



Deanna Paras

September 14, 1986 - August 6, 2020

Deanna Paras, age 33 of Hobart, passed away on August 6, 2020. She was preceded in death by her dad-George Paras; Papou-Jimmy Dovellos and Yiayia-Maria Paras; aunts-Teresa Christos, Stella Tripodis.

Deanna is survived by her Mom-Leni (Dave) Vinzant; brothers-Christo (Amanda) Paras and Phillip; YiaYia-Thelma Dovellos; aunts-Marianne (Tim) Mecessyne, Johanna Kritikos, Irene Santos; uncles-Steve (Carol) Zaharias, Emmanuel Christos, Dennis Tripodis: Catheron Paras & Thea Shorts; several cousins and her stinkies -George, Theodora and Gus; special friends-Apollo, Iakovos, Isios and Julie, The Shower Crew, Skip and Debbie Price, Diana Boyle.

Deanna had a profound impact on everyone she met and was our cherished gift from God. She had a beautiful and infectious smile, a gift of gab and wit, and a generous and giving spirit. She was fiercely independent and hated relying on others. She could not wait to bring the flowerpots out of the greenhouse in the Spring. She also loved decorating the house for Halloween. Visitation will take place on Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 3-8 pm. with Trisagion service at 5 pm at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Funeral will be held Friday, August 14, 2020 at 10 am DIRECTLY at SS. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 8000 Madison St., Merrillville, IN. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Hobart YMCA or Center for Possibilities. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Trisagion Service

AUG 13. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

AUG **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral
8000 Madison St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall



“ *Condolence to the family of Deanna missing you at the Y in Hobart your face lit up your smile and your gift of talking. BLESSINGS , ROBERT PONCE*

Robert Ponce - August 18, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ *Deanna, your smile lit up the room when you entered. Your heart was even bigger. Generous, loving, thoughtful. I know you will be missed by many. You left great memories for the people in your life.*

Rita Hale - August 15, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ *Leni, Thelma, Marianne, JoJo and to the whole family, We are saddened to hear of Deanna' passing. Although we did not see her often, she did always have that beautiful smile on her face. Cherish her memory!
Mark, Yvette, Camille and Bianca Thiros*

Mark Thiros - August 14, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ *Deanna was a beacon of light. I could see it in her smile and hear it in her voice. It was so uplifting to see her at the Greekfest. A smile would come over my face whenever I saw her approaching my work station. Deanna would just begin talking about this or that with such enthusiasm. The realization that she won't be around to share her gift of compassion and kindness is heartbreaking. Yet, I know that her presence will be felt forever and her memory will be eternal. May her family find peace in knowing how much she was loved during her short life on earth.*

Nicolette Christie - August 14, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deanna Paras.*



August 13, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deanna Paras.*



August 13, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ *Deanna, a true Angel of smiles, love and fun sent to lift us up in our journey of life. You truly brought life, smiles, love and laughter to every event you attended, to every person you met. You were a joy to hang out with. I know you have just brightened up Heaven with your presence. We will all miss you, this world will miss you. This world will never be the same. We All loved You!*



I send my deepest heartfelt condolences to Deanna's family, her closest friends, co-workers and neighbors who loved her and every stranger she ever struck up a conversation with. I pray God's Comforting Spirit surround you and heal your breaking heart. I pray you are comforted knowing that she is now being embraced in Heaven by the Lord Jesus who she embraced here on earth. God's Love embrace you all. Amen 🙏 Rafael Colón Jr. , Pastor

Rafael Colón Jr. - August 13, 2020 at 09:10 AM

HL

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss of Deanna. We are going to miss her smile and her funny stories. She always lightened up a room. We were so lucky to have gotten to know her. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

The Lawsons, Diana,Dave and Helen

Helen Lawson - August 12, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Deanna Paras.



August 12, 2020 at 08:02 PM

NK

“ Nona Mary, Angie Kambouris, and Phil Kambouris purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Deanna Paras.



