



Ann Marie Dombroskas

September 21, 2017

Surrounded by family and friends, Ann Marie (Fitzgerald) Dombroskas, 60, beloved wife of Edward Dombroskas, passed peacefully from this life of complications from ALS on September 21, 2017. Born in Springfield, MA she was the daughter of Robert Fitzgerald and raised by her father, grandparents John and Mary Fitzgerald as well as aunt and uncle Maureen and Arthur Della Guistina. Recently moving to Berlin, Ann Marie was a long time resident of West Hartford. A graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield and Saint Joseph College (BSRN) she also did graduate work at Southern Connecticut State University. In addition to her loving husband she is survived by her children whom she loved dearly, Edward (Ted) Dombroskas and his wife Mary of West Hartford, Robert Dombroskas and his fiancé Alle Perry of Natick, MA and Lynn Dombroskas of Old Saybrook and her dearest friend Michael Misiaszek of Groton. Ann Marie was devoted to God, family, friends, and her work as a nurse. She was a healer, friend, counselor, mentor, and fierce supporter. Ann Marie was always ready with an ear to listen, a shoulder for support, a word of encouragement, an opinion or solution, or a healing touch. She dispensed these to anyone who needed them and to many who didn't realize they needed them. Professionally Ann Marie worked as nurse for the Town of West Hartford nonpublic schools with assignments at Kingswood Oxford, Solomon Schechter and most recently at the Hebrew High School of New England where she found a particular home and was devoted to the students, faculty and staff. Simultaneously Ann Marie worked as a home care

nurse. For many years she was a hospice nurse with the New Britain VNA and most recently worked with the Masters in Home Care agency in Wethersfield. No matter who she was with, or in what capacity, she was always nurturing and caring and would do or provide everything possible within her power. Ann Marie and her family wish to express particular thanks to the staff of the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain, CT and to the doctors, nurses, professionals and staff of Bristol Hospital who cared for her so well. Calling hours will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St., West Hartford. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Hospital for Special Care, 2150 Corbin Ave., New Britain, CT 06053 or The ALS Association CT Chapter, 4 Oxford Rd., Milford, CT 06460 or a charity of your choice. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP **24.** 2:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **25.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Claver Church
47 Pleasant St
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

ES

“ Dear Ed,

My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. I hope you may find peace and comfort in your memories of Ann Marie, family, friends and the good times you shared. God Bless You.

Truly,

Ellen Silbermann

Ellen Silbermann - September 29, 2017 at 02:30 PM

PM

“ *Ed and Family: Paul and I are deeply saddened to hear of Ann Marie's passing. We will always remember her smile, her sense of humor and kindness. It was a true honor to have known such a wonderful Lady. She will be missed beyond measure. Wishing you and Family our deepest sympathy.*

*Love and Hugs to all of you,
Patti and Paul Mertz*

Patti and Paul Mertz - September 27, 2017 at 08:48 PM

SS

“ *Ed, we were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you. Sarah & Rick Spencer*

Sarah Spencer - September 26, 2017 at 09:08 AM

MU

“ *The memories of Ann Marie will last forever in the hearts of so many students and people that she met and interacted with. Her giving spirit and willingness to help with any task were gifts that continue to give. Her example of caring for each person as an individual is a lesson in humanity at its best.*

It is difficult to realize that she is no longer here to continue teaching us. My sincere regret for such a loss to her family, but also to those who did not get a chance to know her.

*With prayers for peace in this time of sorrow,
Mildred Unfried*

Mildred Unfried - September 25, 2017 at 09:21 AM

SB

“ *This picture may be blurry, but my memory of Ann Marie is clear as can be. In 2008 she decided to train for a 5k and surprise her family on race day (which she successfully did with the biggest smile I have ever seen on a runner's face!).*

She worked so hard, despite running not being easy for her. And at every practice she would walk into the store and light up the room with her smile and warmth. She made the world a better, brighter place, and I know her light will shine on to brighten the way for all those who follow in her footsteps and live with No Boundaries.

