



## Donna T. Battle

November 22, 1948 - January 31, 2016

BATTLE, Donna T. (nee Ussery) – January 31, 2016 of West Seneca, NY. Beloved mother of Michael, Timothy (Robin) Roche and Jill (John) Garbo; loving grandmother of Timothy Barlow and Evan Garbo; dearest great-grandmother of Chase Barlow; cherished daughter of the late Loys and Mary Ussery; also survived by 4 sisters, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Tuesday from 4-8PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday at 10AM in St. Philip the Apostle Church, 950 Losson Rd., Cheektowaga. Please assemble at Church. Leave condolences and share memories at [SmolarekCares.com](http://SmolarekCares.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227  
(716) 668-3122  
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

## Funeral Mass

FEB 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Philip the Apostle Church  
950 Losson Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ our deepest condolences, from, rose, rosemary and bob, wertman, we lived across the street, on drake drive. we loved you kids...mike tim and jill. do you remember us? we had many good times together. your mom died so young. I'm so sorry, I couldn't stay in touch. if you want to get a hold of us call 716-821-0384. me and rosemary were working, during the wake, and bob lives in PA. I miss you kids. please stay strong, as we all know, how crazy, you were about your mom.

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**roselle murphy** - February 03, 2016 at 04:37 PM

JW

“ Donna was a special woman, and she'll be deeply missed by everyone. I am sending you thoughts of peace and comfort during this time.”

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**Janice & Gary Wilson** - February 03, 2016 at 01:52 PM

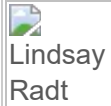
CR

“ Your love of life and your inner light will forever shine through your children and grandchildren. Rest in peace Watching over your loved ones.



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**Christine Rich Reese** - February 02, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ *To my other mama, 14 years ago when I met you I knew we were going to get along from forever. You were such a strong woman and always knew how to put a smile on anyone's face. I can remember so many times where you had Jill and I in tears laughing so hard with your stories. I'll never forget them or you mama. You have raised 3 beautiful children and we will for sure miss you. But we know that you are in such a better place dancing around and looking down upon us all. Until we meet again Love You!*

*Lindsay*

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**Lindsay Radt** - February 02, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ *Marty Reese lit a candle in memory of Donna T. Battle*



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**Marty Reese** - February 02, 2016 at 03:09 PM

AH

“ *Amber Hill lit a candle in memory of Donna T. Battle*



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**Amber Hill** - February 02, 2016 at 12:16 PM

AH

*For some things there are no words, only shoulders to lean on, hands to hold and hugs to comfort. We offer to you all of these. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Amber Hill** - February 02, 2016 at 12:16 PM

HS

“ *Hope Simpkins lit a candle in memory of Donna T. Battle*



Hope simpkins - February 02, 2016 at 10:26 AM

Stacy  
Graham-  
Spyres

“ *Stacy Graham-Spyres lit a candle in memory of Donna T. Battle*



Stacy Graham-Spyres - February 02, 2016 at 09:37 AM

DD

“ *My sister, my friend who would call me Just to remind me how much you loved your baby sister. You touched so many people with your big heart. People you didn't know loved you. My heart is heavy and my body aches to just tell you one last time how much you mean to me. God loved you first and he wanted you home. You were an Angel in life And now you're an Angel in heaven. I love you big sister. Forever and Always. 🙏*

Dawn Damian - February 02, 2016 at 07:11 AM

DD

“ *Dawn Damian lit a candle in memory of Donna T. Battle*



Dawn Damian - February 02, 2016 at 07:05 AM

 Dave Schwab

“ *Fond memories, That's what Donna has left with me. She always called me her third son. I would say..Hi Donna and she would always reply..Hello Son! No matter how she felt or what was going on in her life she would always be cheery and upbeat with me as I'm sure she was with others. Her unwavering love and support for family and friends was her trademark and I feel blessed to have fallen somewhere in between. Let her life be a lesson to all of us, a lesson in how to treat others. Be kind, be understanding, be loving and always lend an ear to someone in need. Also, give your kids some shit when they need it because tough love is sometimes the best love. Gunna miss ya Ma.. but you've left quite a legacy within those three kids who I know have made you proud and will undoubtedly continue to do so in your memory. God Bless..RIP..*

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**Dave Schwab** - February 02, 2016 at 06:56 AM

JG

*Love you Dave* ❤️

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**jill garbo** - February 02, 2016 at 07:26 AM