Nona Mary, Angie Kambouris, and Phil Kambouris - August 12, 2020 at 05:47 PM

KB

“ With her smile and friendly personality, she never met a stranger! She was what was right in the world. My very sincere sympathy to you Leni and your family.

karen barrasas - August 12, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deanna Paras.*



August 12, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ *I was so blessed to Deanna's teacher when she was a beautiful and vibrant seventh grader. I was even more blessed when later Deanna volunteered to work with my students at George Earle and then became my coworker! Her memory was impeccable and she loved talking about her St. Bridget's friends. Such a beautiful soul and amazing person! I love you Deanna! All my love to your family, friends and all in the Hobart community for such a devastating loss!*

Lori Lindsey - August 12, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ *Leni and family,*

I was shocked and saddened to hear of Deanna's passing. She was a bright light in the darkness and always had that beautiful smile on her face! Nick and I send our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Her memory will always be eternal!

*Love and prayers,
Nick and Diane Tournis*

Diane Tournis - August 12, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Deanna Paras.*



August 12, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Deanna Paras.*



August 12, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deanna Paras.*



August 11, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ *No one was a stranger to Deanna she was a joy to talk to. So sorry to hear this. :y sympathies to you leni and your family. 🌸🙏🌸🙏*
Lynn Kostbade

Lynn Kostbade - August 11, 2020 at 09:13 PM

EC

“ Leni, dear old friend, my heart is broken for you and I pray that you find peace, a peace that supersedes human understanding. Estelle (Alex) Chaddock

Estelle Chaddock - August 11, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Deanna Paras.



August 11, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Deanna Paras.



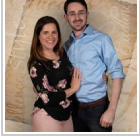
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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Deanna Paras.



August 11, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ *Deanna, you were such a beautiful person inside and out. You brought joy and laughter to every person you spoke to and every room you walked into. It was a blessing to know you. You will be missed so so much in this world. xoxo*

Love Isaac & Barbara Carr

Barbara Carr - August 11, 2020 at 04:13 PM

MH

“ *My heart is breaking. Deanna will be missed by all who knew & loved her. She was a wonderful girl & I loved calling her my friend. Rest in Peace Deanna & God Bless you in eternity.*

Mary Jo Hopkins - August 11, 2020 at 03:16 PM

NI

“ *John, Korri, Jason and I send our deepest sympathies for the passing of Deanna. She was such a sweet soul who I have such fun and fond memories of through the many years of her growing up years. She so enjoyed coming to Aerobic classes with Leni and was such a delight. She showed such strength and resolve during her traumatic event. She was and always will be such a gift to everyone she touched with her loving personality. She will be missed by all.*



Love to Leni, Christo, Mrs. Dovellos, Marianne, JoJo and Deanna's entire family...Nikki and family.

Nikki - August 11, 2020 at 03:01 PM

BS

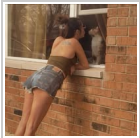
“ I'm so sorry. I loved Deanna and am so glad she was in our lives. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Barb Schuler - August 11, 2020 at 02:27 PM

KR

“ I was fortunate to have Deanna in class when she was in high school. What a delightful young woman. And so very funny all of the time. After she graduated, I still continued to see her at Hobart functions. I will miss seeing her and laughing with her. My prayers to her mom and friends and family for comfort.

Kari Roach - August 11, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ Deanna will always be remembered for her beautiful spirit. She could make the coldest of hearts melt. She truly was an angel on Earth and will be missed by so many. I will cherish the memory of her quick witted one liners and kind words, she never had a negative thing to say. My heart aches knowing I won't see her infectious smile again, but heaven is surely sweeter with her there. Sending love and prayers of comfort to her family.

Amber Lawrence - August 11, 2020 at 01:39 PM

CO

“ Deanna was always one who could make you smile instantly, and truly made an impact on everyone she met. She will always be someone who Hobart will never forget. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hands.

