



Rachel E. Liguzinski

January 22, 1978 - July 23, 2024

Rachel E. Liguzinski (nee Mate), of Lagrange, passed away surrounded by family and friends at University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center on the afternoon of Tuesday July 23, 2024 following a lengthy and hard-fought battle with cancer.

Rachel was born in Lorain and raised in Brownhelm Township. She was a 1996 graduate of Firelands High School in Oberlin and earned an Associate of Arts Degree from the Lorain County Community College. In December of 1999 Rachel graduated from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science with a Bachelor's Degree in Mortuary Science; during the commencement, she was presented with the Ohio Embalmers Association's Lester W. Wakeman Embalming Award for excellence in the combined theory and practice of embalming.

Rachel would serve as a licensed funeral director and embalmer for twenty-three years. She covered all facets of death care from funeral home employment, independent contracting, hospital mortuary, and autopsy service management. Additionally, Rachel was a self-employed Funeral Trade Service Provider since 2007 and a member, past President, and advisory board member of the Embalmers Association of Cleveland. At the time of her death, she was serving as the Technical Supervisor of Mortality and Autopsy Services at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland.

Rachel was an extremely smart, witty, and strong person while deeply caring of other people and animals to a fault. She was always up for a friendly debate on any topic while enjoying a cocktail. Rachel will be missed by numerous friends around the globe, especially her sons Evan and Alec, companion Bobby Rivera, mother Jackie Mate (nee Sugden), and brother Aaron Mate, Lt Col (ret), USAF (Lt Col Nikki Jansen, USAF). She was preceded in death by her father Ronald J. "Kid" Mate in 2018.

Visitation will be observed on Saturday August 3rd from 1:00 p.m. until the time of memorial services at 3:00 p.m. in the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel - 3224 Broadway, Lorain. Reverend Chuck Behrens will officiate. Sharing and extended fellowship will continue following the memorial until 4:00 p.m.

Rachel's family encourages you to consider a donation in her memory to either the Lorain County Metro Parks - 12882 Diagonal Road, Lagrange, OH 44050, the Friendship Animal Protective League - 8303 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria, OH 44035, or to the American Cancer Society's Ohio Affiliate - P.O. Box 42217, Cincinnati, OH 45242..

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel
3224 Broadway
Lorain, OH 44055
(440) 246-2118
gluvnashimohromada@gmail.com
<http://www.gluvnashimohromada.com>

Memorial Service

AUG 3. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Misty Handly and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rachel E. Liguzinski.*



Misty Handly and Family - August 03, 2024 at 09:15 AM

MF

“ *Misty Handly and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rachel E. Liguzinski.*

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FG

“ *From the Next Step Homes Group purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rachel E. Liguzinski.*



From the Next Step Homes Group - August 03, 2024 at 08:15 AM

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From the Next Step Homes Group - August 03, 2024 at 08:15 AM

SM

“ *My sincere condolences to Jackie and the rest of the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. I used to work with Ron, and remember him very proudly speaking about his daughter and her accomplishments.*

Sue Mendez - August 02, 2024 at 06:31 PM

SM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I'm so very sorry for your loss. 🕊️ Sandy (Kulas) Meade.*

Sandy Kulas Meade - August 02, 2024 at 12:48 PM

DH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Such a wonderful person.*

Duke Funeral Home - August 01, 2024 at 11:40 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Rachel E. Liguzinski.*



August 01, 2024 at 09:49 PM

BL

“ All of us here at Liston Funeral Home are deeply sad about this terrible news. Not only had Rachel embalmed for us several times over the years when we needed her, but she was a good friend! She was a true professional and she understood what it took to serve a family in grief and she did it with grace and class. This is a real loss for Lorain County funeral directors and I will miss her. Renee and I send our prayers to her dear family and we ask God to surround you with his grace and mercy during this incredibly difficult time.
Bob Liston

Bob Liston - August 01, 2024 at 10:10 AM

MP

“ MetroHealth's Department of Pathology planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rachel E. Liguzinski.

MetroHealth's Department of Pathology - July 31, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rachel E. Liguzinski.



