



Tammy Lynn DeFalco

May 30, 1962 - March 14, 2019

Tammy L. DeFalco, 56, of Sylvania, passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2019. Born May 30, 1962 at 6:46 p.m., Tammy was always smiling and happy from the time she woke up until you kissed her goodnight.

Tammy attended Heffner Lott Day School. Tammy was the first child with Down Syndrome to have the honor of being nominated from the board of MR/DD to represent Lucas County as its first Poster Child. Tammy was a member of the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo and the oldest living documented Downs Syndrome person in North West Ohio till her passing on March 14, 2019.

Tammy graduated from Larc Lane School in 1982. She then entered Lott Industries where she loved working in the Sheltered Workshop at the Berdan Facility. She enjoyed music, dancing, opera, disco, roller skating, and Ohio State Football. Tammy also had a gift to gamble, traveling to Greek Town in Detroit and Las Vegas.

Tammy competed in track and field and attended the Lucas County Special Olympics and the State Summer Games in Columbus, Ohio. She loved sports and was a starter in Basketball, Volleyball, and Bocce Ball. She had at least 500 gold medals, but she treasured her only two silver medals that she gave to her Uncle Richard and Uncle Albert. She also treasured her Uncle Jesse who traveled every year to be with Tammy for her birthday.

Tammy love to be working at her brother's store, Monnette's Market on Secor Rd. where she enjoyed visiting with the customers and working with the staff.

Tammy loved her friends; she had many p.j. parties and went to every dinner/dance held by the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities. She loved her Orthodox Christian faith and going to church where she was proud to be in the choir. Although she had limitations, Tammy still found a way to not just fit in, but to positively affect the lives of everyone with whom she came into contact. She loved and enjoyed being an aunt to all her mother's grandchildren and great grandchildren referring to them as "her grand babies". Tammy was preceded in death by her father Louis William DeFalco. She is survived by her mother Carlene DeFalco; brothers William and John (Linda) DeFalco; 7 nieces and nephews; 9 great-nieces and nephews. Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Monday, March 18 from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. where a Trisagion of Mercy Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. A funeral procession will begin in the funeral home on Tuesday, March 19 at 9:15 a.m. to the St. Elias Antiochian Christian Orthodox Church, 4940 Harroun Rd., Sylvania 43560 where Tammy will lie in state from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. with a Funeral Liturgy beginning at 11:00 a.m. Officiating is Archpriest Ayman Kfouf. Entombment services will follow at Toledo Memorial Park.

The family wishes to thank Tammy's extended family and special friend Vi-Jay Seth, best friends Kathy Clemens and Charla Joseph Akerman and especially her caregivers Michelle Ratkin and Theresa Athaide-Victor for their continued concern and loving daily care for almost a full year.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to Lucas County Special Olympics, St. Elias Antiochian Christian Orthodox Church, Alzheimer's Association, or to Sunshine Children's Home.

Please view the online guest registry at www.coylefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Visitation

MAR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church
4940 Harroun Rd
Sylvania, OH 43560

Service

MAR 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church
4940 Harroun Rd
Sylvania, OH 43560

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Deepest condolences to you and yours. ~Roger and Jenni Johns*

Jenni Johns - March 20, 2019 at 02:04 PM

KW

“ *So sorry to hear of Tammy's passing. We met her and her wonderful Mom through the Seth family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Ken and Mary Ann Wisniewski*

Ken Wisniewski - March 18, 2019 at 08:54 PM

LC

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



lisa comes - March 18, 2019 at 05:00 PM

LJ

“ *So sorry to hear of Tammy's passing. She was a joy to know. I remember her best at the Dinner Dances. She could dance the whole night away. RIP Tammy.*

Linda Jastrzemski

Linda Jastrzemski - March 18, 2019 at 04:47 PM

TW

“ I did not know Tammy or her family, but am very saddened to learn of her passing. She sounded like a wonderful and gifted person to bring so much joy to so many. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

Godspeed Tammy.

Tom Wierzbicki - March 18, 2019 at 02:15 PM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 18, 2019 at 10:25 AM

CT

Beautiful!

Carol thabit - March 19, 2019 at 09:52 AM

PK

Always in our hearts.

Phyllis Korte - March 19, 2019 at 08:27 PM

SC

A wonderful tribute to a beautiful life! Memory Eternal.

Sharon Margalski Chubner - March 21, 2019 at 09:11 AM

KJ

*Thank you for sharing this precious, beautiful video with us Carlene 😊
❤️ What a gift Tammy was to so many in your lives 🎁🙏 We love you all ❤️*

Kristine Joseph - March 22, 2019 at 02:42 PM

SK

much. Always in my heart Sharon XOXO

Sharon king - March 23, 2019 at 08:14 PM

CT

So many memories..will really miss her💕💕

Cheryl Tresnan - March 24, 2019 at 08:51 PM

JJ

Carlene, Billy, John, and your families, what a rich and beautiful connection you all have had... to Tammy and with each other. You will have this love forever.

Janelle Joseph - March 27, 2019 at 08:27 AM

RJ

Tearing up- a truly wonderful tribute to such a full life!

