



## Julie A. Durantini

December 24, 1942 - November 3, 2019

Julie A. Durantini, 76, of Cicero, NY died peacefully at Francis House on Sunday, November 3, 2019 after a hard-fought battle with lung cancer. Born on December 24, 1942 to the late Julio and Violet (Filippi) Durantini, Julie graduated from East Syracuse High School in 1960 and began working for Pepsi Cola. A quintessential independent career woman long before it was acceptable, Julie achieved a decades-long career at Bristol-Myers Squibb as the executive assistant to the president of Bristol Laboratories, several vice presidents and numerous researchers, including the team responsible for producing the cancer-fighting drug Taxol. She officially retired from BMS in 1999 yet returned numerous times over the following years when her expertise was requested.

Julie was equally dedicated to her family and friends and greatly enjoyed spending time with her siblings and their children, as well as close friends, whether to share a good cup of coffee, a great meal and conversation or to travel to destinations both near and far.

Julie was predeceased by her brother Robert J. Durantini, Sr. in 2002. She is survived by her brother Joseph Durantini of Ft. Myers, FL; sister-in-law Jacklyn Durantini; nieces and nephews Robin, Robert J. Jr. (Mary Ann), Daniel (Christine), David (Sandy Otis), Steven (Angela), Tami, Todd, Troy (Kelly); 11 great-nieces and -nephews; cousin Donna (Chuck) Marlin; and several longtime dear friends, especially Sally (Steve) Van Camp. As Julie wished, her services were private.

Our family is grateful to her caregivers at Hematology-Oncology Associates and Crouse Hospital 4South and ICUs for the care and compassion shown to our beloved aunt. We are forever thankful to Francis House and Hospice of CNY for the love and comfort they provided Julie and ask that any donations in her memory be made to them.

# Comments

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“ I had the privilege of working alongside Julie during a portion of her time at Bristol Myers Engineering Dept., Syracuse.

She was admired and respected by all for her professionalism and humor. May God bless her and God bless Francis House.

Bob Peissinger

**Robert Peissinger** - November 12, 2019 at 11:51 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Joe and Jackie and Families..Julie was a great person who lived her life the way she wanted to. It was always a privilege to share memories of times past whenever we saw Julie. She will be missed but never forgotten. Our prayers and thoughts are with her.

Fred & Marilyn

**Frederick Hartung** - November 10, 2019 at 04:49 PM

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“ i Was deeply saddened to hear of Julie's passing. She was a warm, giving, funny lady. My memories of her at Bristol are filled with wit, compassion, professionalism and understanding. She helped me out on many occasions and always kept me laughing. Julie was very special and her love and loyalty to her family was from her heart. We may have drifted apart over the years but she'll always be in my heart, remembering some of her antics that still make me laugh. My deepest condolences to her family.

**cindy clarke** - November 10, 2019 at 09:10 AM

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“ To the entire Durantini family, I am so sorry of your loss. Julie was an amazing woman with her accomplishments in life. My prayers and heart are with you during this difficult time. Rae

**Rae deFuria** - November 09, 2019 at 06:07 PM

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“ Dear Family of Julie,  
I worked with Julie at Bristol back in the eighties. She was a wonderful person. I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincerest condolences.

Steve Heft

**Steve Heft** - November 09, 2019 at 02:33 PM