



## Mrs. Tamara "Tammy" Canale

March 28, 1946 - October 19, 2017

Tamara "Tammy" Jeanne Canale, age 71, of Clarksburg, passed away on Thursday, October 19 at Berkshire Medical Center. She was born on March 28, 1946 in North Adams to the late Edith (Estes) Shaw and Nelson Shaw. Tammy grew up in the loving care of her aunt and uncle, the late Eunice (Estes) and Ralph "Buster" Cardinal, as well as her parents. She attended North Adams Public Schools and graduated from Drury High School in 1964. In 1966, Tammy married her high school sweetheart, Robert J. Canale, Sr. After residing for a short time in North Adams, the couple moved to Adams, where they lived and raised their children before retiring to Clarksburg in 1998.

Tammy worked for many years in North Adams, initially at the former Sprague Electric Company, and then as co-proprietor of The Flower Cottage with friend and business partner Jean Marchio; as a receptionist for the former Northern Berkshire OB/GYN; and more recently for Surgimed Corporation of North Adams. She took up bowling, enjoyed socializing over coffee with friends, and doted on her Yorkie and loving companion, Brody, during her retirement years. Tammy leaves behind her husband of 51 years, Robert J. Canale, Sr, a retired North Adams Police Detective. She is also survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Paul Testa of Ringoes, NJ and her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Melissa Canale, of Belchertown, MA.

Tammy was a very proud grandma of five grandchildren - Jocelyn, Chris, and Lily Testa of Ringoes, NJ and Nolan and Abby Canale of Belchertown, MA. In

addition to her husband, children and grandchildren, she also leaves behind a brother, Raymond Shaw, of Stephentown, NY, several nieces and nephews, and many dear friends and relatives.

Tammy was predeceased by her parents, aunts and uncles, and two sisters, Donna Cooper-Goodell and Lorraine Clark.

A Requiem Eucharist will be held on Monday, October 23rd at 10:00 A.M. in All Saints Episcopal Church, 59 Summer St., North Adams. Rev. Mary Francis Curns, Rector, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours will be held at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac Street, Adams, on Sunday from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. .

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society ([berkshirehumane.org](http://berkshirehumane.org)), 214 Barker Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ *A wonderful friend, we will never forget all the amazing fun times we shared. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this very difficult time. We love you all.*

Paul & Elaine Horbal - June 07, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *Dear Bob, I am so very sorry to hear of Tammy's passing. Through our many years of working together I had the pleasure of meeting your wife, such a kind and special woman. I know how heavy your heart must be to lose the love of your life. You will remain in my thoughts and prayers. My love and sympathies to you and your family, Paula (Greene) Kostyun, Pittsfield, MA*

June 07, 2018 at 11:00 AM

BB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all! She will always be in your hearts through your wonderful memories.*

Brenda & Jef Boutin - June 07, 2018 at 11:00 AM

RP

“ *Tam, You will be truly missed.. Such a beautiful person gone to soon.. ?*

Rhianon Hayes Littles Pharmacy - June 07, 2018 at 11:00 AM

IP

“ *Our deepest sympathies to your entire family. God bless. Sending our love.*

Ida Parente - June 07, 2018 at 11:00 AM

KC

“ *My sincerest condolences. Such a lovely & caring lady!*

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**Kathleen Toohey Carbone** - June 07, 2018 at 11:00 AM

PK

“ *I feel terrible! I just learned this morning of the passing of Tammy. My heart weighs heavy for Bob and their family. Tammy was a friend of mine in high school. I will always remember her as Tammy with the smile on her face. In the last couple of years I have run into Bob and Tammy at stores in the Berkshires and I loved seeing them. Such a beautiful loving couple. I am so sorry for the loss her family now has.*

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**Patricia Kelly** - June 07, 2018 at 11:00 AM

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“ *Our most heartfelt condolences to all of you at this very difficult time. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kelly Eastman** - June 07, 2018 at 11:00 AM