



## Rochelle L. Barness

June 19, 1969 - January 15, 2021

Rochelle L. Barness, 51, of Center Township peacefully passed away on January 15, 2021 in the compassionate care of Good Samaritan Hospice, Beaver, after a lengthy, unrelenting battle with kidney disease.

She was born on June 19, 1969 in Aliquippa and was the beloved daughter of the late Joseph P. and Karen R. (Charles) Barness.

Rochelle was a faithful member of Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, Center Twp., where she served with great pride as a Eucharistic Minister, a past President of Christian Mothers, and a member of the Pastoral Council and the Care and Concern Ministry. For several years during the Christmas season, Rochelle would collect personal care items and gift cards donated by parishioners for "Presents for Patients" at various Liberty Dialysis clinics in Beaver County, where she was a longtime patient. She also took the time to organize the distribution of holiday get well cards, made by the Religious Education students, for church members who were ill or homebound.

Rochelle was employed at Sears Auto Center in the service department as an Assistant Manager.

When she could no longer sustain conventional employment for health reasons, Rochelle generously focused the majority of her free time on charity. During her long tenure as President of the Friends of the Library for B.F. Jones Memorial Library in Aliquippa, she was essential in coordinating record-setting fundraising efforts, and she also served on the library's Board of Directors as Vice President for five years. Her strong desire to help others and

her zest for life were evident to all who knew her, and she could light up a room with her contagious laughter.

She is survived by her brother, Jason, of Scottsdale, AZ; loving aunts, uncles, and cousins; and cherished lifelong friends, Richard Fuller and Janet Nagy.

Per Rochelle's request there will be no public visitation. Family and friends will gather on Saturday, January 23, 2021, at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, Center Twp., where a Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 12:00 noon, with Rev. Joachim Morgan, O.S.B., officiating. Entombment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Rochelle's memory to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to Rochelle's caregivers on 3rd Floor Main at Brighton Rehabilitation and Wellness Center; the nurses and doctors at Heritage Valley, Beaver; the staff at Good Samaritan Hospice; the dialysis team at Liberty Dialysis, LLC; and all of her many loyal friends and neighbors for their unconditional love and unwavering support over the years.

Rochelle boldly fought her challenging health conditions for years while maintaining a positive outlook, an amazing sense of humor, and close, meaningful friendships. We find comfort in knowing that she is at peace with God, free from all suffering and pain, and reunited again with her loving parents.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks and social distancing are required.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Brodhead Road  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 23. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Frances Cabrini Parish  
115 Trinity Dr  
Aliquippa, PA 15001  
(724) 775-6363

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ I have know Rochelle since Todd Lane Elementary.... she is going to give Robin Williams a run for his money in Heaven because Rochelle can make anyone laugh and smile.  
She will be greatly missed but she is finally at rest ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Lori Cody - January 22, 2021 at 07:11 PM

AF

“ Rest in peace, dear Rochelle. You always had such a positive energy, despite all the hardships you faced. You were a kind, loyal and generous spirit, and your big smile and boisterous laugh are the things I will remember fondly. I'm sorry we never got around to another lunch. Happy that you are finally reunited with your dear parents. Sincere condolences to Rochelle's friends and family.



Anne Fignar - January 22, 2021 at 04:29 PM

JU

“ Rochelle was a truly wonderful, warm, and always laughing even when she was suffering inside. She truly had an amazing outlook on life. I will truly miss her. She definitely brought joy and kindness in this world and was always helping others. She always was giving so much of herself. She will be missed. Prayers and blessing for her family and friends.

Julie - January 22, 2021 at 12:44 PM

SO

“ I met Rochelle and her dad, Joe, when I was a nurse at their dialysis clinic close to 20 years ago. The family, including her mom, Karen, were the most kind, loving, and generous people I have ever met. I always looked forward to seeing Rochelle. She lit up the room. And if I was having a bad day, her laughter and smile were sure to make it better. I will miss her but it does my heart well knowing she is at peace with her parents and free of pain. God bless the Barness family. Rest well with God and your parents now, Rochelle.

Sonsheehray - January 21, 2021 at 11:50 PM

MJ

“ I will always remember Rochelle beautiful smile and laugh no matter how she felt she always had a smile on her face ..she wish be missed but I know her mom and dad greeted her with open arm 🙌🙏❤️ will never be forgotten



Marcy John - January 21, 2021 at 07:26 PM

TF

“ The Sams Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rochelle L. Barness.



The Sams Family - January 21, 2021 at 09:49 AM

LG

“ Rochelle was such a caring lady she was part of our church family and gave us all so much of herself. She will always be remembered. My deepest sympathy to her family. Rest with Jesus Rochelle

*Lisa Grundza*

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**Lisa Grundza** - January 20, 2021 at 07:06 PM

SG

“ My deepest sympathy to Rochelle's family and many friends. R.I.P. Rochelle  
Love and friendship,  
Sandy Grossi

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**Sandy Grossi** - January 20, 2021 at 06:55 PM