Cassie Oglesby - August 11, 2020 at 12:58 PM

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“ It was an absolute gift to be able to know Deanna all these years. She was a fiercely loyal, caring friend. Her passing will deeply affect everyone she's met over the years. The world is a little dimmer without her bright smile and jokes. My deepest condolences go out to her family and friends. Caring thoughts are with you, Leni, Christos, and family. Im truly sorry for your loss.

Ashlee Duffin (Schuler) - August 11, 2020 at 12:33 PM

LO

“ Dear leni, Deanna put a smile on everyone that met her. Every single time she ran into me she had to remind me how long ago when i coached her in pop warner , she told me she never forget how much fun she had cheering with me. Loved the memories she brought up❤️ Recently we ran into her at the summer market. She was full of jokes that day. Picked on Kyle my son. Def put a smile on us that day. May she Rest In Peace be your guardian angel

lisa olson - August 11, 2020 at 12:03 PM

VL

“ Dear Leni, Dave and family, to say when I heard the news of Deana's passing (which was on my daughter's 17th bday) was a shock to my heart. I told Melanie the greatest bday gift she received was a new guardian angel, and the kindest, sweetest one at that! Deana recently walked by my house while I was out w my dogs who she loved to stop and pet. And she was observant, asking why our garage door hadn't recently been open and where was my husband? Well, he's been working out of town, I told her, then she asked about my parents health and how they were doing without the Garber's next door anymore, since they had recently passed and we talked some more. And she never left without saying we were the "original Pill Hill-Billies!" And I would just crack up. She remembered the few times I had babysat for her and Christo as little ones and said I was her favorite sitter. She wouldn't ever leave you unless you had a smile on your face. She truly was an angel on Earth, and I will miss seeing her on her walks and getting a daily dose of Deana laughs! God bless you all, and we've all gained a beautiful, kind, selfless, funny, sweet and dynamic angel, that's for sure, and I'm glad she's peacefully on the other side where she will always be young, beautiful, fun, and full of life, singing and dancing. We love you and will miss you, Deana! The Leonard's, Tom, Valerie (Heuring), Melanie, and our dogs, Fergus and Harper

valerie heuring leonard - August 10, 2020 at 11:17 PM

MA

“ So sorry to hear of Deanna's passing. Loved to wait on her and talk with her when she came into Albert's. Always smiling and joking. Just a joy to visit with. May God give her mother and family comfort at this time. My deepest sympathy to all
Mary Anogianskis-Waddell



Mary Anogianskis-Waddell - August 10, 2020 at 09:10 PM

NK

“ Deanna was my client at Shari's mane attraction for a few years. She was so fun having her fir a client. She always made me laugh, even when I didnt want to. She always showed me pictures of her trips to Greece. I will miss talking to her and make me laugh. She was a joy!

Nancy knies - August 10, 2020 at 06:48 PM

LH

I will be out of town for the funeral, but my thoughts and prayers are with the family. It doesn't matter where I would run into Deanna she was always smiling and had a joke for you.

Leigh Huminsky - August 11, 2020 at 11:19 AM

DS

Sending my deepest sympathies! Zoie se mas.

Donna Stath - August 13, 2020 at 08:57 AM

GV

Deanna was such a treasure to us all. She will be forever loved and remembered for leaving blessed footprints on our hearts. Sending love and prayers of comfort to Leni, Dave and family.

Greta Vinzant - August 16, 2020 at 12:25 AM

DB

“ Dear Leni and Family,
My heart was crushed into pieces when I heard of Deanna's passing. As you know , I was very fond of her. It was an honor to be her Teacher! I was even more blessed to be able to stay close to her for all this time. We talked about all kinds of things. Our conversations almost always ended with Deanna expressing her thankfulness for the "Sheer Love" you showed that pulled her through her trauma.
Let's always cherish the memories of the happy moments when that beautiful smile would appear on Deanna's face! Just thinking about it makes me smile !

With Sincere Sympathy and Prayers,
Diana Boyle

Diana Boyle - August 10, 2020 at 05:36 PM