



## Miss Elisabetta Domenica Pizzola

December 19, 1948 - January 18, 2025

Elisabetta Domenica Pizzola, "Lisa" 76 of Cortland, passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of family, Saturday, January 18, 2025. Born December 19, 1948 in Roccacasale, Italy, Lisa was the daughter of Antonio and Francesca (Liberatore) Pizzola. Lisa immigrated to the United States in 1958 at the age of 9 and was a Cortland resident for the rest of her life.

Lisa graduated from Cortland High School in 1968, and BOCES in 1969 as a licensed cosmetologist - a career she treasured for more than 50 years. Her salon, Lisa's Beauty Shop, located at 180 S. Main Street and later 8 S. Franklin Street, with her brother, Victor, was a haven for self care and lasting friendship. Every client who sat in her chair was special.

Lisa was a dedicated daughter, sister and aunt, enjoying time with family above all else. Whether teaching generations to bake family cookie recipes, playing cards or sharing stories, her love knew no bounds. She was the family anchor and with her sister, Cesaria, created a home open to all.

Lisa had a smile that lit up a room, and a personality that made anyone feel loved. Her lasting advice for the generations who will carry on her legacy of love, "Never refuse money or food," and "You take care of you."

Lisa was a faithful communicant of St. Anthony's Church where she served as

a eucharistic minister. St. Anthony's Festival was among her favorite traditions where she shared her famous Italian cookies. Her secret for how long to cook Pizzelles? "One Our Father and two Hail Mary's."

Even through her illness Lisa found the good, always grateful to God for the blessings he bestowed upon her, especially family and friends, "Tutto per la Famiglia."

Lisa was a proud member of the Stella D'Oro Lodge 1730 and St. Anthony's Altar Society. She also served on the Board of Directors of Access to Independence of Cortland County, Inc.

Lisa is survived by her sister Cesaria Pizzola, sisters-in-law Angela Pizzola, Carmela Pizzola and Lila Pizzola, and her nieces and nephews who she treated like sons and daughters, Francesca (Joseph) Higgins, Anthony (Deborah) Pizzola, Michael (Mika) Pizzola, Nicholas (Susan) Pizzola, Maria (Mike) Dafoe, Victor (Lorrie) Pizzola and great nieces and nephews Andrea Higgins (Jacob Waller), Kate (Garrett) Plunkett, Joseph (Jessica) Higgins, Crista Pizzola, Marina (Jeff) Prince, Adrianna Pizzola (Allison Dolzonek), Sophia and Nina Pizzola, Alexandria and Lukas Pizzola, Sierra and Anthony Pizzola and great-great nieces and nephews Jacob and Jiana Higgins, Jada Pascalli, Lincoln and Bennett Plunkett, Adrian and Elora Prince.

In addition to her parents, Lisa was preceded in death by an infant brother Gennaro, and brothers Gennaro, Michele and Vittorio Pizzola, and her beloved niece and goddaughter Frances Pizzola.

The family will receive condolences on Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at St. Anthony's Church, Pomeroy St. Cortland, NY, a mass of Christian burial will be celebrated immediately following at 12:00pm. Prayers of committal will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions in Lisa's memory to any of the following: Access to Independence 26 N. Main St. Cortland, NY 13045, St. Anthony's Church 50 Pomeroy St. Cortland, NY 13045, or Hospicare and Palliative Care Services 172 E. King St., Ithaca, NY14850.

# Previous Events

## **A Mass of Christian Burial**

FEB 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Anthony's Church  
50 Pomeroy St  
Cortland, NY 13045-2708  
(607) 756-9967

# Tribute Wall

HP

“ Lisa, I just found out about your passing. I will always remember your smiling face and caring heart. You and your sister were the best landlords a person could ever have. You have touched many with your kindness. I will remember you with a smile on my face.

---

**Heather Palmer** - February 15, 2025 at 10:57 AM

JM

“Hello My Friend,” is how we greeted each other every time we talked, whether in person or on the phone. I admired your endurance on facing your painful health issues with much strength, courage and always with a smile on your face. It gives me comfort to know that you are now at peace and pain free. Surely you had a pleasant journey and a huge welcome upon your arrival. I can just imagine what a beautiful reunion you must have had with your parents, your brothers and of course Fran (*una bellissima festa piena di allegria, I am sure.*) The worst moment is when the person who gave you so many memories becomes a memory. Lisa, I find myself smiling when in my mind I think of all the fun times we had together. The many hairdresser conventions and party nights, the Stella D’Oro meetings and parties, our day off adventures, and just our crazy things we did together. I will always remember your sense of humor, your warmth, your generosity, and your smile. I will always cherish each moment we shared together. Parting is so painful but for sure someday when we least expect it in some far off place I will recognize your face and we will have the joy of meeting again. Lisa, when ending our phone conversations and our visits your favorite saying was “Jo, you take care of you” and I would say “Lisa, remember God loves you and so do I.” So my Dear friend it is not goodbye for I will always keep your memory in my heart and what is remembered never dies. Until we meet again, keep smiling, *Ti Voglio Bene, Rest in Peace, your friend, Jo Mironti*

---

**Josephine Mironti** - February 04, 2025 at 03:50 PM

LD

“ To my beautiful singing partner; though we never were able to carry out our Lisa Lisa tour, the idea will live on forever. I will miss your contagious smile which is burned in my memory. Though our interactions may have been few, they were special and I always felt a comforting connection when engaged with you. Peter, Chase and myself will keep you and your amazing family in our thoughts and prayers. A donation has been sent to St. Anthony's of Padua in your loving memory. Riposa in pace angelo. Lisa Rosalia Davis

Lisa Davis - January 28, 2025 at 01:03 AM

TF

“ Thinking of your beautiful (and very large!!!) family at this time and sending prayers. We will miss seeing Lisa in church--What a lovely, faith-filled, sweet and fun lady! We are sorry for your loss, but we truly believe she now has her well-deserved wings...Rest in Peace, Dear Lady. Love, Kevin and Sheila Ossit, Zack/Annie, Nathan/Nicole and Maggie/Kenny



The Kevin Ossit Family - January 22, 2025 at 10:30 AM

AM

“ Lisa was a great friend and she was always gracious to my family. I loved listening to her jokes and stories. We laughed and cried together. THANKS FOR GREAT MEMORIES.

Angie (Sue McClory) - January 21, 2025 at 10:03 PM

RS

“ Known herfor25 years through Raquel speers, she'll be missed dearly, love her smile always 🙌🙏❤️

Robert Speers - January 21, 2025 at 06:27 PM