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Celeste Kelley (nee Bonaminio), 56, of Vermilion, passed away on Friday, October 14, 2011, at her residence while under the care of Stein Hospice and her husband John.

Born March 9, 1955 in Lorain, Celeste graduated from Lorain Admiral King in 1973. In 1994 she moved to Vermilion into a house that her and her husband John built by hand.

Celeste, the co-owner and operator of Bonaminio's Lorain Flower Shop and Greenhouse, worked side by side with her mother, Marie Bonaminio, as the head designer for 35 years. She was exceptionally knowledgeable in wholesale and retail sales. For the past 7 years, she was the director of the annual art show and open house at the flower shop. Celeste had a passion for arts and crafts, having worked with leather, stain glass and jewelry, creating beautiful pieces that were represented in the flower shop. Besides painting, she excelled in many other diverse artistic endeavors. She was always concerned with customer satisfaction, and constantly applied vigilant attention to every aspect of her job that created one of the most successful flower shops around.

When Celeste wasn't working at the flower shop; she enjoyed relaxing by traveling, shopping and visiting casinos.

A truly unique individual, Celeste was a very loving, sweet, caring, giving, and gentle person.

Surviving is her loving husband of 28 years, John; her mother, Marie Bonaminio (nee Gloffry) of Lorain; a brother, James "Jim" (Joan) Bonaminio of Fairfield, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

Her father, Clemente Bonaminio, preceded her in death in 1994.

The family will receive friends at the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, Amherst, on Monday, October 17, 2011, from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. Funeral mass will be Tuesday,



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October 18, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Church of St. Peter, 3655 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain (PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH). Rev. Fr. Craig Hovanec, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.



Events

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Visitation

Monday, October 17, 2011

3:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center

1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001



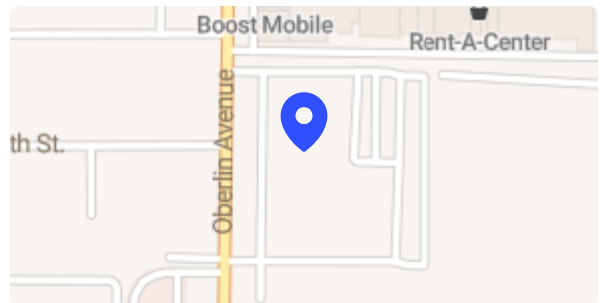
Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

10:00 AM ET

Church of St. Peter

3655 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain



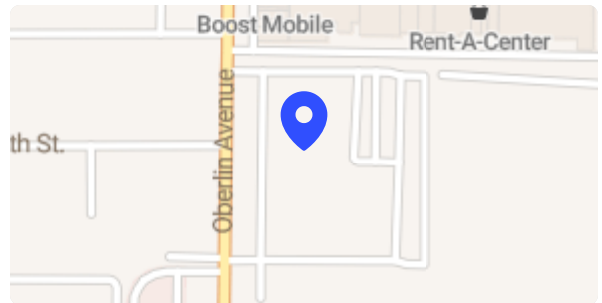
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LA

Lucy Jara - Amherst, Oh posted:

I was shocked to learn of Celeste's passing... Although I met her only fairly recently, working with her on decorating EMH for the Christmas holidays, I really will miss both her wonderful creative talent and her energetic personality. Please accept my condolences and those of the EMH Auxiliary Board. She was a beautiful person and will be missed.

October 24 at 8:00 PM

KH

Karen Armstrong Nee Wallace - Wesley Chapel, Fl - Friend From Highschool posted:

Hearing of Celeste's passing was such a shock, and brought home how precious life is. I know Celeste is with the Angels. She was a friend in Jr. high and in High school who was always a rock. She always was laughing and was ever so kind. I treasure the sleep overs, the birthdays, and all the wonderful memories. A very talented and loving person has left this life and has gone to shine with the angels. She will be missed very much.

October 23 at 8:00 PM

DF

Debborah And Carrie Wallace - Beavercreek, Oh - Friend posted:

Dear John and family members, We are so surprised and sadden by the passing of Celeste. We have know her since she attended school in Lorain. All flowers that we buy for family and friends we know up north comes from the shop. She was a Great, kind and beautiful women, and pray that she is without pain and at peace. Our prayers and thoughts go out to you all. In Love and Light, Debborah

October 19 at 8:00 PM

DW

Denise Patchen/Teleflora - Strongsville, Oh - Friend/Co-Worker posted:

Celeste was a very caring and dedicated individual, I could always count on her for a great conversation and she truly inspired me. She worked so hard and her work was so beautiful, she had a real passion making people happy and being there to help them through the hard times. Her and John treated me like family. I am so saddened by the news, and she will always have a special place in my heart. My thoughts and prayers go out to John and her family. Denise

October 19 at 8:00 PM



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MG

Marc Goohs posted:

Dear John, Marie and Jim, I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. We are all left with a large hole from our loss. We will have to trust God to fill it. Celeste was like a diamond that needed no light to sparkle & shine...She WAS the Light. Please know that I am thinking and praying for all of you at this time. I am so sorry for your loss.