I will always remember this remarkable woman and send love to her family and friends.



Stephanie Blozy - September 24, 2017 at 08:23 PM

HH

“ Her colleagues at Masters in Homecare purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ann Marie Dombroskas.



Her colleagues at Masters in Homecare - September 24, 2017
at 03:38 PM

JR

“ The first time I met Ann Marie I knew we would be close friends. Always a smile and a warm welcome she truly personified the type of person that pleased G-d. Her innards were as warm as her appearance and she always truly believed in the best of mankind, never seeing the glass half empty! She will surely be missed! The only solace is that she will be enjoying her afterlife singing with the angels.

Jeff Respler

Jeffrey Respler - September 24, 2017 at 02:45 PM

GB

“ Nurse Dombroskas, thank you so much for everything you did for me, from helping me search for cough drops to letting me nap in the nurses office when I had a panic attack or felt overwhelmed, to calming me down when I was crying about something or other, to letting me vent to you. You're such a kind and generous soul and you always had something funny to say, and you had a lot to put up with but you always told me I was one of your favorites. I love you. Im going to miss your Red Sox decorations and funny magnets, and the warm smile and “you again?” you always had for me when I walked in. Godspeed, and my condolences to your family.

gabriella brackman - September 24, 2017 at 12:48 PM

NF

“ *Natick Wrestling Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ann Marie Dombroskas.*



Natick Wrestling Family - September 24, 2017 at 11:50 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ann Marie Dombroskas.*



September 24, 2017 at 09:26 AM

MK

“ *Ann Marie was a very important person in the life of our family during the latter part of our parents lives. She was so much more than a visiting nurse. My siblings and I used to say she was like another sister. Her compassion, her loving honesty, her problem solving, her unconditional support, her humor, her kindness and so much more! It is hard to imagine how we could have dealt with those complicated years without Ann Marie's care and love and understanding. The world is a sadder place now, but better for all the lives she touched. I will never forget Ann Marie and send prayers and heartfelt condolences to her family and appreciation for sharing her with us and so many others.*

Godspeed Ann Marie!

Meredith Klein

Meredith Klein - September 24, 2017 at 06:53 AM



“ *Annmarie was one of the most generous and thoughtful human beings I have ever met. She was kind and creative and an incredible problem solver and solution finder. May her memory forever be a blessing it will always be one in my heart.* ”

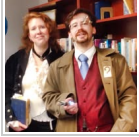
Amy E. Mager - September 24, 2017 at 12:32 AM



“ *David Berry lit a candle in memory of Ann Marie Dombroskas* ”



David Berry - September 23, 2017 at 11:21 PM



“ *Ann Marie:*

I remember with great fondness the first time we chatted at the HHNE Welcome Barbecue. You bustled up to us to introduce yourself; sparkling eyes, enthusiastic smile, and the attentive interest of a sharp mind with a warm heart. I saw all of this and, in one split second, thought, "Oh my God; we've got a Dreadnaught!" I could see it, right there: the fearless courage that would not let go when you were certain you were right.

I didn't tell you that story for three years; I told it to you when I was horribly ill. I was trying to get to my final exams, and thought I should ask you for a preventative medicine to deal with a nasty contagious bug I'd caught. You asked to see my hands, took me by the wrists, told me to sit down, and back-heeled the door closed: "You are not going anywhere near those students. I'll get someone to fetch the tests for them." I was stunned. At a rough guess, there are five people on the planet who would have dared to prevent my going to the test; I'd have argued with three of them. Thank you for being one of the other two.

You've been a great friend, colleague, sounding board, and occasional co-conspirator. I still won't tell if you won't.

