



## Leona Elizabeth Spiesman

May 3, 1957 - April 28, 2016

PLEASE NOTE: IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, A GO FUND ME ACCOUNT HAS BEEN SET UP TO HELP SUPPORT WILL'S FIGHT AGAINST LEUKEMIA :

<https://www.gofundme.com/2w7qstkk>

Leona "Lee" Elizabeth Spiesman, 58, of Mint Hill, died Thursday, April 28, 2016, at the Levine and Dickson Hospice House at Southminster.

Lee was born in Cumberland, Rhode Island, on May 3, 1957, the daughter of Angelo Geruso and Rita Rose Turcotte Geruso. Lee grew up in the area and graduated from Johnson and Wales University with a degree in accounting. She married Craig Spiesman in February 1997 and together they moved to the Charlotte area in December of 1998. While her degree was in accounting, she also had a natural talent for managing projects. She worked for Family Dollar upon coming to Charlotte and most recently was an I.T. Project Manager for Systems Maintenance Services. Lee enjoyed many things in life, including playing golf and going to the beach, but her greatest love was the time spent with family and friends, and her unrelenting dedication to her son William's battle against leukemia, which included being his bone marrow donor. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Lee is survived by her husband, Craig; her son, Will; a brother, John (wife Shirl) Geruso of Tennessee. She is further survived by numerous other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her brother, Tom Geruso of Rhode Island.

A celebration of the life, love and blessing that was Lee, will be at the Pine Lake Country Club in Mint Hill on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. .Click here to RSVP if interested in attending <http://evite.me/Y6CwBytZRV>.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

MAY 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pine Lake Country Club

5504 Lebanon Road

Mint Hill, NC 28227

<http://www.pinelakecountryclub.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leona Elizabeth Spiesman*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Leona Elizabeth Spiesman*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Lee will be missed. I knew Lee from Scout Troop 1 in Monroe. She trained me to take over the treasury duties when Will was readying himself to transition to receive his Eagle Rank. We shared many stories about our boys and their maturity through scouting. Will, know that your mother is in heaven and confident that she left behind a very mature and no doubt smart young man. I will always remember her for the laughs we shared.*

*God Bless*

*Charlene (charley) Wiley - Nigel's mom*

Charlene Wiley - May 12, 2016 at 12:03 PM



“ *Lee, I am so glad I went to the reunion in August and saw you again after all these years. My deepest sympathy goes out to the families of Lee. Rest is peace.*

*Alice Riel*

Alice Riel - May 05, 2016 at 02:57 PM



“ *I met Lee, back in Middle School, just recently, got back in touch thru FB! Lee, you are missed, my sympathy to her family.*

Lynne Arsenault - May 05, 2016 at 01:57 PM

SJ

“ I have know Lee since Middle School. We just clicked and became fast friends. We went to Middle School, High School and then Johnson & Wales College together. How wonderful that we were able to be together at this time. We went skiing together and mostly danced!!! We have been close friends through thick and thin, good and bad. I will miss her more that anyone can know. My heart goes out to Craig and Will, such a difficult time with the swiftness of this illness.

I have known the whole Geruso / Spiesman family for such a long time, that I always felt like part of the family.

My heart is broken, I wish we could have spoken together one more time.

I love you Lee, Lydia and Tommy are there to help you.

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Silvia Jette - May 05, 2016 at 01:10 PM

PA

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Pam - May 05, 2016 at 12:01 PM

SF

“ Sincerely, Rachel Hayden & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Leona Elizabeth Spiesman.



Sincerely, Rachel Hayden & Family - May 04, 2016 at 11:17 PM

JB

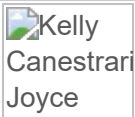
“ Please know you are in our thoughts and prayer during this difficult time.

Jeff Bowman - May 02, 2016 at 09:56 AM

Kelly  
Canestrari  
Joyce

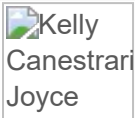
“ Stephanie Geruso was added to the Family Tree.

Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:11 PM



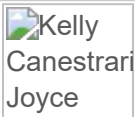
“ Ava Geruso was added to the Family Tree.

Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:11 PM



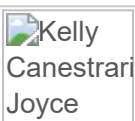
“ Brittany Elizabeth Joyce was added to the Family Tree.

Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:10 PM



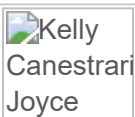
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Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:10 PM



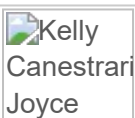
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Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:09 PM



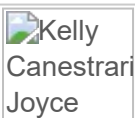
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Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:09 PM



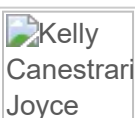
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Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:09 PM



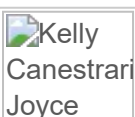
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Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:08 PM



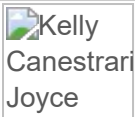
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Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:08 PM



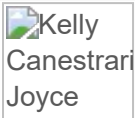
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Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:08 PM



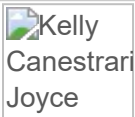
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Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:08 PM



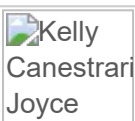
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Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:07 PM



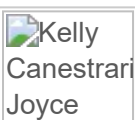
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Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:07 PM



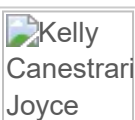
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Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:06 PM



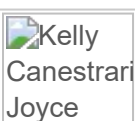
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Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:06 PM



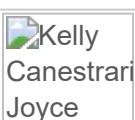
“ *Craig Spiesman was added to the Family Tree.*

Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:06 PM



“ *Rita (turcotte) geruso was added to the Family Tree.*

Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:05 PM



“ *Angelo Geruso was added to the Family Tree.*

Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:05 PM

Kelly  
Canestrari  
Joyce

“ Auntie Lee we shared a special bond. You loved me right from the start at 2 yrs old. You never had to love me but you always did. I am so very thankful for this. You helped me through some pretty tough times in life. We have shared wonderful memories! Life is not fair!!!! You are such a strong independent woman, who was supportive of everyone's dreams. I am sorry you are gone and will miss you terribly. But I have to be happy that you are with your brother now! Two wonderful souls, that were taken from this world too soon and unfairly. I love you both more than you can understand!



Kelly Canestrari-Joyce - May 01, 2016 at 08:04 PM

KS

“ I and my family extend our deepest condolences. I had the pleasure of serving with Lee on the Union Academy School Board for a number of years. She was very involved and served the school wonderfully during that time. As with many public boards matters arise that are debated vigorously and with passion and emotion is often involved. Lee was always a calming source during these discussions no matter what side of the issue she supported. After one of the more hotly contested issues a few years ago she made a special effort to take myself and others out after the meeting so we could simply enjoy ourselves as human beings away from the stress of service to the board. I have always and will always remember that gesture of kindness. The fact that she was committed to make sure that we all maintained our eye on the best interests of the school, appreciated one another as people and also acknowledged the benefit of thoughtful debate on the issues has been something that has shaped my perspective positively in different ways. I'm so terribly sorry for your loss. Lee impacted many in ways you likely never knew. This was probably one of them. Kindest of prayers and thoughts for your family. She will be missed greatly by many.

Kenneth Swain - May 01, 2016 at 02:21 PM

BE

“ In lieu of flowers we ask that you contribute to Will's college funds via the following gofundme account...  
<https://www.gofundme.com/2w7qstkk>

Beth - April 30, 2016 at 05:08 PM



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**Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home** - April 29, 2016 at 03:23 PM