



## Monica Mercier

October 27, 1960 - October 24, 2011

Monica Brajczewski Mercier, 50, beloved wife and friend of Alfred R. Mercier of Bloomfield, died peacefully in her husband's arms at her home Monday, October 24, 2011. Born in Hartford, the daughter of Adam Brajczewski of Wethersfield and the late Theresa Kadel Brajczewski, she made her home in Bloomfield for the past 13 years. A believer that "education was the foundation to anyone's success" Monica made this achievement a priority early in her life. An Associates of Arts from The Hartford School for Women then a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Salve Regina in Newport Rhode Island, a Sixth Year degree from the University of Connecticut with a specialization in reading and finally a Masters in Education from Central Connecticut State University. This set the framework for her to give back with a teaching position within the Fallsburg School District in New York State. She was successful in her goal to return to Connecticut and teach in its school system, remaining in the Hartford Public School system for the rest of her career. The love of her life soon became her devoted husband who encouraged her to aim high in everything she attempted. She and Alfred were blessed with the birth of Rose Chantele in 2001, a child who provides beauty and love deeper than is imaginable. Monica's interest in gardening staked the way for holding the position of President of the West Hartford Garden Club, creating friendships and learning to find peace and solitude through gardening and the outdoors. Monica was passionate about knitting, creating beautiful sweaters for herself, her daughter, and her husband. A supporter of many causes, Monica was

involved in Cure for Cancer walks and activities, animal shelters, and environmental concerns through recycling efforts at every level. She found much happiness spending many summers vacationing in Watch Hill Rhode Island, especially during her final years when the sound of the ocean waves were very soothing for her. But, most of all, Monica was a very affectionate human being who loved conversation with the company of others. It was soon after that Monica's illness was all-consuming, unfortunately making her life short but filled with love from her family, friends, and loved ones. Besides her husband and father, she is survived by her daughter Rose, her sister Mary Ann, and her brothers Michael and David. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main St., West Hartford. Calling hours are Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

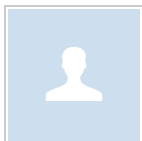


“ My heart aches for you, Aunt Monica. I miss you so much. I miss emailing you daily and reading your inquiries of how I am doing. You were the best Godmother. You took me under your wings. Keep praying for me. I will love you forever. Give my mom and grandma a big hug for me.

Melissa##imported-begin##Melissa Brajczewski  
Newman##imported-end##

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November 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Al: Our deepest sympathy. Tony and Robin##imported-begin##Tony and Robin##imported-end##

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November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Al, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. My sincere best thoughts are with you and your daughter and family. Renise##imported-begin##Renise Cohen##imported-end##

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October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Al,  
I am truly sorry for your loss. Treasure the times and the memories with her and know that she will always be with you and a part of you. You and your daughter are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Robyn Staros##imported-end##

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October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ AI,  
*I am so very sorry for your loss. You and Rose are in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Carolyn Hazel##imported-end##*

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October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ AI, Rose; we bereave for your lose and will say a prayer. With Love always.##imported-begin##Ed & Kathy Shore III##imported-end##

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October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ A beautiful smile; a beautiful friend ~  
*Dear Rose and AI, and Family*  
*My family and I hold you in our deepest and most sorrowful thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. Monica was like a sister to me; the gift and comfort of her friendship will live in my heart forever. She was there for me when I needed her most ~ to pass on her prayer shawl to me; to hold my hand at my Mom's grave; to make a copy of a picture for me that I loved of our Moms S.S. Cyril & Methodius graduation picture and mail it to me specially; to bop and shop around on our knitting store outings; to share her delicious peanut butter kiss cookies from a double batch that she and Rose baked. All these things and more, and her smile to make my soul so happy. I thank you for sharing Monica with me. And AI and Rose, you were Monica's shining stars; AI ~ you were her rock and Rose - you were Mom's pride and joy in everything you said and did.##imported-begin##Eva O'Brien##imported-end##*

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October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ AI - My family and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to you and your daughter, Rose. Dominic##imported-begin##Dominic Greco##imported-end##

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October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ AI,

*Please know that you and Rose are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. This has been a difficult year with three other friends all under 50 passing. I can't image what you must be feeling, but please stay strong and positive and know that you have family and friends who love and care for you and Rose. Let them help bear this burden.##imported-begin##Karri Rozario##imported-end##*