*Farewell and Godspeed,
Dan Page.*

Daniel Page - September 23, 2017 at 10:59 PM

HP

“ *To the Dombroskas family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Ann Marie had the most beautiful soul and the warmest spirit. She made everyone at HHNE, students and faculty alike, feel loved and looked after. She was so special, and we will miss her so much. Please know that our prayers are with you at this very difficult time.*

Heather and Daniel Page

Heather Page - September 23, 2017 at 09:46 PM

SR

“ Ann Marie,
I only met you a couple of times, but you met me with a smile and words of encouragement as I started at Masters. Everyone has spoken so highly of you and loved you so dearly. I only wish I had been able to really know you and work with you.



My condolences to Ann Marie's family and friends.

Samantha Andrews, RN

Samantha Andrews RN - September 23, 2017 at 03:02 PM

JA

“ Ted, Rob, and Lynn,
I was so saddened and shocked to hear this news. And I can't help but immediately reflect on what a beautiful woman your mom was. As a teenager, I was so thankful to know her--her positive spirit and smile. Her dedication to all of you was clear and strong. She was such a blessing to the whole church community. I wish I could be there on Sunday. Thinking of you. Praying for your family. I know she will continue to protect you and take pride in you.
-Jackie Shelburne Abramczyk.

Jackie Shelburne Abramczyk - September 23, 2017 at 12:55 PM

CJ

“ The Jennings family is so saddened by this news. We will always be grateful that you and Ann Marie opened your home and family to us during our transition back to New England from Missouri. Our hearts and prayers to you and the children, and please know we miss you all very much.
- Chris and Manya

Christopher A Jennings - September 23, 2017 at 12:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ann Marie Dombroskas.*



September 23, 2017 at 10:53 AM



“ *Dear Ed,*

We were saddened to read of the death of your wife Ann Marie. We did not know her personally, but it is clear that she lived a life of service to others. Her final time on this earth must have been one of suffering for both Ann Marie and you. ALS is such a cruel disease. May you now be at peace and find comfort in your family and friends.

Jack Foley and Saranne Murray

Jackson W. Foley, Jr. and Saranne Murray - September 23, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ *Hi Ed! Unfortunately, I never had the pleasure of meeting your beautiful wife. I am truly saddened to hear of her passing and my sincere condolences go out to you and your family. The only consolation is knowing that she is in the arms of God now enjoying her well earned reward.*

Rick Andisio - September 23, 2017 at 09:00 AM

JF

“ My dearest AM, I cannot believe you are gone from us. We shared so many wonderful times, from Madonna Hall at SJC, to sharing that bassinette among all our children, to Detroit and DC and gathering with our classmates. You always enjoyed every moment and as I look back at our pictures you always had the biggest smile! So loving and so kind, it was my privilege to be among your friends. I will miss you forever and I just feel like today the world isn't as nice a place as it was when you were in it. May God protect your beautiful family.
Janet Fisher

Jan Fisher - September 22, 2017 at 09:30 PM

EG

Dear Ed,
I'm so sorry to hear of your wife's passing. May God bless you and your family. With sympathy, Elinor Gregory

Elinor B Gregory - September 23, 2017 at 01:14 AM

EG

Text 203 988-3229
I don't use e-mail.

Elinor B Gregory - September 23, 2017 at 01:16 AM

KD

“ Ann Marie was quite simply the most caring person and most attentive school nurse I've ever encountered, She took exceptional care of the KO students and teachers for so many years. I have particularly wonderful memories of our trip to Brooklyn for Diane's wedding. She will be dearly missed!!

Kathy Dunn - September 22, 2017 at 09:17 PM

JF

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Jan Fisher - September 22, 2017 at 08:36 PM

JF

Ann Marie's Surprise Bridal Shower at SJC, April 1980 (note the "Kleenex" being offered!)

Jan Fisher - September 22, 2017 at 09:38 PM

GR

“ *Bogey's second mom. We had an instant connection with the Dombroskas family through Ann Marie. She helped us through 2 acting out teenagers, and her own! Always a cherished friend, We will miss her charm, her wisdom and her sparkle, Gail and Steve, Matt and Jordan Ruby*

gail ruby - September 22, 2017 at 08:34 PM

MK

“ *Ted, I first met your mom while I was a reading teacher at Web. Hill so long ago, you were in 3rd or 4th grade. I am so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing! Your mom was always a ray of light! God bless and comfort all of you!*
Michele Klimczak

Michele Klimczak - September 22, 2017 at 07:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ann Marie Dombroskas.



