



Mary M. Letasz

July 4, 1964 - February 5, 2021

Mary M. (Kapper) Letasz, 56, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 5, 2021 at Baystate Medical Center, with her loving family by her side. Born July 4, 1964, Mary was a lifelong Chicopee resident and a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School, Class of 1982. At her time at Chicopee Comp, Mary was a part of the band, photography club, newspaper, girls' basketball manager, and high school yearbook. The people closest to her gave her the unofficial title of "Most Popular". Mary had been working for twenty-four years in accounts payable for Big Y Foods, Inc. In 2017, Mary earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Bay Path University. She was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr. Mary was a member with the Rosary Society, and helped start the Take and Eat program at St Stanislaus. She was also a 25-year volunteer with the Boston Marathon. What people noticed about Mary was her infectious smile. She filled her life with things she adored most; music, photography, friends, and family. Mary was always snapping photos, especially with the people she loved. Mary had a spectacular gift of creating deep bonds with everyone she met, from her time at St. Joan of Arc in Primary School till undergraduate at Bay Path, and every adventure in between. Mary is survived by her loving husband of twenty-eight years, David J. Letasz; loving daughter, Amanda M. Letasz, of Boston; her beloved parents, Janice (Smith) Kapper, of Chicopee and Eugene Kapper and his wife, Gail, of West Springfield; sisters, Michele Kapper, of Chicopee, Penny Smiarowski and husband Dan, of Sunderland, and Peggy Masuda and

husband John of California; niece, Alina, and nephews, Alex, Tyler and Nicholas; along with her cousins and dear friends. Funeral services will be held Tuesday from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St. Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial will follow in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Calling hours are Sunday from 2-5PM and Tuesday from 8:15-9:15AM, Mary requested that people wear bright colors to the wake. In lieu of flowers monetary donations can be sent to Each Moment We're Alive, Women's Cancer Support, PO Box 651, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

1390 Main St.
Agawam, MA 01001

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
565 Front Street
Chicopee, MA 01013
(413) 592-9256
kozikowskifh@gmail.com

Visitation

FEB **16**. 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM (ET)

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Mass

FEB 16. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

SA

“ I met Mary and her then boyfriend David in an Italian cooking class. I dont know if any of us really learned how to cook any Italian dishes, but we sure had a lot of laughs. Mary always greeted me with a smile and hug whenever we got together. We were always laughing and having a grand time. She was certainly one in a million and she will be missed by many. Rest in peace my dear friend. Until we meet again. I love you! Suzanne



Suzanne Abbott - February 20, 2021 at 09:37 AM

NL

“ I remember talking to Mary quite frequently about something we both had in common - the Boston Marathon. She was a 25 year volunteer and I was a 27 time runner of the marathon (25 years in a row from 1985 until 2009). I think we chatted at the YMCA in Springfield, but maybe it was actually on the marathon course. May she rest in peace and may God bless you and your family. I remember her as being a very sweet person.

Neal Lamberton - February 17, 2021 at 11:48 AM

DD

“ Denise DeLoria- Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Letasz



Denise DeLoria- Dixon - February 15, 2021 at 07:04 PM

AS

“ I met Mary some time in the mid 1980's before she got married. We worked together at Art Cement- Art stood for architecture and Mary worked up stairs in the drafting department. Though it was only for a short time that I worked there- I always remember her as being sweet, kind and very sunny and bright. It appears that she did well for herself- married all those years to the same man and a lovely daughter to boot. My heart goes out to you both. Over the years I've thought about her---it seems she knew the secret - to have so many friends and family miss her. Well, where ever she rests now, it is sunny and bright because she is there. She will be missed here on earth.

Ann (Ziencina) Sheehan

Ann Sheehan - February 14, 2021 at 04:58 PM

NK

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Narinder Kaur - February 14, 2021 at 12:09 PM

MB

“ Michele Burke lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Letasz



Michele burke - February 12, 2021 at 02:06 PM

MB

“ *Michael Burke lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Letasz*



michael burke - February 12, 2021 at 02:05 PM

LK

“ *David and Amanda. Sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Her positive outlook is a memory of her that we will carry with us always. Leonard and Diane Klemish. (Geoff's mom and dad)*

Len and Diane Klemish - February 10, 2021 at 03:44 PM

MB

“ February 9, 2021

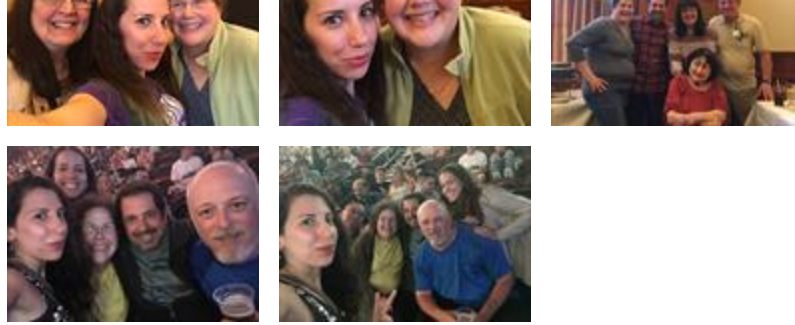
David & Amanda, friends, and family, even strangers that Mary has crossed paths with...I know she has made a forever impact on us all. I have never been good with loss by any means and I know that nothing said is able to make things better, however I know that Mary is now all our Guardian Angel. She is looking down on all of us and watching out for each one.