October 18 at 8:00 PM

EL

Elizabeth Barnicle On Behalf Of The Cosmopolitanclub - Lorain, Oh posted:

Dear Marie and family. We extend our deepest sympathy to you on the lose of your daughter. Know that our prayers and thoughts our with you at this time. God Bless You The Cosmopolitan Club

October 17 at 8:00 PM

SF

Sandi Crnolatas Cross - Elyria, Oh - Friend posted:

One of my favorite memories of Celeste was when we were having dinner with her and John at their home. Celeste made a home made Cheesecake that looked absolutely delicious. After dinner she got the cheesecake out (all proud) and went to cut it, it was like a brick!! John took the knife and tried to cut it and couldn't, Celeste (and the rest of us) laughed so hard for the rest of the night. I am very saddened by her passing, the world has lost a wonderful person and a great talent.

October 17 at 8:00 PM

BF

Bonnie Shreve - Elyria, Oh - Friends posted:

Dear John, I am so sorry that I could barely talk to you, you and Celest always meant so much to me and I just can't tell you how sad her passing was to me. I am so very sorry you had to go thru something so awful John. If you ever want to just talk and tell someone about what you have been thru, please call me, I know my mom and Johns mom would be so sad for you, cause they both loved you so much!! my # is 4405229192. So sorry John. I know Celeste is up there laughing and so happy! Back with her daddy! Waiting for all of us to join her. She was such a beautiful, loving and sweet person. Her smile will live on, in my head forever. Love you always, Bonnie

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LF

Larry And Anne Blackman - Las Vegas, Nv - Friends posted:

To John Kelley and Bonaminio Family, We send our sincere condolences and prayers to you. Having had the pleasure of knowing Celeste from Jr. High School, we are deeply saddened for your loss. But also extremely pleased to have had a great friendship with Celeste and encountered her fullness for life. God Bless and keep you for she dwells with the angels. The Larry Blackman Family

October 17 at 8:00 PM

KA

Kathy Greco - Dublin, Oh - Acquaintance posted:

Please accept my condolences for your loss.

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DF

Dennis And Cathy Deangelis - Lorain, Oh - Friend Of Family posted:

Dear John, Marie (Cumadie), and Jim and family...our deepest sympathy to all of you. I know she is in heaven, she has to be...such a wonderful lady. I think of the many times I called the last minute for her to help me with a flower project/arrangement. May your heart be healed with each passing day. All our love, the Dennis DeAngelis family.

October 17 at 8:00 PM

EF

Elizabeth Barnicle - Lorain, Oh - Close Friend posted:

Dear Marie, John and Jim, WE can't tell you how heart broken we are about Celeste. She was one special lady. She always set me on the right track. When I would call the shop I never knew what I wanted but somehow she knew what I wanted--Thank God. I will really miss her but I'm sure she will be looking down over all of us. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time. God Bless. Dan and Betty Barnicle

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GC

Georgia Smith (Friendship Baptist Church) - Lorain, Oh - Customer posted:

The Pastor, Deacons, Officers and members of Friendship Baptist Church would like to extend to you Mrs. Marie Bonaminio and family our deepest sympathy in the passing of Celeste. We pray that you find peace and comfort in the loving memories that all of you shared with your daughter, wife, sister and aunt. May the Lord continue to bless all of you. Friendship Baptist Church, Rev. John R. Jackson Pastor Deacon Norman Bohannon, Sr. Chair of Deacons Ministry Brother Ralph Smith, Jr. Chair of Trustees Ministry Sister Vanessa Jone, Church Clerk/Secretary

October 16 at 8:00 PM

GC

Georgia Smith - Lorain, Oh - Customer posted:

To the Bonaminio & Kelley families, We were saddened to hear of the passing of Celeste. We pray that the Lord will give you the strength that you need to see you through these difficult days ahead. Celeste was always so kind when you were in the flower shop. Marie we love you and pray that you will just remember all of the love you shared with your daughter. May God bless all of you. Ralph Sr., & Georgia Smith, Lorain, Ohio

October 16 at 8:00 PM

EF

Elaine Rush Trumble - Acworth, Ga - Friend posted:

John, Marie, Jim and Family, My heartfelt condolences to you at this time. May God comfort and sustain you during this difficult time. Celeste touched so many lives with her brilliant light. Her radiant spirit will always live within our souls. She is a miraculous symphony in the compositions of our lives. I will be eternally grateful for the precious friendship and memories we shared. Elaine

