



Donna D'Ordine

March 10, 2025

Donna D'Ordine, 72, of Greenville, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2025. Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Salvatore and Lena (Bianchini) Butera.

Donna leaves behind her beloved children, Tracy Tancrede and her husband Eric, and Robert D'Ordine, Jr.; her cherished grandchildren, Megan and Avery; as well as her siblings, Cheryl Proulx and her husband Michael, Doreen Natale and her husband John, and Salvatore Butera, Jr. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and her dear friend, Beth Brown.

At the age of 34, Donna was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, but she never allowed the illness to define her. She dedicated herself to her family and her health, exploring every possible medical avenue to improve her quality of life. In 2000, Donna traveled to Washington, D.C., to see Michael J. Fox testify before a Senate committee advocating for Parkinson's disease research and funding. Donna was proud to meet him during this time and be part of such an important cause. For years, she actively raised funds and participated in the APDA Walk-a-thon for the American Parkinson's Disease Association, Rhode Island Chapter.

Donna fought Parkinson's disease for 38 years, doing so with a love of life and devotion to her family. Her strength and resilience in the face of adversity

were an inspiration to all who knew her.

In addition to being a loving mother, grandmother, and sister, Donna worked tirelessly to help others. She earned a degree in Social Work and served as a case manager, as well as working in group homes, touching many lives in the communities she served. She was known for her generous heart, fiercely independent spirit, and unwavering love for her family. Donna also had a strong faith and participated in several prayer ministries throughout her life.

Donna had a deep love for the ocean, flowers, and plants. She treasured her time at the beach and loved shopping with her granddaughters, enjoying visits to Chelo's with her son, and savoring her favorite cheesecake. She found joy in making loved ones laugh and, even in the later stages of her illness while at Greenville Skilled Nursing Center, she continued to advocate for others, inspiring everyone with her courage and independent nature.

Donna's family and friends will miss her more than words can express, but they take comfort knowing her legacy of strength, faith, and love will continue to inspire all who knew her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, March 18th, at 11:00 AM at St. Anthony Church, 1413 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Donna's memory may be made to the St. Anthony's food Bank

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony Church
1413 Mineral Spring Aveune
North Providence, RI 02904

Tribute Wall

AD

“ *Liebe Tracy!*

Mein herzlichstes Beileid im Nachgang!

Eben habe ich nach Dir gegoogelt liebe Tracy, wollte in Kontakt mit Dir treten, da sah ich Deine wundervolle Mum und las, dass sie zum Herrn hocherhoben worden ist in die friedliche und heilvolle Herrlichkeit zu ihrem Schöpfer heimgekehrt ist!

Sie war wundervoll! Diese Zeit in der ich sie erleben durfte, hat sie mich immer mit offenen Armen und Herzlichkeit sowie echtem Interesse empfangen.

*Alles Liebe! Gott segne Dich und Deine Lieben!
Der Herr möge Eure Traurigkeit in Dankbarkeit verwandeln!*

Angela aus Deutschland

Angela Dohmen - December 13, 2025 at 08:32 AM

TT

*Thank you so much Angela, please email me if you can
Tracy.tancrede@gmail.com
I also want to connect with you. I looked for you on Social media. I would love to hear from you. I have so many wonderful memories we shared! Love Tracy*

Tracy Tancrede - January 05 at 07:49 AM

SB

“ My husband was diagnosed of Parkinsons disease 2 years ago, when he was 49. He had a stooped posture, tremors, right arm does not move and also a pulsating feeling in his body. He was placed on Senemet for 8 months and then Sifrol was introduced and replaced the Senemet, during this time span he was also diagnosed with dementia. He started having hallucinations, lost touch with reality. Suspecting it was the medication I took him off the Siferol (with the doctor’s knowledge) and started him on PD-5 natural herbal formula we ordered from AKNNI HERBAL CENTRE, his symptoms totally declined over a 3 weeks use of the AKANNI HERBAL Parkinsons disease natural herbal formula. He is now almost 51 and doing very well, the disease is totally reversed! (Visit w w w.aknniherbscentre .com)

susan baker - May 21, 2025 at 01:29 AM

EB

“ *Tracy and Family*
So Sorry for the loss of your mom. She was always an inspiration as she had such great strength. Although the disease took over her mind was still sharp.
The day she was over for a cookout telling us she met Michael J Fox in DC and sat with him was hilarious. She was so excited to have the same surgery as him. She was such a trooper.
As we sat in church and the priest spoke so highly of her, I knew at that moment she is smiling down on you all. So glad she and my mom were best friends.
XO

erin brown - March 21, 2025 at 08:57 AM

RF

“ I sit here thinking about Donna, my first cousin, with sadness yet fond memories. We spent many Sundays at Uncle Sam’s and Aunt Lee’s home in Pawtucket...only one street over from the Picard’s and my old buddy Barry DeSaint.

As we were the same age, Donna and I took great pleasure in taunting Doreen. Cheryl was still very young, and Sal wasn’t yet in the picture (way to go, Uncle Sam!).

Parkinson’s took Donna’s life from her at a very young age. She suffered for so many years and I wept whenever I thought of her plight, which was often.

I will never forget that I had the opportunity to dance with Donna at Nicole’s wedding. We sat at the same table and laughed all night. As I reflect, I am grateful for the time we had together.

God bless you, Donna. You will be missed.

Ric Fiore

Richard F. Fiore - March 12, 2025 at 04:25 PM

LM

RIP Donna you never gave up you were a strong woman you will be missed ❤️❤️🙏

linda martino - March 12, 2025 at 06:45 PM

TC

Donna I will never forget your strength and love for your family. It was a pleasure and honor to have you as a friend and family member. May you Rest In Peace Teena McKissick Cummings

Teena McKissick Cummings - March 13, 2025 at 08:47 PM