



## Donna Marie Rastelli

May 9, 2025

Donna Marie Rastelli (nee Saylor), of Fairmount, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2025. Preceded in death by loving companion, Robert Hurd. Devoted mother of James and Anthony (Kristy) Rastelli, Robert Jr. and John (Julia) Hurd. Dear grandmother of Anthony Jr. (Ruby), Lacie, Brianna and Jacob. Adored sister of Kathleen Bannon and Puddy Miller (Michael). Cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews. Also preceded in death by her parents, George and Catherine Saylor and brothers William, George and John.

Donna's greatest joy in life was her family, and she poured love and devotion into every relationship she held dear. She was fiercely proud of her sons, cherishing the accomplishments and paths they carved for themselves. Donna took immense pride in watching them grow into the remarkable men they became, always there to support, encourage, and celebrate their successes. Her love extended deeply to her sisters and the extended family she adored, who brought her immeasurable joy and a sense of connection that defined her life. But perhaps Donna's most remarkable display of love came when her son was tragically paralyzed at the age of 20. Without hesitation, she devoted herself entirely to learning how to care for him, becoming his primary caretaker. Donna met each challenge

with grace and determination, always ensuring that her son felt loved, supported, and empowered. Her unwavering commitment, patience, and nurturing spirit were a testament to her boundless love as a mother. Whether it was a family gathering or a quiet moment shared with her loved ones, Donna's heart was full of pride and affection for her family, and she will be remembered for her extraordinary dedication to those she loved.

Donna's spirit was as vibrant as the city she called home, and she carried an unwavering love for her Philadelphia sports teams, especially the Phillies. A lifelong fan, she reveled in the highs and lows of each season, her heart always with the team, win or lose. Donna's passion for Philadelphia sports was only rivaled by her love for music, particularly the iconic Bruce Springsteen. She cherished every concert she attended, the magic of his live performances never failing to stir her soul. Donna also had a special place in her heart for cats, finding comfort and joy in their company. Whether it was cuddling up with a furry companion or enjoying a Springsteen song, Donna found simple, yet profound, pleasures that filled her life with warmth and happiness.

Donna's passing leaves a profound void in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Her kindness, laughter, and unwavering support will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of sharing in her life. While her presence can never be replaced, the memories she leaves behind will continue to inspire and comfort those who remain. Donna's love, devotion, and spirit will live on in the hearts of her sons, her family, and the many lives she touched. May she rest in peace, knowing she was loved beyond measure and will never be forgotten.

Relatives and friends are invited to her Viewing on Saturday, May 17th from 2:00 to 4:00 at Dinan Funeral Home, 1921-23 Spring Garden St., Phila. Prayer service will follow. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Donna's name to Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS).

# Tribute Wall

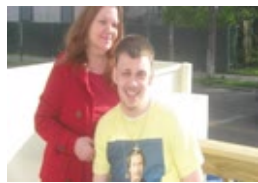
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“ Tony, My Condolences to you and the family and caregivers. May God's Grace and Mercy continue to be with you in the coming days.

Rodgie - May 20, 2025 at 03:22 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Miller - May 16, 2025 at 04:44 PM

KF

“ Kathleen Falkenstein lit a candle in memory of Donna Marie Rastelli



Kathleen Falkenstein - May 14, 2025 at 06:27 PM

KF

*Puddy and Family, So very sorry for your loss of your sister, Donna. Your fond memories of your sister will help you keep her in your heart in the days ahead. Donna is with God now and may she rest in peace. Our deepest sympathy, Love Kathy & Dan*

Kathleen Falkenstein - May 14, 2025 at 06:30 PM

JM

“ *Jeanie Myers McCashin lit a candle in memory of Donna Marie Rastelli*



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**Jeanie Myers McCashin** - May 13, 2025 at 07:36 AM

DM

“ *Donna McGuigan lit a candle in memory of Donna Marie Rastelli*



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**Donna McGuigan** - May 12, 2025 at 07:00 PM

DM

“ *I remember Donna during our days on 27th street. She was such a kind girl, and when ever had the pleasure of running into Donna on rare occasions, she always lit up and a big smile on her face!!! Rest easy Donna, my thoughts and prayers are with your family. Donna McGuigan (Phelan)*

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**Donna McGuigan** - May 12, 2025 at 06:59 PM

PA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are out to Donna and her family . Donna had a warm heart and always had a smile on her face .*

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**Peggy Allen** - May 12, 2025 at 05:46 PM

BE

“ Betty Egras lit a candle in memory of Donna Marie Rastelli



Betty Egras - May 12, 2025 at 05:45 PM

BE

*Dona was a person with compassion and empathy. Dona never had a bad word for anyone and her love for people and animals was so amazing. She will truly be missed.* 🙏💚🙏

Betty Egras - May 12, 2025 at 05:49 PM

KD

“ Kathleen Daubaras-Lutz lit a candle in memory of Donna Marie Rastelli



Kathleen Daubaras-Lutz - May 12, 2025 at 05:05 PM

KB

*Thank you to all.*

kathleen bannon - June 27, 2025 at 06:14 PM