



Paula Ann Witherell

April 16, 1965 - December 29, 2020

December 29, 2020 of West Seneca, NY. Beloved wife of Craig; dearest mother of Amanda; cherished sister of Nadine (Randy) Isbrandt, Suzanne (Jim) Tolsma and Gale Gapik (Chris Nordsiek) beloved daughter of the late Daniel and Lorraine Gapik; daughter-in-law of Lucy Witherell and the late Donald Witherell; sister-in-law of Aaron Witherell; also survived by her cherished nieces and nephews Robert (Kimberly) Isbrandt and Matthew, Peter and Lexi Tolsma. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Saturday, January 2nd from 2-7 PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, January 4th at 9 AM in St. Gabriel's R.C. Church 5271 Clinton St. Elma. Pursuant to NYS guidelines, face coverings and social distancing is required at both funeral home and church. Occupancy restrictions may delay entry. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations in Paula's name may be made to Leukemia @ Lymphoma Cancer Society of Buffalo. Paula was highly respected and received numerous awards for her work as Director of Communications at various higher education institutions in WNY, most recently Daemen College.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

JAN 4. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel's RC Church
5271 Clinton Street
Elma, NY 14059

Tribute Wall

IW

“ I enjoyed my time working with Paula over the past few years in Institutional Advancement at Daemen. I will miss her insight, intelligence, and wit. I will also greatly miss her experience as one of the best public communicators I have known. My heart goes out to her family and loved ones. She will be greatly missed.

Isaac Williams - January 05, 2021 at 03:36 PM

MB

“ A wonderful person and colleague. Always kind, polite, and so very proud of her family. A consummate professional; Paula will be deeply missed. Mike Brogan

mike brogan - January 02, 2021 at 01:09 PM

BM

“ I worked with this amazing young lady at Daemen and she is one of the finest people I have ever known or worked with. She will be sorely missed and remembered for the incredible mother, wife and colleague that she was. Thoughts, prayers and beautiful memories to the family. Bobby Mills

Bobby Mills - January 01, 2021 at 11:03 AM

PC

“ I knew Paula professionally and always admired her tremendous professionalism and outstanding success as an exemplary communicator. I am very saddened to learn of her passing and offer my sincerest sympathies and condolences to Paula's family and friends.

Sincerely,
Peter Ciotta

Peter Ciotta - January 01, 2021 at 09:52 AM