



Amy Leigh (Spilman) McDonald

April 12, 1974 - June 29, 2017

Troy NY,

Amy Leigh (Spilman) McDonald, 43, succumbed to cancer on June 29, 2017, and passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones. She is survived by the love of her life, husband Michael McDonald (Troy), dogs Dallas and Tuukka, mother Bobbi Lant (Saratoga), father Dennis Spilman (Saratoga), sister Kelly Corby (Pennsylvania), sister Kerry (Brendan) McCann (Delmar), mother-in-law Sandy McDonald (Cohoes), sister-in-law Lisa (Chris Brassard) Pouchak (Guilderland), and the nieces and nephews that she so adored; Kelsey & Haley Corby, Aidan & Dylan McCann, Brad & Gabby Pouchak, and Jackie Brassard. Amy leaves behind several cousins, aunts, and uncles, but is now reunited with family, friends, and pets who have gone before her.

Amy was born on April 12, 1974 in Silver Spring, MD, but grew up in Saratoga Springs, NY. She is a 1992 graduate of Saratoga Springs High School and received her B.S. in Biology from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1997 where she was a member of Alpha Phi Omega. Amy resided in Troy, NY and had a long career at St. Peter's Hospital where she made many friends. Amy enjoyed shopping, camping, and taking vacations especially in Ocean City, MD. She was an avid Def Leppard and Detroit Red Wings fan.

A memorial service will be held at 12pm on Wednesday July 5, 2017 at Marra Funeral Home, 246 Remsen St., Cohoes, NY 12047. Calling hours are 9am to 12pm prior to services. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to METAvivor Inc., and mailed to 1783 Forest Dr. #184, Annapolis, MD 21401 or online at www.metavivor.org

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Marra Funeral Home
246 Remsen Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 237-0206

Service

JUL 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KR

“ Amy was one of the first people I met when I moved to Saratoga. Geyser Road elementary, bike riding around the Crest, Brownies...too many memories to name. Amy was a very special person and will be missed.

Kristine (Jillson) Robinson - July 05, 2017 at 08:38 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Amy Leigh (Spilman) McDonald.



July 03, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Amy Leigh (Spilman) McDonald.



July 02, 2017 at 02:41 PM

KF

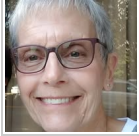
“ I wanted to send my deepest condolences to Amy's family. I didn't really know her since I was in Kelly's class, but I wish you all peace. Kate Francis (Goodness)

kathe Francis - July 02, 2017 at 09:59 AM

KC



Kelly Kathleen Spilman Corby - July 04, 2017 at 09:54 PM



“ I didn't know Amy but I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in her memory.

Joan Hemming

Joan Hemming - July 02, 2017 at 06:21 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.

Suzanne Kwasniewski - July 02, 2017 at 06:02 AM



“ Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Amy Leigh (Spilman) McDonald.



July 01, 2017 at 03:40 PM

LM

“ We are at a loss for words during this sorrowful time. Please know that we are thinking of you and praying for peace and comfort.
Love, Linda & Chuck Michadick

Linda Michadick - July 01, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Amy Leigh (Spilman) McDonald.*



July 01, 2017 at 12:22 PM

“Memories...oh, my...here we go: Decades of Skye Farm Memorial Day Weekend Family Camp, especially this past one. Nothing compares to memories made at Skye Farm. Feeling scared and safe at the same time while riding on your handlebars. Racing our bikes down the hills of Geyser Crest, hands up, feet out. Being mischievous in the 'way way back back' of the station wagon. Falling asleep in said wagon during every drive-in movie with tummys full of mom's amazing popcorn. Saturday morning cartoons. Dressing up Susie and Pookey with every hair accessory we could find. Basement swings in the winter - best dad ever - and the yard-circling sledding hill from the top of our frozen pool. That there was never enough concrete to hold our swing set in the ground. Youth group. Church dinners. Gurney Lane. Car games on the way to PA. Practicing our softball slides on dozens of magazines laid out on our carpeted hallway. Teaching Kerry how to throw her peas into the family room. You blaring Thunderstruck every morning. Hearing the tone in your voice as you told me about meeting Michael and quickly falling in love with each other. Your smile and tears of joy upon holding my newborn children. Your handwritten notes for thank-you's, birthdays, holidays, or just because. Loving, encouraging, and listening to me, no matter what I said or did. You defined unconditional love; as you were appropriately named. I've never known anyone to be more mindful and thoughtful than you, even though you cleverly tried to hide it with your snarky sass. You know that I've cried only two tears since you became an angel; one for Kelsey and one for Haley when I let them know that you were finally resting peacefully. You don't know that I cried many seas worth over these past few years - tears of fear and despair, tears of rage and guilt. Tears of empathetic pain, knowing that your loving heart was so very worried about how your babies, your hubby, your parents, nieces, nephews, sisters, and everyone else would manage without you here. You even worried about your teammates at work. You're still here. You're with all of us, every moment we choose to open ourselves up to your presence. I am so very grateful that you now know that God is very real. Thank you for being my angel. Thank you for letting me wish you peace in passing. Thank