October 16 at 8:00 PM

GF

Gerry & Myra Tracey - London, Ontario Canada - Friends posted:

Dear John and Bonaminio Family You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sadness, may God provide you with the strength required to get you all through this most difficult time. Only once in a while, as we pass through this life that we have the chance to have a friendship with such a sweet loving human being such as Celeste, we are so grateful that Celeste could be a part of our life and we will honor and cherish the memories of her. Love and God Bless, The Tracey Family

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CM

Cheryl Blackman - Evanston, Il - High School Mate posted:

My deepest sympathy to your family. All of my memories of Celeste are wonderful but most of all I remember when we were in High School and I would be having a bad day she always had kind and encouraging words for me. I have been away from Lorain for over 20 yrs and when I want to send flowers to my mother or sister there I would always call Celeste. She was always supportive during my families time of need. I am sure she will be truly missed.I will keep your family lifted up in prayer. Your family has lost someone very special but heaven has gained a wonderful angel. God Bless.Cheryl Lynn Blackman

October 16 at 8:00 PM

SF

Sharon Costantino - Amherst, Oh - Classmate/Friend posted:

I am deeply saddened by the news of Celestes passing. The memories of sleepovers, sledding, Mrs. Bonaminio drying our gloves out in the oven and Jim making us laugh. Celeste had a genuine warmth, kindness and creative essence that will be truly missed.

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BC

Beatrice Didonato Lilly - New London , Oh - Friend And Classmate posted:

Celeste will always be remebered for her wonderful and giving personality , she really cared about people ! We will miss you but , i believe that you are now using all your talents to make beautiful gardens in heaven ! God Bless you.

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BA

Brandi "Dee Dee" Freeman - Lorain, Oh - My Boss,She Treated Me Like Amom posted:

celeste was very special to me~ i will never stop hearing her call me "deedee mama" an "mo~mo"~ i will really miss her an never ever forget her. she was always hard on me so that i would do the right things... this is truly a sad day for anyone who knew her... i will always cherish every memory i have of her. Us eating cucumbers an saltines for lunch, an all her wonderful food creations... i cant say enough just how really sad i am. i loved her like a second mother... i will never forget having thanksgiving dinner with her an john , vi an marie... i love all of u an i am praying that everyone is okay. what a sad sad day. i can hear her say dee dee mama~ it keeps playin in my head...

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AF

Alyssia Jones - Lorain, Oh - Friend posted:

I'll never forget coming to the Bonamini's florist and green house and having a friendly conversation with Celeste. She always wore a smile! Her warm touch added to her flowers, and so to say "brought them to life". No that there are now tears in heaven, there is only love!! Celeste, You will be truly missed and remembered every day!

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RF

Roberta (Calloway) Bennett - Lorain, Oh - Friend posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I remember Celeste being there for me when my brother Robert Calloway passed away in 2001. So again I will be praying for the family God bless.

October 15 at 8:00 PM

DN

Darlene Werner - Vermilion, Oh - A Friend/Neighbor posted:

CELESTE CREATIVE ENERGY LOVING ENTERTAINING SINCERE THOUGHTFUL EXTRAORDINARY YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. YOU ARE IN MY HEART. Darlene Werner

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LF

Lynnea Baker - Elyria, Oh - Dear Friend posted:

I will miss you Celeste, as a child I was always so excited for the weekend when mom and dad would say we were going to John & Celeste's, you would always let me roam around your house or take adventures into the greenhouse and flower shop! You were so kind to me and my family and such a wonderful friend to my mother and father...you had a GREAT laugh and an unforgettable smile, I will miss you so very much.

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RA

Roberta McCombs - Amherst, Oh posted:

I only knew Celeste from the few art shows I did at her shop, but she really struck me as a very kind confident person. I appreciated so much her having my art in her show. I have some of her artwork and I will really cherish it. So sorry to the family for your loss. Roberta McCombs

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BF

Bob And Bev Smalley - Grafton, Oh - Friends posted:

SO SORRY JOHN TO HEAR ABOUT CELESTE, I KNOW SHE WAS A GREAT WOMAN AND WIFE, AND WILL BE SADLY MISSED. I KNOW IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER AND I'M SORRY FOR THAT. IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO PLEASE GIVE US A CALL, OR STOP OVER. BOB & BEV

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BF

Bill And Bonnie Sturgill - Vermilion, Oh - Dear Friends posted:

We will miss Celeste so very very much. Our family get togethers will not be the same without her sweet presence. We love all of you and are praying that everyone has comfort at this time. Our love to John and the family. Truly today there is another Angel walking in heaven spreading joy to all those around her. We love you all..

