



EVELYN "EVE" (PAOLANGELI) TAMELA

March 30, 1953 - June 19, 2017

Evelyn H. (Paolangeli) Tamela, 64, of Syracuse, passed away Monday, June 19, 2017 at home following a gallant battle with cancer. Surviving are her only child, Souleymane Tamla, of Washington, D.C.; mother, Patricia C. Cargill, of Endicott; father, Roger E. Paolangeli, of Las Vegas, NV; siblings Kathleen (John) Francis, of Lodi, NY; Beth (Marty) Conrow, Myrtle Beach, SC; Joseph Paolangeli of Tolland, CT.; and Paul Paolangeli, Endicott, NY. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, and her beloved cats and dog.

Eve was born in Ithaca, grew up mostly in Endicott, and attended Catholic schools. Her college degrees were from Oneonta (B.S.) where she received a fellowship, Michigan State (two M.S. degrees, in Textiles and in African Studies), Columbia (M.S. in Public Health), Virginia Tech. (M.S. in Housing Resources), and SUNY-Cortland (M.S. in Education and a Teaching Certificate in ESL).

Eve served three years in the Peace Corps, assisting women and children with health concerns in the bush in Senegal. She worked for Planned Parenthood in both NYC and in Bangkok, Thailand, followed by administering health programs in Bamako, Mali, on grants from U.S.A.I.D.

In Syracuse, InterFaith Works hired Eve to teach ESL. She had great understanding for her students' difficulties, having lived in many other cultures

and learned their languages. She also studied and became certified as a Master Gardener. She has rescued many cats desperate for homes, preferring Manx, nursing them back to good health.

Women Transcending Boundaries was of great interest to Eve. She was an active member and, most recently, treasurer.

We will miss her calm, her patience, her knowledge and understanding of other cultures and their food, and her endless interest in continuing to learn. Please offer your memories of Eve at www.bagozzitwins.com
A celebration of Eve's life will be held later at the convenience of the family. BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME has care of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ EVELYN "EVE" (PAOLANGELI) TAMELA

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ Even was a great person. We got married in Ithaca 1987 .we bought a house in Moravia NY. I also lived in Bangkok with her for a short period. I learned a lot of things from her which I still use on a daily basis. Very smart and knowledgeable person

We got divorced few yrs later but stayed as friends. I lost touch with her when she moved to Syracuse.

I miss her bad .

May God take her to heaven. She helped hundreds of people overseas .

Niaz Husain

Ithaca NY

Niaz Husain - October 15, 2018 at 02:32 PM



“ I was fortunate enough to meet Eve at Interfaith Works when I was interning there. a wonderful soul and a committed teacher for her refugee students. I am grateful for her endless smile and all my sympathies to her family.

Stanley Moise

Stanley Moise - June 26, 2017 at 02:44 PM

LH

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Eve through Women Transcending Boundaries. I passed the treasurers position over to her, and as we met and talked she was a calm, reassuring person. My condolences to her family, she will be missed.

Luann M. Healy - June 26, 2017 at 06:58 AM

JC

“ I treasure my friendship with Eve, and will miss the lunch dates that we enjoyed. Because of her knowledge of so many different cultures, she introduced me to several local restaurants and their varied cuisines. She once counted up more than 60 different countries that she had worked in or visited, mostly in Africa and southeast Asia and she happily discussed their various foods and methods of preparation, always making me crave the tastes. I was in awe of Eve's sewing skills, and enjoyed watching her as she taught refugees to adjust patterns and finish projects with hand-sewing techniques. She taught me to identify fabric content, and pinpointed the African or Asian origin of the designs of several donated fabrics. Eve was so proud of her son, a handsome young man whom I met last week, and her dear Mother who lived with Eve during her final months. Our lunches and conversations have ended, but my memories of her will inspire my heart forever.

Jennifer Crittenden - June 25, 2017 at 07:27 PM

MY

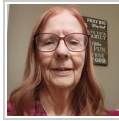
“ I met Eve through Turkish Cultural Center. She always had a beautiful, peaceful and warm smile. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Melek Yavuz - June 25, 2017 at 04:27 PM

BB

“Eve was a truly courageous and truly caring person. Even as she faced cancer treatments she continued as treasurer of Women Transcending Boundaries, coming to Council meetings when she could, even on evenings where she had to maneuver her cane through snow and ice. When she offered her beautiful African cloths to grace our tables at our WTB 15th Anniversary Dinner last November, Eve mentioned her background with the Peace Core, but I never realized how much she contributed in African countries and in Thailand. I will remember Eve as a loyal, brave lady who gave so much to the world. I was lucky to have known her. Her passing leaves a huge hole in WTB and among her friends in Syracuse. Eve's life was an inspiration: I hope I can use my talents as generously as Eve used hers. My sincere condolences to her mom, daughter and family.
Barbara Bova, Secretary WTB

Barbara Bova - June 25, 2017 at 04:11 PM



I first met Eve when she came to Gethsemane United Methodist Church to talk about using the facilities for a Refugee schooling project she was involved in. Later I met her again as she became the treasurer for Women Transcending Boundaries. Her gentle smile graced our meetings as she explained her treasury reports. She will be truly missed. Penny Hart, Vice-President WTB

Penny Hart - June 25, 2017 at 05:19 PM

DF

The smile, the courage, the generosity of Eve will forever be a part of me. I first met Eve with Women Transcending Boundaries and a few years later Eve and I were colleagues with Interfaith Works. I can picture Eve with her walker and her mixtures of stuff in a tall cup. Her children's Story Circles were such fun for the little ones from so many countries. Eve is a warrior and will be greatly missed..
Daryl

Daryl Files - June 26, 2017 at 02:11 PM

PM

Eve was a quiet but strong person. She never complained and was so kind to so many people. I am thankful to have known Eve and she was an inspiration to the rest of us at WTB. I will miss her.

Patti McGuire - June 27, 2017 at 07:34 PM

BL

I think I knew Evelyn in high school in Wappinger falls NY . That was Roy C Ketchum high school. We were in same grade (class of 1971) . She was pretty and a flirt. I am amazed to read all her accomplishments. Ilost touch after high school . She was very nice to me. I liked her a lot. Bob LaPolla

bob LaPolla - March 17, 2018 at 04:51 AM