



Doreen Basile Towhey

October 3, 1962 - February 1, 2024

Doreen Basile Towhey, 61 of Sugar Hill, GA, died of natural causes on February 1, 2024. She was born in Terrytown, NY in 1962 to James A Basile and Mary Jo (McMahon) Basile and she was the fifth oldest of seven children. Doreen attended Shamrock High School before going to work at C&S Bank, Killian Hall, All Saints Lutheran Church, and Henry Schein. She is preceded in death by her father, mother, and sister Kathleen Basile.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years Dennis, her daughter Kelly, and her son-in-law Andrew, and her son James. Her brother James A. Basile and his wife Anne, her sister Peggy Levengood and her husband Mike, her sister Mary Wetherington and her husband Joe, her brother Tom Basile and his wife Carla, her brother Bill Basile and his wife Kelli. Her brother-in-law James Towhey and his wife Sue. Her sister-in-law Peggie Shore and her husband Steven. Her brother-in-law Bill and his wife Debbie. Her brother-in-law Tom and his wife Tonya. Her brother-in-law Mike and his wife Michelle. Her nephew Tommy Levengood, his wife Shelly, and their children Parker, Rex, Eli, Troy, Avery, and Marley. Her nephew Michael Levengood and his husband Lorenzo. Her niece Andrea Ouargli, her husband Nazim, and their children Leo, Sarah and Zach. Her niece Melissa Eidson, her husband Brian, and their children Sydney and Owen. Her nephew Jake Basile, his wife Chessie and their children Lou and Burke. Her niece Bonnie Wetherington. Her nephew Bob Basile, his wife Samantha and their daughter Sasha. Her niece Megan

McRee, her husband Rick, and their children Christopher “Bear” and Maisie Jo. Her nephew Timothy Levengood. Her niece Katie Basile. Her niece Grace Basile. Her niece Anna Hanlin and her husband Wiatt. Her nephew Theodore, his wife Audrey and their children Penelope and Theo. Her niece Madeline Sewell and her husband Matthew. Her nephew Christopher Shore, his wife April and their son Aiden. Her niece Katie Williams, her husband Bryan and their children Madelyn, Amelia, Cara and Trae. Her niece Jessa Piper, her husband Derek, and their sons Dean and Dillon. Her nephew Benjamin Towhey and his wife Mia. Her niece Hannah Towhey. Her niece Heather Towhey. Her niece Sarah Edwards and her husband Rob. Her nephew Jason Towhey. Her niece Victoria Taylor, her husband Michael and their children Aaron, Rachel, Noah, Eve. Her nephew Denny McClure and her nephew Matt Nall. Doreen loved her big family so much, she wouldn’t want to leave anyone out.

Doreen was a doting wife, mother, sister, aunt, baker and friend. In 1973, Doreen and her family moved from Ohio down to Tucker, GA where the Basile family took root. She had no idea she would fall in love with the neighbor boy around the corner who was the love of her life Dennis. She put passion into everything she did. Her marriage to Dennis, her children Kelly and James, her growing extended family, any job she did. She especially enjoyed her time at Killian Hall where she met with and worked with so many lifelong friends. At Killian Hall her creativity flourished, she made hundreds of weddings and other events so memorable.

Doreen was a woman of immense faith. She was in church nearly every Sunday. In her youth she was extremely active at Holy Cross Catholic Church. She was heavily involved in the teen youth group, the choir and participated and supported in the church theater group. Later in life she and her family moved to St. John Neumann where she taught seven years of PSR. She loved the Lord so much and wanted to spread his word, that she taught so

many children and helped strengthen not only her faith, but their faith. After she moved to Sugar Hill, GA, she loved going to Mass every Saturday at St. Benedicts in John's Creek.