Rochelle Joseph - March 27, 2019 at 08:33 AM

CA

“ My heart is aching after losing one of my BFFs early this morning. Tammy and I had a very special relationship and I will never forget the great times we had, just hearing her laugh melted my heart. When she went to church she would always turn around and wave to me in the choir. We went out to dinners and went for ice cream many times. She used to call me all the time and leave me cute messages. My favorite is when she would call me during work and I could hear her mom yelling in the background who are you talking to, and she would say it wasn't her business. My greatest honor was when I converted her to an OSU fan (her mom loves the other team). We would go back and forth go Bucks. I loved buying her stuff with OSU on it too. When I saw her a couple weeks ago, I told her mom that Tammy said she wants her to put her OSU t-shirt on and her mom had a fit. Sorry Carlene but I do have proof! I could go on and on of my great times with my buddy, she was so special to not only me but my sisters as well. I love you Tammy. May your memory be eternal sweet one. 💔😭✝️



Charla Joseph Akerman - March 18, 2019 at 08:53 AM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 17, 2019 at 03:08 PM

ME

“ I am so deeply saddened by your loss. She was one of the individuals, I will never forget knowing through all the years at LCBMR/DD.....she will definitely be missed by all who met or knew her.....

MICHAEL ERSKINE - March 17, 2019 at 02:44 PM

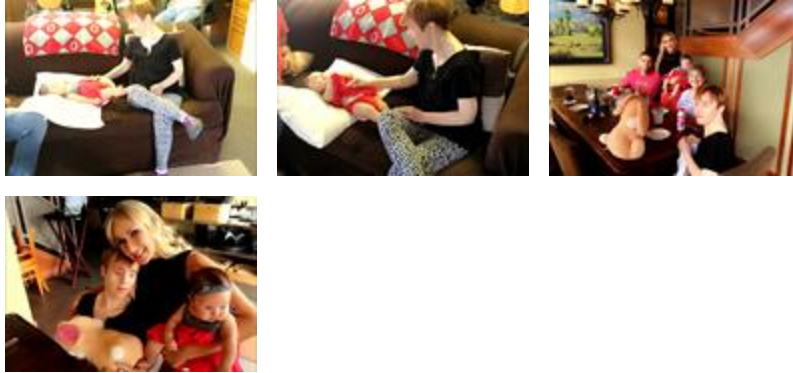
PS

“ Condolences and prayers. So sorry for your loss. Tammy was a beautiful, happy, and loving young lady. Her smiles and laughter were very contagious. She touched and blessed many people because we knew her. Many blessings to Carlene and her family. Love Patti and Jeff Sochacki

patti Sochacki - March 16, 2019 at 11:23 AM

HD

“ Aunt Tammy you were a beautiful soul❤️ I'm gonna miss that smile and laugh of yours. One of my favorite memories of you that always makes me laugh and smile is when we had an Easter egg hunt for you and the kids at my house, you were so excited and running so fast that you collected all of the Easter eggs, yes every single Easter egg ❤️ I love you so much. I will see you at the gates😊



Holly DeFalco - March 15, 2019 at 10:58 PM

JE

“ So sorry to hear - now she and Robert can dance forever - my thoughts are with you
Julie Huss Esparza

Julie Huss Esparza - March 15, 2019 at 10:54 PM

HM

“ Esther and I wish to express our love and heartfelt sympathy to you and all Tammy's family at this time.
Tammy was always a delight and we both grew very fond of her over the years. We played games together with her and she always favored us with a smile and a hug.
Tammy Lynn DeFalco, while we will miss your happy smile, your memory will always be in our hearts.
Harvey Malone and Esther Kezur

Harvey Malone - March 15, 2019 at 09:38 PM

CK

“ Tammy was such a joy! She was full of laughter and had a beautiful smile. She would love to tease and sometimes enjoyed being teased. We both had fun on our "Sunshine" walks in September several years. Tammy would look at me and say "You're my cousin" and there was no reason to dispute what she believed. She would just insist that I was. Tammy enriched so many lives and I just happened to be one of those lucky people.

Tammy gave and received so much love from a wonderful family, especially her mother, Carlene, who gave her all until Tammy was ready to find her place in heaven.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the DeFalco family. I know that your lives will be terribly empty without Tammy. May God bless each of you - He certainly blessed Tammy.

Christine Keran - March 15, 2019 at 06:58 PM

MC

“ We are so sad to hear about Tami and all the struggles she had to endure. She was blessed to have Carlene for her mom over so many years of compassionate care. We will miss our fun-filled dinners, her smiles and stories.

Prayers for all of you for strength to endure this tough time of loss. Stay strong in Him.

Marge & Mike Clark

Marge Clark - March 15, 2019 at 02:21 PM

BJ

“ I remember Tammy mostly from her involvement in our recreation activities & Special Olympics. She was always a delight to work with. I haven't seen her for a lot of years, but I know her attitude was no different from what it was when I was working in the program and seeing that she got to participate in those activities she loved. Blessings to her & all her family.