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October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ AI, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Saxton##imported-end##*

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October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Rose and Monica's family during this difficult time. Please accept our sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Vanessa & Devan Combs##imported-end##

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October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *The world has loss a caring wonderful person. Monica worked with Bill and lat the Bushnell Memorial. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Al and Rose.##imported-begin##Delores Fitzgerald##imported-end##*

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October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We will always remember Monica as an engaging, thoughtful and loving person with that wonderful smile. We send our deepest sympathy, loving thoughts and prayers to Al, Rose and your family in this difficult time. A candle will always be lit in our hearts for Monica. May God bless.##imported-begin##Warren and Mary Hartzell##imported-end##*

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October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Al and Rose,  
Monica's courage was a tribute to you and the love your family shared. May you find comfort and peace from the beautiful memories you created together. You are both in my heart, thoughts and prayers. Jane Johansen##imported-begin##Jane Johansen##imported-end##*

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October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Al We are extremely sorry for your loss. Having known Monica, God has reserved a great place for her.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your daughter.##imported-begin##Jeffrey & Tammy Vuocolo##imported-end##*

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October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Al,  
Monica has found "the peace that passes all understanding." May your grief find ease in the love she bore for you and Rose. Across the miles, I send my prayers and abiding affection.  
Sally###imported-begin##Sally Jett###imported-end##

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for the loss of your loved one. Just remember that she is now in a better place. May God continue to bless you and your family in this very difficult time.###imported-begin##Julia Chacon###imported-end##

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Monica,  
Every day I hoped and prayed for a Miracle. I finally realized that:  
You were that Miracle. Please give Baci, Mom and Laura a big hug  
and kiss for me. We will help finish what you started here.*

*Al,  
Thank you is too small to express what I feel for what you did for my  
baby sister. You know how I feel.*

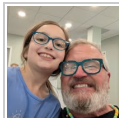
*Rose,  
Every day of your Mom's life was about you. She will always be  
here for you - just speaking to you in a different way now.*

*To all Monica/Al/Rose's friends,  
Thank you for all your expressions of love-they were all much  
needed and appreciated over the years.*

*To the professionals at St. Francis and Hebrew Hospitals,  
You did much more than 'your job'. It was both noticed and highly  
appreciated. Thank you so very much.##imported-begin##Michael  
Brajczewski##imported-end##*

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



*I miss you every day*

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**Mike Brajczewski** - October 31, 2024 at 11:52 PM



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*Al:*

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss.. may you find comfort in the memories you hold and may her energy continue to surround you with love and warm your heart.##imported-begin##Elaine Ferguson##imported-end##*

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



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*To my sister, who:*

*Spoke her mind a family trait  
Loved the name Rose  
Possessed African Violets that stayed in bloom not easy  
Baked gingerbread men, candy cane cookies, and all types of cupcakes  
Nearly always had one or more dogs  
Loved her husband  
Was a beautiful baby  
Looked forward to Halloween  
Cherished the movie &ldquo;Scrooge&rdquo; but only the Alistair Sim version of &ldquo;Scrooge&rdquo;  
Found solace in knitting  
Hated the hospital  
Displayed many family photographs  
Believed in angels  
Fought the disease to the end##imported-begin##Mary Ann##imported-end##*

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Al, Rose, Adam, Mary Ann, Michael, and David,  
My heart goes out to all of you. Monica was one of the bravest women I have ever known. Her fighting spirit whether it was to ensure the kids she taught had the best education they could get or whether it was fighting her own battle with cancer was an inspiration. I have so many fond memories of growing up down the street from your family and of our vacations at Hampton Beach. I will miss my Friday coffee dates with Monica at Starbucks, but I hope she is finally at peace and enjoying knitting in heaven with my Mom, your Mom, and Baci.

Al & Rose - You were the light of Monica's life and our coffee dates and e-mails were always about the latest happenings at Renbrook, CCD class adventures, or your latest vacation. Please let me know anything I can do to help you in the coming weeks and months.

