenny (Hodsden)Lippold - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are surely going to miss Loretta's warm hugs and smile. May her soul rest in peace.*

Greg & Missy Reynolds - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a wonderful-loving, caring, absolutely incredible strong woman. I will never forget Loretta, she was my strength, rock and my support when I needed her. She made you feel as if you were the most important person in her life as she listened and was honest on her opinions (which I admired so much in her). I feel very honored to have known Loretta. Thank you dear Lady for being my friend, my angel in need. You will be missed dearly. My prayers and thoughts are with the Painter family...God Bless.*

Helen

Helen Lopez - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Loretta was my dear friend. I will always remember her cheery personality and warm hugs. Even when I knew she wasn't feeling well, she never let on. Loretta was a very brave person with immeasurable faith. I always admired her for that. I will miss Loretta.

Abel Dennis Gallegos - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Loretta was an absolute inspiration. Jill and I were blessed to have known Loretta for a number of years from work. She was a brave woman with a beautiful personality. Wherever she is, everyone there is fortunate because they will be graced with her sense of humor, positivity, and fabulous East Coast accent. She will truly be missed. My condolences, Dana

Dana Rea and Jillian Nelson - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ We will remember Loretta as a wonderful mother and friend. She always saw the best in everyone, and was always upbeat about life. She lived life to the fullest, even when she knew her time would probably be cut short. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family. She will be deeply missed by the whole community.

Gail and Jeff

Gail and Jeff Gliner - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I want to express my very heartfelt condolences to the family. Loretta was so young and she always always had that beautiful smile on her face and ready for a hello and a chat. She looked soooo cute in her little caps. Not many people could pull off that look but boy oh boy she sure did! I'm sorry I cannot make the funeral as I have my own appointment tomorrow with the breast surgeon. I think we have caught it soon enough though. Loretta will lead me through it I just know and I will be fine. I know all of you are hurting as I am only 54 and have lost my sister to cancer at 24 and my brother at the young age of 42 last summer. Please know you all will be in my prayers and in my heart in the coming days, months and years as you learn to deal with your grief. It's so much easier said than done to "Let God and Let Go".
My entire heart goes out to all of you!
Sincerely,
Jeanan Gerber

Jeanan Gerber - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Upon becoming good friends with her daughter Jill, I got to know Loretta quite well. We had quite a few entertaining phone conversations and I always enjoyed her company when she came out to California to visit. No matter what she was going through, she was always in good spirits and wanted to know how you were doing. At my wedding, I remember her dancing up a storm and having the best time. She was the life of the party. In my wedding guest book, she wrote "that it was a privilege to be at my wedding."
Honestly, the real privilege was having known her. She will be missed and never forgotten.

Susan Maxwell - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I will truly miss Loretta as she was an addition to our family. No matter what was going on in her life she would grace us with her presence. From holidays to birthdays and anywhere in between, she'd show up with that wonderful smile, witty personality and most of all, her warm heart. I have great memories of Loretta and will miss her dearly.

Thabata Senn - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Loretta, Kent, Terry and I spent a lot of time together in "Early Married No Cash" years.
We all lived in Providence while our husbands finished college.

After college we both relocated to Indiana and again our friendships continued.

Loretta always dressed up to style and looked great.
I will never forget babysitting for "Sugar" when Loretta and Kent were out of town. HE made so much noise that I had to put him in a Kennel and never intended to tell Loretta what I had done with her "baby" at the time.
But when I picked him up he had NO VOICE! So I had to tell Loretta what I had done.

I remember great times, great fun, and delisous dinners with Loretta.

Thinking of you all, Debbie, Jill and Kent.

Love, Marj

Marjorie Painter Rickey - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I will remember Loretta's tinkly laugh, her generous concern for others, and her courage. I met her in yoga class and always watched for her sparkly purple hat--so glad that she was there. We also both attended PVH Sharing the Cancer Journey meetings where she contributed encouragement, jokes, and a serious interest in the well being of other cancer patients.

She is missed--and wished a lovely awakening on the next part of her journey. Bye for now, Loretta.

