

# Obituaries

## Maureen Dolores Duffy



Maureen Dolores Duffy, age 64, of Buffalo, formerly known as Maureen D. O'Rourke, passed away on July 11, 2024, at Erie County Hospice.

The daughter of Raymond P. and Dolores N. Duffy (both deceased), she is the loving mother of Sally (Joseph) O'Rourke Rosso of Staten Island and Hannah D. O'Rourke of Buffalo. She is the dearest grandmother of Evelyn Rosso. The sister of Terry and Mary Natalie Duffy, she is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Maureen retired after following a 30-year career as a pre-K teacher at Erie County Schools.

She later worked as a studio assistant for Elliot Landy Fine Art and Interactive Music Vocals of Woodstock, New York.

In its tribute to Maureen, Elliott Landy posted the following on its Facebook post: "Professor Louie's Woodstock Rockin Revue weekly radio show on WKZE this Saturday (July 20) from 5 to 7 p.m. will honor Maureen Duffy, a friend to all. WKZE (of Salisbury, Connecticut) voted best Radio Station 2024 by Hudson Valley's Chronogram Magazine. Listen on the radio at 98.1 or 105.9 or on the web anywhere in the world at <https://wkze.com/>."

## Joyce E. Donovan

Joyce E. Donovan - 87 - of Lewiston, died Thursday evening, July 11, 2024, at the Elderwood at Wheatfield Nursing Facility in Wheatfield.

Born in Niagara Falls on Feb. 27, 1937, she was the daughter of Joseph and Lois (Miller) Coulis.

Joyce was a lifelong resident of the Niagara Falls / Lewiston area and graduated from Niagara Falls High School in 1955. She was a devoted stay-at-home mom and homemaker while raising her three young children and never missed a sporting event or activity. After raising her children, Joyce began working in retail sales and was employed at several different department stores throughout the years.

Having a zest for life, Joyce loved to travel. She enjoyed her yearly trips with girlfriends and traveled to the Caribbean, Europe, Russia, Poland, Canada, Mexico and Alaska, to name a few. When she wasn't traveling the world, Joyce dabbled in photography and knit and crocheted countless blankets for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society.



Joyce E. Donovan

On May 19, 1956, Joyce married Donald J. Donovan, who died Aug. 22, 2006. She was also predeceased by her beloved daughter, Christy Donovan, on March 31, 1982.

Surviving are her son, Scott Donovan of Arkport; her daughter, Kelley (Richard) Kent of Niagara Falls; four grandchildren: Shannon (David) Knight, Matthew Donovan, Ricky Benningfield and Ashley Benningfield; and seven great-grandchildren.

To honor Joyce's wishes, there will be no calling hours. Private services will be held by the family.

Funeral arrangements are in care of the Dagon Funeral Home, 38 Church St., Hornell.

Memorial contributions in Joyce's name may be made to the Niagara County SPCA, 2100 Lockport Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14304; or by visiting <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E347149&id=1&ga=2.5035638.477180405.1679657582-695669436.1679657582>.

To leave an online condolence or share a memory, please visit [www.dagonfuneralhome.com](http://www.dagonfuneralhome.com).

## IN THE NEWS



Images courtesy of Niagara Gospel Mission

## Niagara Gospel Mission serves WNY favorites to those in need on 716 Day

The Niagara Gospel Mission served a beef on weck lunch and pizza and wings dinner to the homeless community of Niagara Falls on Tuesday to celebrate the foods of Western New York.

"The Western New York Community is a very generous community that loves serving their neighbors. We are grateful to honor that here at the Niagara Gospel Mission by serving some Western New York favorite foods during 716 Day," Executive Director John Cooper Jr. said. 716 Day is special to Western New Yorkers because July 16 marks the area's area code, 716, on the calendar. "We are serving more and more meals here in the community due to hard times for many people. They may not be able to afford a pizza and wings or beef on weck, so we are grateful we can provide that for them."

A team from Leadership Niagara helped the Niagara Gospel Mission serve the meals.

The Niagara Gospel Mission also participated in Give 716, a Buffalo Bills and Sabres Founda-

tion initiative to engage the community to give to local nonprofits. The agency raised money for a box truck so it can pick up food and clothing donations from the community to serve the homeless in Niagara Falls.

"Churches, businesses, and many other people and organizations are so generous with their time and money," Cooper said. "They give food to us, and we need a way to pick it up after our box truck died. We are grateful to Give 716 to help us get closer to our financial goal to buy and new truck." To donate to the Niagara Gospel Mission's purchase of a new truck, visit <https://niagaragospelmission.org/give/> and put 716 in the description box.

Located at 1317 Portage Road, Niagara Falls, Niagara Gospel Mission is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit providing services to the homeless and poor. Visit [www.niagaragospelmission.org](http://www.niagaragospelmission.org) to learn more about current services and plans to develop services for homeless women.

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