Phyllis Barnes

Barnes, Phyllis J - March 15, 2019 at 12:08 PM

JJ

“ As my sister Rochelle wrote yesterday, our family moved from Toledo to Chicago when we were young and when Tammy was less than a year old. In the many years since that time, seeing Carlene and Tammy at larger family gatherings, Tammy had blossomed and matured. At my parents' 50th wedding anniversary parties in Chicago, 1994, Tammy danced with all of us, a true disco goddess. She clearly got that from her mother, another great dancer. I learned of her very full and productive life, her many activities, relationships, and achievements. Carlene, you must be so proud! We know you and Billy and John and all the kids must feel sadness now. But joy in Tammy's long and special life surely is being celebrated. My love to you all, Cousins. Janelle Joseph

Janelle Joseph - March 15, 2019 at 11:28 AM

JD

“ *Missing your big hugs and wet kisses Aunt Tammy! Love always, your niece Jessica*



Jessica DeFalco - March 15, 2019 at 11:12 AM

MR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Tammy was a sweet gal. Now she is one of God's newest angels in heaven. May good memories comfort you at this time of sorrow.*

mary ann repka - March 15, 2019 at 10:25 AM

TF

“ *The Toledo CSX Communications Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Tammy Lynn DeFalco.*



The Toledo CSX Communications Family - March 15, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Tammy Lynn DeFalco.*



March 15, 2019 at 08:36 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tammy Lynn DeFalco.



March 15, 2019 at 12:04 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Tammy Lynn DeFalco.



March 14, 2019 at 11:50 PM



“ Dear Carlene, my heart goes out to you & my thoughts & prayers to you family & friends. I remember how delightful it was to be around Tammy, even though it has been too many years since I saw her. I am deeply sorry for your loss. ~Love, Love, Love, ~Denise Wilson~Krueger



Denise Wilson-Krueger - March 14, 2019 at 11:02 PM

RJ

“ Though my folks moved from Toledo before I began Kindergarten, what I remember most from our visits thereafter was Tammy's very special personality, infectious spirit -- and her laugh. She came into a remarkable family and made it even more so.

I think it's safe to say that she made others awareness and hearts grow greater too for knowing her.

Sending love to the whole family at this very sad time. When you lose someone you love, you gain an angel that you know.

Rochelle

Rochelle T Joseph - March 14, 2019 at 10:33 PM

JJ

I love that last thought, Rochelle. An angel that we know. Tammy. But her mom too. ❤️

Janelle Joseph - March 15, 2019 at 11:59 AM

MC

“ When my cousin Tammy was born almost 57 years ago, her life expectancy was less than half of the years she ultimately lived— with unrequited joy and purity of heart, with a zealousness of love and laughter we shall all sorely miss.

May her memory be an example for us always.

Michael Corey - March 14, 2019 at 07:32 PM

RJ

This is beautiful Michael. Rochelle Joseph

Rochelle T Joseph - March 14, 2019 at 10:34 PM

MD

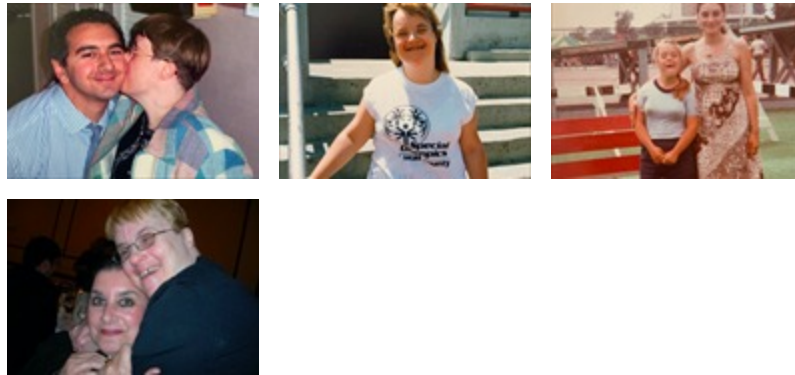
“ *Mary Davidson lit a candle in memory of Tammy Lynn DeFalco*



Mary Davidson - March 14, 2019 at 07:14 PM

MI

“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album*



Michael - March 14, 2019 at 07:03 PM

MH

“ *Tammy touched the lives of everyone that had the blessing of meeting her! Her smile could light up a room and her laugh was one that was contagious. What a beautiful person and gorgeous soul. RIP Tammy, you will be missed.*
~Melissa Harris~

Melissa Harris - March 14, 2019 at 06:23 PM

DA

“ *The Earth lost a beautiful laugh, a heartwarming smile, and a lady full of spunk and unbridled jest for life. The Universe gained Tammy's brilliant light. My condolences to her family, especially her amazing Mom.* 💜🦋

Donna Anderson - March 14, 2019 at 06:13 PM

TM

“ *I met Tammy when I worked at the Front Desk Secretary at Lott Industries. She always made me smile and was so sweet and loving. She liked it that we shared the same name. She called me the other Tami. She was an angel on earth and surely one of God's special angels in heaven. Rest in heavenly peace my dear sweet Tammy, until we meet again. Much Love, The other Tami*

Tamara McCormick - March 14, 2019 at 05:27 PM