July 31, 2024 at 11:53 AM

TF

“ The Dunphy Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rachel E. Liguzinski.



The Dunphy Family - July 30, 2024 at 07:09 PM

LM

“ Love, Ronnie, Kristen, Grant & Madeline purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rachel E. Liguzinski.



Love, Ronnie, Kristen, Grant & Madeline - July 30, 2024 at 06:37 PM

RL

“ Ron and Eileen Liguzinski purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Rachel E. Liguzinski.



Ron and Eileen Liguzinski - July 30, 2024 at 04:15 PM

BD

“ My condolences to Rachel's family. I attended CCMS with her.

Brian Deitrick - July 29, 2024 at 06:15 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rachel E. Liguzinski.



July 29, 2024 at 04:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rachel E. Liguzinski.*



July 28, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Rachel's family. We were blessed to have known her. Sending love, prayers and hugs.*
Dave and Laurie Vojtko

Laura Vojtko - July 27, 2024 at 11:27 PM



“ *Rachel possessed the patience needed to serve everyone as if they were her own, the wisdom to understand others' feelings, the knowledge to learn as well as to instruct, the kindness to treat everyone equally at all times, the strength to endure long hours and hard work, the desire to serve others as she would her own family, the compassion to touch another's soul, and the pride and right to smile when she served a family well. Most importantly, she never lost the ability to shed an honest tear when her heart was touched. Wishing a safe and beautiful passage to our friend, colleague and confidante.*

Jeff - July 27, 2024 at 12:22 PM

GI

“ Our thoughts and love are with you all at this sad time . Sending love Terence ,Gail ,Jonathan &Rhiannan . West yorks England



Gail Illingworth - July 27, 2024 at 11:45 AM

LB

“ Loraine, Rich, Nikki Jim and boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rachel E. Liguzinski.

Loraine, Rich, Nikki Jim and boys - July 27, 2024 at 11:43 AM

LB

“ Loraine, Rich, Nikki Jim and boys purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rachel E. Liguzinski.



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KB

“ I had the honor of working with Rachel in Columbus at Schoedinger funeral service. Our relationship continued when I moved back to Cleveland and I would regularly deal with her at Metro Hospital. I am so very sorry this has happened and I'm sending you love in this horrible time- she was a wonderful person and will truly be missed - Kent Berkheimer

Kent Berkheimer - July 27, 2024 at 08:33 AM

KE

“ *My deepest condolences to your family. I worked with Rachel at MH, and she was such a genuine person. She was always willing to share her knowledge with our new nurses, answering every question, and always ensuring that they understand the importance of treating their patients with dignity. Lifting your family up and asking for prayers of comfort. Kelly G*

kelly - July 25, 2024 at 09:02 PM

EG

Rachel-was different than anyone I've ever met in the best way possible. She was kind, independent, caring, funny, smart, beautiful and strong! If you got lucky enough to have Rachel in your life than you won the jackpot. I'm so incredibly blessed that she was a friend of mine. My heart goes out to her boys, mom, brother and to all who loved her.

Erin Gray - July 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM

RC

“ *Our condolences go out to her children and her family.*

UH Morticians

Robert Cool - July 25, 2024 at 12:18 PM

RR

Our deepest sympathy to Evan and Alec and Mrs.Mate and family. We will cherish our memories of Rachel ❤️ Memory Eternal 🙏🙏🙏

Richard & Larissa Reidy - July 26, 2024 at 04:22 PM

EB

I am grateful to have known Rachel, and all I can think of are all the families she (unwittingly) helped over the span of her career. Quietly in the background, helping at the worst time of people's lives. She was a blessing to many. Peace to you, Rachel.

Eric Butler - July 27, 2024 at 11:28 AM

WF

I would like to express my deepest condolences.

walter frey - August 02, 2024 at 01:40 AM

MB

We would like to express condolences to Rachel's family. She was a fellow funeral director/embalmer and a dear friend. So very glad to have visited with her at the Spring seminar in Cleveland in May. She will be greatly missed and remember in our hearts. God's Blessings. The Bauer Family, Valley City.

Mary Ann Bauer - August 03, 2024 at 08:44 PM