My love and sympathy to all of you,  
Cathy###imported-begin##Cathy Berey & Family###imported-end##

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Al, Rose, Adam, Mary Ann, Michael and David. I know there are no words right now that can help the unbearable pain we all fell. Monica was an angel on earth and now she has her wings on up in heaven. I love you all, you will forever be in my heart and prayers as Moncia will. I have so very many fond memories of Monica. I will never let them go. With the heaviest heart, all my love forever more.###imported-begin##Juliane Winiarski###imported-end##

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Al & Rose,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
Monica was an incredibly strong woman who will be remebered  
forever for her will to live, and her love of her beautiful family. May  
your memories of her love help you find comfort in her passing.  
Our deepest sympathy,  
The Burstein Family##imported-begin##David & Mary Ellen  
Burstein##imported-end##

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Al & Rose, May you find comfort during this difficult time in your  
memories, your love for each other, and the many gifts Monica  
shared. You will remain in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-  
begin##Paula Ostop##imported-end##

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



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Al:

*Monica will be remembered and missed by the entire Schwartz family. My older girls were crazy about her, returning from babysitting Rose and saying, "I love Monica. She's great." I know how they felt. Monica was refreshingly unfiltered, and was a very deep thinker. With very few words, you knew you were in the presence of someone who had an opinion, and she was willing to share it. Most of all, you knew that she truly cared.*

*I know Monica is deeply grateful to you, Al. First, you shared the most treasured gift with her, the gift of Rose. I also loved the way she always called you "Alfred"! On one of my last nights visiting Monica at the Hebrew Home, she was waiting for the Greek Salad that you were bringing for her dinner. I started to doubt you because it seemed like it was getting late! She jumped right in. "If Alfred says he is doing something, he will. He'll be here." She could always count on you, Al.*

*You really came through.*

*Love,*

*and God Bless,*

*Laurie###imported-begin###Laurie Schwartz###imported-end##*

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



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*My most sincere sympathies go out to the entire Brajczewski family. I am a close friend of Melissa's. May God bless you and keep you all so very close. You are in my prayers.###imported-begin###Meaghan Rossbach###imported-end##*

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Al and Rose,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will always remember  
Monica's love for her family....the way she lit up when she spoke of  
the two of you. May her love help you through.

Our Deepest Sympathy,  
Damion Baker and Katrina Erickson##imported-begin##Damion  
Baker, Katrina Erickson##imported-end##

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Al & Rose,we are sending Light Love & Peace & holding you in  
our Hearts & Prayers,Harry & Doris Bunton.##imported-  
begin##Doris Bunton##imported-end##

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Al: sorry to hear of your wife's passing. I was just asking Ronnie the  
other day about your wife. Words cannot express what you have  
been and are going through. I lost my little sis in 1994 to cancer, she  
was 28. I still miss her. Please take care. U r n my prayers. My wife  
is also ill and I worry and pray for her daily. May peace and love be  
with you.##imported-begin##Glenn Sparks##imported-end##

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October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Al & Rose,

*I want you both to know how much my family is thinking of your family at this sad time. Monica showed us all how to fight and her courage was great. While she was battling her illness she showed me a greater quality, which was her never ending love for both of you. Our prayers go out to Monica and your family.*

*Denise, Jim, Lauren and John##imported-begin##Denise Pratt##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Al and Rose,

*Our family shares its thoughts and prayers with you as you celebrate Monica's life. You are an amazing team. We love and support you both. Please know you are surrounded by so many people who love you very much. Our deepest sympathy, The LaSpada's##imported-begin##Carrie##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I can remember Monica walking up and down Kenmore Rd. with her dogs. She always stopped to chat and always had a warm smile on her face. Her presence will certainly be missed. Needless to say, I send my love and support to Al & Rose.

*Louise Wilder##imported-begin##Louise Wilder##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Al and Rose,  
so sorry for your lost. Be strong, we're together with you! Always  
remember the trip to big apple with you! Will remember Monica, a  
dog lover, recycler-on-everything, and great Mom!  
The Potter Family##imported-begin##Yun ##imported-end##

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October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so blessed to have Aunt Monica in my life. I will never forget  
her smile that lives on in my cousin Rose, her great sense of humor,  
and the love we shared as godmother and goddaughter. when my  
mom died in 2007 of breast cancer, aunt monica would email me  
every day lifting me up emotionally. my heart hurts so much for my  
beloved aunt..till we meet again, aunt monica..i will love you  
forever.##imported-begin##Melissa Brajczewski  
Newman##imported-end##

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October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Al: My deepest sympathy to you and Rose on the passing of  
Monica. If I can do anything, please do not hesitate to ask -- you  
were there for my family and your support was much appreciated.  
May she rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon her  
forever.##imported-begin##Thomas Annulli##imported-end##

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