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DB

Doris Winter - Wakeman, Oh - Friend Of Marie Bonaminio posted:

With sincere thoughts of knowing your great loss of a beloved daughter/sister and wife can only be soothed by time and much prayer (strengthen); hearts so broken. Yet, Celeste, who left her mark in the minds and hearts of all, shall be forever cherished and rest assured, she is free as a spirit with her new home above in Christ Jesus. May her smile be seen in streams of light shining forth through the clouds. Comfort and a calm be yours in the days ahead, as Celeste would want for loved ones. My condolences. Doris/Dan Winter

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ML

Michaelene Kelley - Brimfield, Ma - Sister-In-Law posted:

Celeste, my gumba, warmed our hearts and left us with a mountain of happy memories. Each trip to Ohio was a new adventure when we spent time with Uncle John and Celeste. Mark will never forget our trip to Sandusky Park when Aunt Celeste introduced the 11 year old to the love of roller coaster riding. What fun we had camping in the tent and cooking up those freshly caught Walleye! For me, I cherish the times spent in the flower shop, helping with arrangements, painting t-shirts, and especially observing the unique pizza creation - her "Surprise Santa" gift. God comfort you all during this difficult time.

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NF

Notms Abdallah And Angelo DiLauro - Rocky River, Oh - Good Friends To Maria's Family posted:

Dear Marie, Jim, and John: Please know that our hearts go out to all of you in this time of sadness. We loved going to the Flower Shop Art Show and purchasing unusual works of art, and Celeste was also a work of art in God's image. May her memory be eternal. Love, Norma Abdallah and Angelo DiLauro

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KG

Kathy Ritenaur Kleinman - Elyria, Oh - Next Door Neighbor While Growing posted:

Dear Jim, Marie and John: Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless, Kathy Ritenaur Kleinman

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JL

Joe And Jaye Campana - Lorain, Oh posted:

Marie, Jim and John Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of great sorrow. Celeste was loved by many both personally and professionally. She will be truly missed. Joe and Jaye Campana

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EL

Elmer & Nancy Meyers - Lorain, Oh posted:

Our deepest sympathy to Celeste's family. She was gracious and a joy to encounter on a personal and a business level. We admired her artistic talents, family loyalty and work ethic. May your faith be a comfort to each of you during this time of loss and grief.

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DF

Debra Campana - Lorain, Oh - Friend posted:

Dear Marie, Jim and John, We are so very sorry for your loss. Celeste will be greatly missed and was truly loved by many. Please know our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time. God bless you. Tom and Debbie Campana

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SG

Steve And Pam Novak - Rochester , Oh - From Hyde's Grnhse /Hall Gardens posted:

So sorry for your loss, Celeste was always smiling and great to do business with. Our deepest sympathy. Steve and Pam Novak

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RB

Ray Kelley - North Augusta , Sc - Brotherinlaw posted:

I will always remember Celeste's wonderful smile and the warmth she exuded. I will forever keep her in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest condolences to her family. Love, Ray

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JF

Judith Gerber (Brookman) Formerly Of The Morning Journal Lorain - Millersburg, Oh - Friend posted:

To the Bonaminio Family, My prayers and deepest sympathy in the loss of Celeste. I remember all of you fondly in talking to you from The Morning Journal. I would always call and either Celeste or Marie would take my call. I was "Judy from the Journal", My daughter's wedding flowers were so beautiful because Celeste was so careful and precise in picking out the best. Now heaven has chosen one of the best. May you find comfort and peace during this time. Blessings to all of you in your time of grief. God Bless you all. Judy Gerber (Brookman)

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LF

Lynda And Greg Reiter - Lorain, Oh - Friend posted:

Dear John, Marie and Jim Celeste was truly a wonderful child of God. What a Blessing she was to know. She is now working her magic in Heaven for our Lord. She will be missed dearly. Her smiling face and caring personality are what made her wonderful. She is now with the angels and God. May God comfort you and strengthen you. She and you will be in our prayers. With deepest sympathy GOD BLESS Lynda and Greg Reiter and Family

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CF

Carole Westervelt - Elyria, Oh - Friend posted:

I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. CAROLE WESTERVELT AND THE STAFF AT LARRY AND MARY'S

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Dennis And Denise Crnolatas - Tampa, Fl - Great Friend posted:

We miss you deeply, and will never forget you. Your smile and great laughter will remain in our hearts forever. Now when I see a beautiful sunset or a magnificent cloud formation I will know Celeste is creating once again.

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Gary A Krause - Lorain, Oh - Friend posted:

My prayers go out to Celeste & Family. Best regards, Gary

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Celeste by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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