Mary truly was such a kindhearted, genuine person with a heart of gold. She really cared about those she loved, and it showed in every word she expressed, every action she made. Mary lit up a room whenever she entered, seeing her smile would simply make you want to smile. I feel truly blessed to have met Mary and I will never forget the unexpected, hilarious circumstances that made it so.

I will forever cherish all the memories had, the tons of photos we took, concerts we saw together, conversations, smiles exchanged and just so much laughter whenever she was around. Up until the very last time I spoke with her, she was still smiling, still glowing, still happy, still so excited, and full of life. That is how I will remember her as I look back at the wonderful memories, we all captured. I have never been happier for the still images caught in time where I feel almost as if I can be transported to that same moment in time by just a simple glance. These images, I will cherish even more so now. We all love you SOOOO much Mary, no words can express the life we have lost. You were sincerely one of the good ones and you will be sorely missed. I will never forget how much your eyes lit up whenever you were watching a concert and the pure, genuine happiness that came along with it. I hope you now get to see all the concerts your heart desires from the best seat in the house!!!

XOXOXO
~Melissa~





Melissa Brown - February 09, 2021 at 06:24 PM

JB

“ *I worked with Mary at the Support Center at Big Y for many years. Mary was always the sweetest and kindest person. She always wore her famous signature smile everyday and continuously remained upbeat and positive. Her happy character stayed with her through the duration of her illness and treatment. Mary's unwavering strength and faith was an inspiration to me and so many others. Mary, I will miss you, we all will. Heaven is lucky to have you now.*

Judy Blackwell - February 09, 2021 at 02:59 PM

BS

“ *Mary and her family has been close to our family since she was just a baby. We have seen Mary grow up to be a beautiful and courageous woman. Her battle will not go unnoticed here or in the afterlife. We will miss her beautiful smile. May she Rest In Peace. Our Sympathies are with David, Amanda and her family.*

Ralph & Betty Shrewsbury & Ron Gough

Betty Shrewsbury - February 09, 2021 at 02:47 PM

CM

“ I met Mary 2 summers ago when I began working for Oxen Hill Farm and she would pick up her weekly CSA. She was luminous, and kind, and enthusiastic and adorable. I looked forward to seeing her and hearing what she had chosen to do with her veggies every week. I didn't see her more than twice this summer as I was working in a different location, but remembered her often and secretly wished she did her pickup in Suffield where I was. I will miss her!!!
I extend my deepest condolences on behalf of myself and Oxen Hill Farm.

Claire Malloy - February 09, 2021 at 02:42 PM

MF

“ Mary you will always be a firecracker. No wonder why you loved colors. Didn't know you were a July 4th baby. Your positivity shined through you. All I have to do is close my eyes to see your beautiful smile. RIP. Your in no pain. Love you forever ❤️

Mary Ellen Flemati - February 09, 2021 at 01:27 PM

BB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barbara Babula - February 09, 2021 at 12:07 PM

PA

“ Loved you Mary, always helped me at Big Y...used to call you Bowery cuz you were always sweet & special..



Patty - February 09, 2021 at 11:59 AM

SM

Lv ya Mary ...thanks for all the smiles at swim ❤️

Sally Meiers - February 09, 2021 at 06:24 PM

SP

“ February 8, 2021
David and Amanda – no words can express the loss you have had. When I met Mary 14 years ago, at Szot Park, with Ella, I knew this woman was someone who was truly special – her eyes shined, her soul was pure. I became besotted with her and every time I bumped into her at Szot Park when I was walking our Scotties, she always brought a smile to our faces. Her vibe was catchy – I loved her stories of going to the concerts, casinos and trying to get a picture with the people in the band. She had the enthusiasm of a teenage girl, but the brain of an old soul who understood what life was about. As tears roll down my face, I can dream that one day we can once again go dog walking in the park. We were all blessed to have Mary in our lives, and every day I strive to be as upbeat, as kind and as funny as our Mary. With Mary’s vibrant soul, I am sure her presence will be felt and she will definitely let everyone know she is around. Mary was the first person who persuaded me to take a selfie – she was the best. I love you Mary and every time I walk at Szot and hear the owl, I will think of you.
Susan Pietras

Susan Pietras - February 09, 2021 at 11:36 AM

DG

“ *Blessed to have known her.*



Deborah Griffin - February 09, 2021 at 10:52 AM

LG

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Loriann Gagnon - February 09, 2021 at 09:35 AM

MA

Mary was sweet and wonderful human being. I am so blessed that had the opportunity to know her and her beautiful spirit. She will be missed, but will always be in my heart.

MARIA - February 10, 2021 at 06:16 PM

NK

When I first came to State in 1993, my husband introduced his very good friend Mary to me and she became my friend instantly. Since I didn't know much about States or had any friends here, Mary took initiative to ensure I was comfortable around here. She showed me around and often check upon on me to see if I needed anything. She quickly became a great friend much like a family member. I'll never forget what she did for me and my family. I was blessed to have a friend like her in my life. I will miss her always. Rest in peace my friend. Love you!

Narinder Kaur - February 14, 2021 at 12:05 PM

PM

I've been acquainted with Mary since we were kids growing up on the same street. Her kind spirit, and open, loving heart will always be remembered. My deepest, heartfelt condolence goes out to those she held dear, and for every life she touched. She was the closest to an angel on earth that any of us may ever come to know.

Penny Mead - February 14, 2021 at 09:09 PM