MR

“ February 02, 2016

*Mom, it's only been a day since you left us, but I miss you so much. I'm sitting here, still in disbelief over the fact you're gone. I know, not for good, but I just feel so lost right now. I never really expressed my love to you in words but you know I loved you just the same. You're one tough yet gentle woman, and I'm so thankful for the life you gave us three kids. I know since grandma passed you grieved deeply, and now you're once again reunited with her, grandpa and the other family members who passed. I just hope you'll give me a sign that you're watching over us. Even at age 41, I still need my mother. My heart has a hole in it right now but I hope you can shine a light down on me and help me continue this life on earth until I see you again. You're an amazing woman and I'm so thankful for the years you've given us. I love you mom.*



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**Michael Roche** - February 02, 2016 at 03:00 AM

JG

*I love you Mike*❤️

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**jill garbo** - February 02, 2016 at 07:28 AM

MR

*Love you too<3*

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**Michael Roche** - February 02, 2016 at 11:55 AM

JG

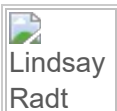
“ My sweet sweet Mama,  
I sit her in disbelief, an emptiness that I've never felt and a part of me that's missing. A part of me died with you yesterday. You always told me when I was younger that you were my Mother not my friend. Then when I was older you were not only my friend but my best friend. You never judged, you never told me that I shouldn't feel what I feel, you were so understanding. Us kids are blessed to have you as our mother, he sure knew what he was doing. I will get stronger as the days go by and I hope that u Come to me and let me feel you Mama.. I miss u terribly already and my heart is torn into a million pieces. The thing that gets me by is knowing u get to see our family that have gone before you. Give everyone a hug and kiss! Rest Mama as you know you're job is done here on earth! ❤️  
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jill garbo - February 01, 2016 at 09:37 PM

 Vicky  
Strausse  
Leader

*Can't stop sobbing as I read this*

Vicky Strausser Leader - February 01, 2016 at 10:03 PM

 Lindsay  
Radt

*You had one special mama.*

Lindsay Radt - February 02, 2016 at 03:26 PM



“ *I can't believe I am writing this. It's hard to believe that just a month ago we were all celebrating Christmas together, now we gather to celebrate your life and how much we all love and miss you already. A piece of me died with you yesterday. We have lost far too many members of this family. So many memories, too many to list. One that sticks out is when you tried to patch my foot after I ripped it open with my bike pedal. I love you and will never forget you. Thank you for being such a great friend for mom. She is devastated. Give my Dad a hug for me. I miss you all!!!!!!!*

John Strausser - February 01, 2016 at 09:17 PM



jill garbo - February 01, 2016 at 09:25 PM



“ *Tim Roche lit a candle in memory of Donna T. Battle*



Tim Roche - February 01, 2016 at 08:58 PM



“ *Evan Dutka lit a candle in memory of Donna T. Battle*



Evan Dutka - February 01, 2016 at 08:56 PM

TR

“ Empty, heartbroken, numb, lost, and confused are the words that come to mind right now. I have lost many people that I love but was never fully prepared for the pain that comes with the loss of you mom. I don't know where to start to pick up the pieces of my life that will be changed forever. I know you wouldn't want me to be so upset, I think I can hear you yelling at me right now. It's just so hard to picture life without you. Listening to messages I found on my phone is hard but I'm glad I have. Offering your last dollar, advise or just a phone call to tell me to dress warm for work because it's gonna be cold outside, you were always there. I will do my best to be strong for Mike and Jill. I know we also have a great and strong family to help along the way. Your free now mama, go be happy. You have to be in a better place right now, you have to be. I cant wait to see you again! I love you always!!!!

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**Tim Roche** - February 01, 2016 at 08:40 PM

JG

*That came from the deepest part of your soul. She is so proud of the man that you became Tim. She always told me how compassionate you were with her. She loved like no other. We kids will be ok we have each other to lean on and such a great family. I love you with all of my heart... Jill Xoxoxox*

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**jill garbo** - February 01, 2016 at 09:14 PM

 Vicky  
Strausse  
Leader

*Can't take this pain. I feel for myself, and mom, but I literally feel my heart rip that the 3 of you are hurting so much. I love you guys. So dam much*

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**Vicky Strausser Leader** - February 01, 2016 at 10:06 PM

FR

“ Aunt Donna I will never forget that moment you and I had in the hospital, it has burned an image forever. All the days I used to sleep at your house when I was young you offered me all you had to give. Like Mike said, you always had advice to give us. You fought with everything you had, and now your the luckiest sister of all, you get to meet up with family that I long for. Give my dad a big hug for me.