September 22, 2017 at 07:47 PM



“ We are so sorry. She was a bright soul with a happy enduring spirit. She will be missed by many and that in itself is telling about the type of person she was. She wil remain in the hearts of many.

Morgan Koth - September 22, 2017 at 06:51 PM



“ Our time in England: rainy days, a deerstalker cap, the Lakes Region, and Tiddy Dolls restaurant. Lots of laughs and memories. I was sick. She was concerned. I will miss her forever. My love, thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Donna Morelli - September 22, 2017 at 06:27 PM



“ Like so many people, I was welcomed into the Dombroskas family. Anne Marie was a person of rare compassion and generosity. My prayers for you all. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



Nick Browne - September 22, 2017 at 06:23 PM

SM

“ My heart breaks, yet how lucky I am to have experienced the love and caring and humor of this wonderful human being!!! These words so very true: "She was a healer, friend, counselor, mentor, and fierce supporter. Ann Marie was always ready with an ear to listen, a shoulder for support, a word of encouragement, an opinion or solution, or a healing touch." I send my HUGS to her wonderful family!!

Susan Myers - September 22, 2017 at 02:02 PM

KW

“ Edward, and Family My Deepest Sympathy's, and Prayers go out to you !
Ann Marie, from our 1st. meeting, Always welcomed me into your Home, had seats for Jane, and I, at the Holiday Table. But Most of All Ann Marie Had a Gift that enabled Her to find 'A Unique Twist" of Humor no matter what the situation, or conversation might have been..... She'll be Greatly Missed !

God Bless, Kevin

Kevin J. Waters - September 22, 2017 at 12:51 PM

LK

“ One of the most beautiful souls I have ever met. I am heartbroken today for all of you. Ann Marie and Ed helped me through the toughest time of my life and we shared many hours over the past 15 years laughing and remembering good times. Her smile lit up a room.... thinking of the lunches in Sturbridge Village and with David and Jean in Rhode Island visiting your beach house a wonderful trip to London and Munich years ago.... and a Texas BBQ in Grapevine... I was lucky to know her!

Lauri Klefos - September 22, 2017 at 11:52 AM

HL

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ed and his wonderful family. it's hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing that Ann Marie will remain in the hearts of everyone who was blessed to know her - a pure Angel.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
The Lundquist family*

Heidi Lundquist - September 22, 2017 at 04:35 PM

FC

When Ann Marie came to KO Middle School, I found a friend for life. She tackled life with wisdom, wit and compassion. Without her help my life just wouldn't be as wonderful as it is. There's a special place in my heart that will always be hers.

Fran Clakre - September 22, 2017 at 07:48 PM

GD

*Dear Lynn and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Fondly,
George D.*

George Deliman - September 23, 2017 at 09:06 PM

AC

Dear Rob and Family,

Sorry for your loss. Can't stop reading the wonderful memories of your Mom. Wish I had the privilege of meeting her. Definitely, one great lady, who gave of herself constantly. You have the same caregiving qualities as your Mom. And I've benefited from those qualities for years now. With a heavy heart, I share in your sorrow.

Respectfully,

Anthony Cappabianca

Anthony Cappabianca - September 23, 2017 at 10:03 PM

OO

*Ed,
I'm very sorry for your loss. I hope God gives you the strength to
continue to be person you are and honor Ann-Marie's life as it was.
Oleg*

Oleg Ouchakof - September 24, 2017 at 07:27 AM

HS

*Whenever Ann Marie was at SSDS, there was sunshine following her.
She brightened up everyone's day and lives. I loved being part of the
fire engine surprise proposal from Ted to Mary. May her memories
bring the whole family smiles and comfort....eventually.*

Helen Schwartz - September 24, 2017 at 08:09 PM