

Terry Devenuti Eulogy. March 25, 2023

Terry was a wonderful Mom, Wife, Grandmother, Mom-in-Law, Sister-in-Law, Aunt, Cousin and Friend. She was a dynamic, creative, caring life force in the family.

Fiercely loyal, trustworthy, honest, and loving.

She chose to view the world thru rose colored glasses, finding the good and beauty in everything and everyone. She was the epitome of having a positive attitude.

Her heart would ache for people in difficult situations and she would put them on her prayer list, even if she had never met them in person. We all think that she had a direct phone line to God because she did move mountains with her prayers. She had a beautiful soul.

Terry loved a celebration of any type and relished watching people laugh and enjoy themselves. Her car license plate read HOLIDAYS. This love of people and fun was represented in her paintings and beautiful artwork as she spent her life as a professional artist and painter. Her medium of choice was acrylic on canvas. Her inspiration came from the beauty and movement of water, nature and the interaction of people. She studied at Marymount College in NYC where she received a BFA Degree in Fine Art, and then continued her post graduate studies at Columbia University. Her career included many gallery and art exhibits, and her work is in several personal art collections.

Terry and Ron had just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past Sept. 29, 2022. Family was everything to her. Her grandchildren Drew and Ryan were the special joys in her life. They called her 'MA'. When they were young, she would drive up to Croton several times a week where they lived, and sit with them. They would bake cookies, play games, do crafts, and sometimes attempt homework when they got to school age. She would take them off the bus with her special bright smile. They could eat chocolate whenever they wanted, and teeth brushing was optional.

Terry's kids Craig and Denise had a very close special bond with their Mom. Craig would take her for Sunday drives to see the water, and they would watch movies on Netflix together. Denise and her Mom would have special Friday afternoons together, where they would go shopping and have a delicious lunch.

Birthdays, Christmas, Terry's Hen party, Thanksgiving and special occasions were opportunities to have a party and for her to cook her amazing food for everyone to enjoy. Whether it was sitting around the dining room table, or outside by the pool she loved having her special people around her.

Terry, Ron and the family also loved to go out to dinner often. They had special restaurants that they enjoyed going to, and ended up becoming friends with the owners and waiters of many of

the local places they visited. They then became family too. They also loved to spend time in Montauk Long Island enjoying the beautiful beach views and taking long drives in the car.

Ironically, Terry took her last breath on March 21st, the first day of Spring, her favorite season. While her body was tired and could not fight anymore, Mother Nature was preparing for a fresh beginning. Craig, Denise & Ron were there with her, holding her hands, until the end. They let her know that they wanted her to go to Heaven, so that she would not be uncomfortable anymore, and that they would be ok since they had each other, and the love of family and friends for support. There are a lot of wonderful people up in Heaven to welcome her in. We know that they will all be together singing, dancing, and laughing. She is in good hands.

The family thanks you for all of the overwhelming love and support that they have received during this difficult time. Please continue to pray for them to stay strong, and stay focused on the beautiful memories of a live well lived with LOVE.