



Deserie Renee McLain

May 3, 2013

Deserie Renee McLain, 48, of Lancaster, PA, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 2, 2013. She spent her last four days at Hospice and Community Care of Mount Joy as she had wished.

Born September 13, 1964, she was the daughter of the late Martha McKinney-Sherriff and William J. Sherriff, Sr. of Cape May, NJ. Des was the beloved wife of Mark G. McLain for 14 years.

Deserie graduated in 1982 from Warwick High School, where she was a member of the band front. One of her fondest memories of high school was when the band was asked to perform at the Orange Bowl parade in Florida her senior year. Following high school she worked as a Closing Processor for Prudential, Red Rose Abstract, ReMax and Land Transfer. She then followed her dreams and returned to school, receiving a degree in pastry arts from the York Technical Institute. She was a chef at The George Street Café for five years before retiring to fight her battle with cancer.

Des was involved in many activities. She was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, as well as a member of a local book club. She enjoyed baking Christmas cookies every year with her nieces Morgan, Brittney, Aunt Pat and sister-in-law Jeanie, a tradition they shared for 10 years. She loved to spend time with her many friends and work colleagues.

She enjoyed playing games, reading, and going to the beach. She fulfilled a dream of returning to Disney World this past fall with her parents. Des loved to attend all of her nieces and nephews sporting events and cheer them on, she was very proud of all of them.

Des is also survived by her stepmother Dorothy Sherriff, as well as stepsister Judy Farrell. She was the stepmother to Ryan McLain and his fiancée Christina and grandmother to Eric, Blake, Kayley, and Chase.

Des had two brothers, Bill Sherriff and wife Jeanie, and Jim Sherriff. She dearly loved her six nieces and nephews: Megan, Jamie, Morgan, Brittney, Noah, and Brandon. Her most recent addition was her great-niece Hailee who brought her much happiness.

Des had numerous aunts and uncles: James Sherriff and wife Sharon, Patricia Buckwalter and husband David, Vicki Canfield and husband Tom, and cousins Thomas, Michael, and Jennifer.

Des's Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.) on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. with Terry Welsh officiating. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 12 Noon until time of service.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made in Des's name to the American Cancer Society, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Tribute Wall



“ *Deserie Renee McLain*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Mark,*

I am so saddened to learn that Des has left us to join the angels above. She was and always will be such a model of grace. I have thought of her and her inspiring spirit much more often than you'll know. I wish you comfort in knowing that she will be working hard for you and all of humanity from the other side. May her spirit and your memories keep you warm today and in all the days ahead. Please let us know how we can be in service to you.

*Love and kindness,
Janel, Jesse and Tina*

Janel Cross - May 08, 2013 at 01:36 PM



“ *Des comes from a long line of truly wonderful people who i have had the pleasure of knowing for over 30 years now. I always looked forward to seeing her at the annual family Christmas night party held at her aunt and uncle's house in Lititz. She was one of those rare individuals that made you happy....made you feel really good about being around her. She was a wonderful young woman and i thank God that i knew her all these years. When a person of her warmth and kindness leaves this earth, a little part of all of us leaves with her. God bless you Des.*

John R. Lutz - May 07, 2013 at 06:36 PM

DW

“ It is with deepest regret to hear of Deserie's passing. I do remember her well and thought it great that one of her fondest memories was going to Disney World and the Orange Bowl parade. Best wishes to the family during this time of sadness.

Dale Weller, Band Director

Dale Weller - May 07, 2013 at 02:49 PM

AR

“ Dear Des, You are going to be missed so much. Looking back over the years we have enjoyed so many good times. The best times with you and Mark are eating crabs and enjoying some drinks... Mark, Des will always be with you. Love, Chris and Anita Rahe

Anita Rahe - May 07, 2013 at 10:41 AM

RW

“ I did not know Deserie, but I knew her mother, Marty and her dad, Bill is a friend. My wife Suzanne and I extend our condolences to the family and give thanks that her final days were peaceful. Now she is in a better place.

Ross Warfel - May 06, 2013 at 10:23 PM

MH

“ TO DES' FAMILY AND FRIENDS...
I WAS SO VERY VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF HER PASSING. I ONLY MET HER LAST YEAR AND HAVE ONLY BEEN IN HER COMPANY THREE OR FOUR TIMES- BUT HER WONDERFUL ATTITUDE, GRACIOUS, CARING DEMEANOR, SHOWN THRU. YOU DID NOT HAVE TO KNOW HER A LIFETIME TO UNDERSTAND WHAT A SPECIAL PERSON SHE TRULY WAS. AND==EVEN THO I ONLY RECENTLY MET HER, I CAN SAY WITH CERTAINTY--SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO LOVED HER SO. HER COURAGE UNDER FIRE WAS ADMIRABLE...WE COULD ALL TAKE A LESSON IN HOW TO SMILE..REALLY SMILE FROM THE INSIDE OUT IN THE FACE OF SUCH ADVERSITY. SHE FOUGHT AN AMAZINGLY TOUGH BATTLE AND SMILED.
GOD BLESS YOU DES, AND KEEP YOU IN HIS LOVING CARE AND GIVE YOUR BELOVED FAMILY AND FRIENDS THE COURAGE TO KEEP YOUR SMILE IN THEIR HEARTS.
SINCERELY
MRS. HAWS (RON'S MOTHER)

mrs haws - May 06, 2013 at 07:59 PM

PS

“ While I did not personally know Des, I was a year behind her in school and also in marching band - so we share many of the same special memories. My heart goes out to all those she held near and dear in her heart. All the love that was shared will continue on! God bless you and keep you.

Patti (Wonder) Smith - May 06, 2013 at 09:54 AM

DS

“ Mark, I was saddened to hear of Des' passing. Having known her all her years in the title industry, she was always fun and had that infectious laugh. I always enjoyed working with her. I will always remember a New Years Eve that was spent at my house with Mary Burger many years ago...long before you:) We had so much fun and she was so much fun. She will be missed.

Dawn Styer - May 06, 2013 at 09:39 AM

DN

“ I met Des when ordering lunches at the George Street Cafe which I took to customer meetings. She was a sweet person and very good at her job! The lunches were always delicious and she did the little extra things that made me know she really had a caring heart. I was sad to read today that she had passed.

Daryl Nauman - May 05, 2013 at 08:48 PM

SL

“ Des, we will miss you. You fought the fight hard. We love and miss you, your Weight Watcher friends.

Shirley & Denny Lenox - May 05, 2013 at 10:55 AM