Doreen was a fabulous cook and the family baker. At any event, she would have baked several platters of goodies and desserts. Especially at Christmas time. Doreen would spend days baking, icing, sorting, and then assembling a variety of cookies, brownies as well as other baked goods into trays. These would be given as gifts made with love that would also become a staple of every holiday gathering that generations of her family loved and continued to request. These trays have become a Towhey/Basile family holiday tradition that once done by one woman will now take a family to keep alive.

Doreen put so much love in all that she did. When she discovered something, she learned everything she could about it and then would teach everyone else. Especially games. Card games, pickleball, trivia. Doreen loved to be the hostess with the mostest. She always payed attention to the finite details to everything and made sure everyone had a great time. Helping others gave her such joy. She was proud to be an advocate for those in need, she was an angel on this earth.

Please join the family in celebrating her life Friday afternoon February 9, 2024 at 12:00 pm at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 801 Tom Smith Rd, Lilburn GA 30047. There will be a Rosary service in the chapel before the funeral service beginning at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic charities at: <https://svdpgeorgia.org>. For those who cannot attend, but would like to pay their respects, you can watch the service at the link below: <http://sjnlilburn.com/online-masses>

Previous Events

Rosary Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John Neumann
801 Tom Smith Rd
Lilburn, GA 30047

Celebration of Life

FEB 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ So very sad to see we have lost the lovely and amazing person that Doreen was. I will miss my friend's smile and support. To Peggy and Mike, so very sorry for your loss.

Mary Blades - February 09, 2024 at 08:57 PM

GJ

“ I worked with Doreen at C&S Bank. Went to Shamrock too. She was always making me laugh. Her sense of humor was like no other! Doreen, you still make me smile.



Gregory Johnson - February 09, 2024 at 12:14 PM

MW

“ The entire scleroderma community is saddened by the loss of Doreen, who was such a champion, and was instrumental in founding the Southeast Chapter serving metro Atlanta and beyond for the last 13 years. Sending much love to Peggy, Mike and all the family.

Mary Wheatley - February 09, 2024 at 09:45 AM



“ We will never forget Doreen's gift for bringing joy to others and brightening everyone's day. She brought a very special ray of sunshine that warmed and illuminated all around her.

Laura Ward-Bogle - February 09, 2024 at 09:29 AM

MV

“ *Marcela Vasquez sent a virtual gift in memory of Doreen Towhey*



Marcela Vasquez - February 08, 2024 at 09:16 AM

AV

“ *We will miss Doreen who stepped onto and off “The Train of Life”. Doreen we will miss your laughter, zest, and immense joy for life. We will always be grateful for your bearing of our son’s wife. We are thankful to have known you and for the time we spent with you, although it was never enough. Your welcoming ways made us feel at home. Our hearts are broken. May you rest in peace sweet lady.*



Ada and Nelson Vega

Ada and Nelson Vega - February 06, 2024 at 09:47 PM

JS

Doreen brought joy to every thing she did! She and her whole family were the hardest workers at Church and Killian Hall!They made events fun! She is beautiful and a wonderful example of goodness! My thoughts and prayers are with Dennis, Kelly and Jimmy! Jane Stretch

Jane Stretch - February 07, 2024 at 07:13 PM

CV

Doreen always knew how to get everyone engaged and bring laughter to a room. We are so thankful to have had her a part of our life and family. I'm grateful for her kindness and always wanting to make everyone feel included (even our pups ;)). We will truly miss Doreen. We love you Dennis, Kelly and Jimmy.