you for letting go. My pain left when yours did. The part of my heart that belongs to you is now full of pure loving peaceful happiness. I am so very grateful that nothing hurts or worries you now. I was about to text you recent photos of Kelsey and Haley holding Aidan and Dylan last night. I do accept that I will never be the same, and that's perfectly okay, because you made such an awesome impact on our lives. Thank you for being my angel and for helping my pain turn into gratitude. The pain of having lost the opportunity to hug you again is simply equally proportionate to how incredibly amazing you always will be. I love you, sis.

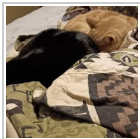
Kelly Kathleen Spilman Corby - July 01, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Amy Leigh (Spilman) McDonald.*



July 01, 2017 at 07:50 AM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of her passing. Amy was my first best friend when we moved into the crest. Though that was many years ago, and we grew apart over time, she still remained in my life. She was a very special person and her passing is something that I can't believe.*

Rebecca Rose - June 30, 2017 at 10:37 PM

FF

“ *from the Rose family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Amy Leigh (Spilman) McDonald.*



from the Rose family. - June 30, 2017 at 10:18 PM

EW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone at this difficult time. you are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Jim and Eleanor Wittmann

Eleanor Wittmann - June 30, 2017 at 09:58 PM

JC

“ *May you Rest In Peace angel!*



jim calhoun - June 30, 2017 at 09:37 PM

EC

“ *Amy was a beautiful woman with a kind heart and spirit. It was a pleasure to have known her. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Elizabeth Carpenter - June 30, 2017 at 09:35 PM

BG

“ *Our deepest condolences to Amy's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Bob & Dorothy Garland - June 30, 2017 at 09:14 PM

TD

“ *She was a beautiful woman... I am glad I had the opportunity to know her!!! May she Rest In Peace 💜Gone but never forgotten!!!*

tamera davis - June 30, 2017 at 09:06 PM

BG

“ *My deepest condolences to Amy's family. She'll be missed dearly. I feel fortunate to have befriended her through work.*
Beth Gagliardi

Beth Gagliardi - June 30, 2017 at 08:31 PM

SH

So sad to hear of Amy's passing. She was an amazing person. Sending prayers and hugs to the family!
-The McElwain Family

Shawn - June 30, 2017 at 08:57 PM

BD

Bobbi to you ,your girls ,Your son-in-law, and Dennis I can not express how sad I am for all of you. Amy was a beautiful person with a smile that will last forever. keep all the beautiful memories in your hearts that you all shared with her. Prayers to all of you at this very difficult time.

Beth DiMaria - June 30, 2017 at 09:13 PM

JS

My thoughts and prayers are with Amy's family during this very sad time.

Jim Stankus - July 01, 2017 at 08:28 AM

MC

Thoughts and prayers to Bobbi and to all of Amy's family. With love & peace to all of you from Cousin Maggie Bristol Chiperno

MaggieBristol Chiperno - July 01, 2017 at 02:07 PM

DH

We loved Amy since the day Michael beemed introducing her to us at his parents. She gave him years of joy & gave his family so much love. So sorry we are in Florida & can't be there. Love, Donna & Jim Hogan

donna hogan - July 01, 2017 at 04:19 PM