Cheryl Herzig - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Kent - my sincere sympathy on Loretta's passing. If I remember correctly, I first met Loretta at your Mom's cabins in Westerly and you were removing an engine from a car at the time...that goes back many years! We also shared many good times when we all lived in Indiana. Please pass on my condolences to Debbie and Jill as well.
Lois

Lois Moore - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I will miss Loretta's warmth, smile, cheery personality, and her great cooking! We had so much fun in Vegas, LA, and at Bronco games. I never knew such a small person could cheer so loudly! She had a great and lively spirit and is and will be sorely missed always.

Arthur Whang - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ When I started working at what was then Foley's, Loretta made me feel so very welcome. Even though we were close in age she took me under her wings to help me learn the job. I really enjoyed working with her. Her contagious laugh was infectious. She could always find something to not just smile about but really honestly grin about!! What a gift! After I left Foley's, I would see her at PVH where I work. She would make it a point to stop by to see me when she came for the cancer classes. She would even leave the extra flowers in my office "to brighten my day". I will truly miss her grin & laugh. Thanks Loretta for being in my life. Rita

Rita Bee - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear, Kent, Debbie and Jill,
Though it has been years since I have seen the three of you, I would occasionally run into your Mother. We would catch up as though no time had ever elapsed and as though we were close friends. She immediately brought me into her world with up-dates about you two girls, Debbie and Jill. She was so proud of the two of you. Briefly she would allude to her own health but quickly changed the subject inquiring about my life.
I am deeply sorry for your loss. The service was beautiful. I appreciated learning more about Loretta with your tributes and being there to celebrate her life with all of you after so many years. My thoughts are with you.
Take care,
Mary Plaut Solomon

Mary Plaut Solomon - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I used to work for Dr. Medgyesy in billing and talked to Loretta often about her insurance difficulties. I truly enjoyed talking and laughing with her - she was a joy to talk with, always cheerful and joking even with all the problems she had with her insurances. I will truly miss her and her laugh and her hugs.
God bless you,
Kathy

Kathy Lasch - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I was so sad to read of Loretta passing. She was a wonderful customer sales associate. I always looked for her to help me. She would always speak to me even when I wasn't buying. She will be missed!! Your loss will be her customers as well.

Betsy Hoff - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Loretta was a dear person, very friendly and helpful. I was shocked and saddened to see the obituary in the paper. I will miss her friendship, smile and East Coast accent. We had many delightful discussions over the years. My sympathy to her family. Caryl Beaty

Caryl Beaty - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ I am so sorry to here about your loss. Loretta was a wonderful person. She was always so friendly. She had a wonderful laugh. She was always at Jill's basketball games, track meets and cross country meets. I could always here her cheering us on! My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sarah(Michoski)Esparza and family.

Sarah (Michoski) Esparza - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I met Loretta when Jill stood up with me at my sister Sarahs wedding. I had the priveledge of getting to know her over the years while going into Macy's. She would always say Hi and we would always catch up with each others family. I last spoke with her in July. I always looked forward to seeing her. I will miss her so much. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Jamie Erps - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dear Painter family,

Loretta was such a wonderful person. I will always treasure the memories of her laughter and smiles.

Also I will remember the night she and I shared a sleeping bag one cold night in Denver for World Youth Day in 1993.

She was a faith-filled woman and she will truely be missed.

You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Addie

Addie Barnett - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Painter family,*

I never got to meet Loretta, but having worked as a sportswriter with her daughter Jill for a few years in Odessa, Texas, I feel like I did. Jill spoke of her with great pride, often about her homemade Italian food, complete with her East Coast accent and hand gestures. As it turned out, I married an Italian girl. So I know.

*God bless your family,
Kevin*

Kevin Carmody - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Dear Jill, Debbie & Family,*

We have been truly blessed to have met Loretta & to share in her visits with Jill in CA. When Loretta came to town, we felt like part of the Painter family as we were always invited to "Lasagna Night Next Door". Loretta & Jill always included our daughter in prep for these dinners, coloring the tablecloth and decorating the room for the occasion. We will remember Loretta for her positive attitude & happy spirit. She will be greatly missed but we thank her for bringing Jill into our life as a wonderful friend, neighbor and honorary aunt to our Nicole. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

...Loretta, you will be missed but your artichoke recipe shall carry on!!