Christina & Brittney

Christina Vega - February 08, 2024 at 06:59 PM

RO

“ *I only saw Mrs. Towhey once, we exchanged a few words and I could tell on that moment that I knew her well through her husband and children. I have the joy of working with Dennis, Kelly and James, they are wonderful people. Mrs. Doreen and Dennis did an amazing job raising Kelly and James, they honor their mother in all they do. My deepest condolences to Dennis, Kelly and James. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rosana Osorio - February 06, 2024 at 08:54 PM

FR

“ *My condolences to Peggy, Mike and the entire family. Doreen was a bright light in the fight against scleroderma. May her memory be a blessing the entire family.*

Ferne Robin - February 06, 2024 at 03:06 PM

AP

“ *Doreen was a champion for scleroderma in memory of Kathleen, and the National Scleroderma Foundation sends the entire Basile/Towhey wishes for peace and healing during this very difficult time.*

Ashley Pruett - February 06, 2024 at 02:47 PM

PB

“ I've known Doreen for 50 years! How is that possible. She was gifted - in so many ways. One of the funniest people I have known, with such a big heart and so much common sense. She was one of my sister Kathleen's dearest friends. Doreen, Kathleen, Mary and Sue were the 4 musketeers. Friends for 50 years. She will be missed by so many whose lives she blessed with her presence. Peggy Ward Brown.

Peggy Brown - February 06, 2024 at 10:36 AM

CJ

“ I was privileged to know Doreen for a time, working together for Henry Schein One. However brief, the impact she made on me will last forever.. Her infectious laugh and zest for life always brightened the space and those around her. Doreen made you feel valued, loved, and important all at the same time. I am so very grateful to have known such a beautiful person and was able to spend the time that I did with her... Condolences to her beloved family.

Candle Jessop - February 06, 2024 at 10:02 AM

JB

“ Although brief, the time i got to spend with Doreen was memorable. She was a light that shone in darkness. I loved working with her and she will be truly missed. Fly high my beautiful friend. 💖



Jennifer Bradley - February 06, 2024 at 06:23 AM

CB

“ Doreen and Dennis visited us in Ohio this past October. We were going out to dinner we all got in my suv and I backed up. Doreen said "you know you just hit your husband's truck" she knew the truck was there didn't say anything because she thought I must of had a way around it. I didn't even know the truck was behind me. I love that girl. She will be missed. ❤️🙏

Colleen Bish - February 05, 2024 at 08:34 PM

BW

I have been best friends with Billy her brother for 45 years. The Basile family is like my own. Doreen's infectious smile and laughter will be missed greatly. Her big hugs will never be replaced. Dennis my prayers are with you and the entire family.

Barry Wilson - February 06, 2024 at 07:12 PM

JM

“ john McMahon lit a candle in memory of Doreen Towhey



john McMahon - February 05, 2024 at 07:26 PM

PS

“ Dennis, Kelly and Jim,

The family will miss her so much. I just keep remembering the craft project she and I helped the kiddos make at the Christmas family gathering this year. I'm so glad I got to spend that time with her. You're all in our thoughts and prayers. Know the door is always open if you want to get away. Love you all so much!

Peggie Shore - February 05, 2024 at 06:48 PM

KO

“ I was so heartbroken to hear of Doreen's passing. She has been my co-worker for some time now and she was always the first to jump in and help. She was a hard worker and always eager to learn. She was intelligent, kind, and all around a great person. The impact of her loss is still felt within our team. Our team was lucky to have our lives touched by such an incredible person.

Kaitlyn Orr - February 05, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ Condolences to the family. Doreen made our daughter Harriet the most fantastic night celebration that our daughter wanted. She went over board in helping make sure the celebration was perfect. A great friend indeed. She will be missed.

Manola Robison - February 05, 2024 at 05:51 PM

TM

“ Dennis my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. May you find peace during this difficult time and big hugs to you, Kelly and James.



Tracey M - February 05, 2024 at 05:32 PM

JM

“ Doreen was so loved by her Ohio cousins. Always with a smile on her face and love in her heart. She will be missed

john McMahan - February 05, 2024 at 04:24 PM

JC

“ I have worked alongside of Doreen for 9 years and she was such a joy and privilege to know her and work alongside her and learn from her. My deepest condolences to her family all the way from Austin Tx. I will pray for your family Doreen and may you rest in peace and love.



Julia

Julia Correa - February 05, 2024 at 03:44 PM