Freddy - February 01, 2016 at 08:35 PM

MR

Thank You Fred

Michael Roche - February 02, 2016 at 02:24 AM

DD

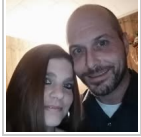
To my big sister who would call me and remind me how much you loved your baby sister. You are gone in body but will Always love on in our hearts and family. God loved you first and he wanted you home. I will never be the same Donna. You touched people that you didn't even know. You were an Angel in life. And now you're an Angel in heaven. I love you big sister. Forever and Always. 🙏

Dawn Damian - February 02, 2016 at 06:48 AM



“ My heart is soo heavy for all of you your all such a close loving family Donna I met you a couple times and talked with you and I'm sorry your no longer here with your family but I'm glad your no longer suffering and in pain God has gained another beautiful angel RIP beautiful Donna

Esther Torres - February 01, 2016 at 08:12 PM



“ *Never in a million years would I have thought I would be here having to write this! Aunt Donna, please know that I love you so, so much! You and I always had a special bond between us. You always used to tell me to shoot for the stars, and don't ever let anyone bring me down. Every single time I seen you that's what you would say to me. You were always such a wonderful person, and I know you're at peace now, but God I miss you like crazy! You will forever be in the heart. I've had so many wonderful memories with you, and I'll cherish those forever! Till we meet again! R.I.P Aunt Donna I'll love you forever and always! ❤️❤️❤️ Love always, Tina!*

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**Tina Horton** - February 01, 2016 at 08:11 PM



“ *Although I'm still not over the fact that it was only a month ago at our Christmas party I was fixing your coffee for you, I will never forget all the memories we made while I was growing up. You once took us to McDonald's and on the way home in your car we jammed to a song on the radio that I'm pretty sure was in a peptol bismol commercial, hah. I was really happy when you started coming around to all our family parties, and now it just won't be the same. I know you'll always be there watching over all of us, you're at peace now with God. I love you. ? p.s. I chose the red candle because it made me think of the red sweater you always used to wear.*



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**Lauren Damian** - February 01, 2016 at 07:53 PM

Bonnie  
Buckwald

“ *Our deepest condolences to you all . Bonnie  
and Donald Buckwald*



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**Bonnie Buckwald** - February 01, 2016 at 07:47 PM

Tom  
Horton

“ *It just doesn't seem possible that I am writing this to you. Just over a month ago we stood together in Aunt Dawn's kitchen joking about how much of an asshole I was and having a beer. I told you then that it was good to see you actually coming out more to the family functions and I certainly meant it, little did I know that I would never see you again.*

*Almost every childhood memory I have involves some member of your family, and usually and it was comforting to know that when times got rough ( and they did a lot) I would have 2 brothers and and an extra sister to have my back. More often than not , you had my back too and I will forever be grateful for that.*

*I'll make a deal with you, If you tell Grandpa, Grandma , Andy , Uncle John and Uncle Fred (damn this list is getting way too long) I will watch after Mike , Timmy And Jill. I love you so much, more than I even realized. They say that we drinkers drink for a reason, well the next drink you have in heaven won't be drinking to hide pain, and I take comfort in knowing that. I love you.*

*Cheers!,*

*Tommy*

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**Tom Horton** - February 01, 2016 at 07:41 PM



*Beautiful*

**Esther Torres** - February 01, 2016 at 08:09 PM



*Sitting here in complete awe after reading this. I cannot tell you how amazing of a person you are tom. I have seen such deep emotions from you boy cousins that really inspire me with the love you show. So very blessed to have you tom! Thank you for loving my mother the way you did. I sure do know how much she loved you! ❤️*

**jill garbo** - February 01, 2016 at 09:23 PM



*Tom, This is so beautiful! My heart goes out to you and your entire family. You all have my deepest sympathy....Your aunt knew you weren't an a-hole. She knew what a wonderful man you are and she is watching over you from above now. Again, you are all in my heart and prayers. <3*

**Renay Appleby** - February 01, 2016 at 11:32 PM



*Tom, LOVE & LIGHT for your Aunt my deepest condolences to you and family ??*

**Tina Jaques** - February 02, 2016 at 02:00 AM



*Tom, I never expected anything less than what you said. Very nice.*

**Michael Roche** - February 02, 2016 at 02:18 AM



“ *My aunt Duckie...I miss you. My second mama. I know your happy now and in peace in Paradise with Jesus. I know you knew how much you were loved by your kids and grandkids, me an mom especially. A piece of us went with you. Until we meet again, I adore you.*



**Vicky Strausser Leader** - February 01, 2016 at 07:18 PM



“ *Maryann Gold lit a candle in memory of Donna T. Battle*



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**Maryann Gold** - February 01, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ *Barbara Riley lit a candle in memory of Donna T. Battle*



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**Barbara Riley** - February 01, 2016 at 01:31 PM