*All of our love,
Cyndee, Pete & Nicole*

Cyndee, Pete & Nicole Radovcich - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ We'll miss you more than your cooking! Thanks for the words of encouragement to me and your generous nature.

Deric Voelker - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I met Mrs. Painter two years ago in May. I was just finishing up my schooling by doing some intense finals week. Jill invited me along w/ them along to Universal Studios Hollywood as a way for us to hang out. I've heard all about Mrs. Painter through Jill over the years. It was nice to finally meet her. She was fun that day. We went to shows and got on rides together. It didn't seem like she had a bit of a worry in this world. Full of energy and a pretty smile. I definitely had fun hanging out w/ the two Painter gals (and Arthur, too, of course).

That was the lone time I've met her. I wish I could have been around more when she visited. But I'm happy to have been part of one of those happy days she enjoyed while hanging out w/ her daughter.

It's truly sad to know she's been call up to Heaven, but I know she's looking down upon us and smiling as we remember the beauty she brought into our days.

My prayers go out to her and the rest of the family. I know she's missed gratefully.

-julio

Julio Cortez - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Loretta was a dear friend and we were blessed by her loving, generous sensitive spirit. May our Lord bless and care for you during this time of grief.*

*Blessings always,
Sandi and June*

Sandi & June Ahmann - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ I was touched by an angel 11 years ago. Her name was Loretta. September of 1997 was my first day of work at what was then Foley's. I wasn't feeling very comfortable about having to close the cash register. With her kindness and making me feel very welcome she said: "peace of cake". Let us do it together and in 10 minutes she taught me what I didn't learn in four days of training. Thank you Loretta!!!!!!!!!!!!!! From that moment on she took me under her wings and I became her very good friend. That was the beginning of an 11 years of friendship. My entire family loved her. We had so much in common... Both Italian families and we love to cook. What a surprise for all of you!!!!!! We were both very stubborn and we had this unconditional and endless love for our girls. One of the last things that she asked me when she was at the hospital and Debbie was about to get there was: Would you take care of Debbie? She didn't sign up for this and she doesn't know how to cook... We kind of forget that our girls grew up and can take care of themselves.

It was always about you, not about her.

I just got to re read all her cards (and I have quite a collection) and one thing that called my attention was the phrase "special lady". In several of them she called me a special lady. Thank you Loreta!!!!!!!!!!

Everything was a reason to celebrate. Anything was a reason for a thank you note and a hand full of flowers. That perfume will be always with me.

I lost a friend, a sister and a lot of times a mom.

I can hear her saying...

You don't need to do it alone.

We'll do it together.

The street has 2 ways.

I am here for you.

Take care of yourself.

Mind your own business.

Say what you mean, mean what you say and don't say it mean.

When I count my blessings, I count you over and over and over...

That is so special.

*What you live you learn, what you learn you practice , what you practice you become and what you become has consequences. Her last few days since I was with her most of them I was asked some questions about her that I couldn't answer and I know why now. It was never about her. Even on situatios that were very hard it was always about me, about you and all the love she could share with you. She would say: Enough about me and change the subject. I will miss Loretta and her bright personality and all of our moments together wich recently included a very special little person. My grandson, Elijah. Only ten months and he knew exactly who Loretta was and recognized her from far when I use to take him to the store to just say Hi to Loretta. Woul give her smiles and vice versa. She blessed him many times with her prayers. Thank you Loretta!!! I'll miss her laugh and that wonderful accent.TOP NOTCH!!!! Thank you Loretta for all you've done for our family and specially for me.
Until I see you again...
Love,
DEBORAH*

Deborah Versteegt - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Loretta
you were the bright spot to go to Foley's or Macy's I would look for you or ask about you.
You and my daughter Brenda met at Cure for cancer meetings. Last year we did the cancer walk and was so good to talk to you again. Just learned of your going to your enternal home when Brenda entered Hospice in Loveland.*

*My love and blessing to you and your family.
May God comfort you and Brenda in your enternal rest. Love
Rosemarie Aberle*

Rosemarie Aberle - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM