



## Theresa J Nelson

March 9, 1959 - June 11, 2009

Super mom, marathon runner, and church volunteer in Biloxi and New Orleans, Theresa J. Nelson of Perry, Ohio, succumbed to cancer in her home on Thursday afternoon, June 11, 2009. Born in Mount Holly, New Jersey, on March 9, 1959, Terry is survived by her two children, David, 15, and Dylan, 12, and their father, Walter Nelson. With Terry at the time of her passing, and throughout her most difficult final days, were her loving mother, Jean Hiatt Bocher, also of Perry, and her devoted younger sister, Cynthia Mezzullo, of Havertown, PA. Terry is also survived by her father, Gordon Bruno, and her stepmother, Elizabeth Bruno--who commuted between Perry and Danbury, CT, frequently during Terry's rapidly advancing lung disease--as well as her brother, Geoffrey Bruno, and her sister, Nikki Clapper. Gordon, Elizabeth, Jean, and several friends were with Terry when she completed three full marathons in Cleveland, Hartford, and Columbus, all three within months of her fatal diagnosis. Her determination in all aspects of her life was extraordinary.

Most recently, Terry worked as office manager at her former husband's business, Captiva Direct, located in Mentor, Ohio. Prior to that position, she was a logistics manager at Leaseway, later Penske Transportation Corporation. Terry graduated from Penn State's main campus with a Bachelor of Arts in Business followed by a two-year Masters degree in Business Administration. A mentor to many men and women with alcohol problems, Terry herself was a 19-year member and frequent speaker at Alcoholics

Anonymous in the state of Ohio. She and her children were also members of the First Congregational Church in Painesville, Ohio. It was with groups from this church that Terry participated in her missions to Biloxi, Mississippi, and New Orleans, after Hurricane Katrina hit.

A memorial service at the First Congregational Church in Painesville will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June, 14.

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ Terry,

*I had sent you e-mails and tried to find you on facebook to no avail. I finally found David on facebook and saw the RIP to you. The shock to me right now is indescribable. I feel so sad our friendship lost it's way, but always figured we would find our way back. The sorrow I feel now is so deep. I wish I had known. I would have been there for you. I hope you have met with my Mom in heaven. I hope David and Dylan are doing well. My deepest regards to the boys. Rest in Peace my dearest friends. I will always treasure our fun times and fondest memories we had together. Love you!!*

*Linda Makovec*

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**Linda Makovec** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ Dearest T.

*I reached out to you yesterday and you were gone.*

*I appologize for not contacting you over the past two years. Many changes in my life including Chemo and Cancer. I was the lucky one, but you had the ultimate challenge which I'm sure you fought to the end. I wish you had called.*

*I feel so bad for your boys and family and hope you are watching over us in heaven. You were so talented, personal and such a caring individual! I'm deeply saddened by your passing and wish I knew much sooner.*

*Take care and I'll see you soon!*

*Fred*

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**Fred Price** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dearest Terry....

*You were my angel on earth and I never even knew it...you are my angel in heaven and on earth and I need you more than ever. I miss you more than words could ever say. You are my champion and you live in me forever. You are brave and beautiful and you illuminated the room wherever you were. I felt like I was in the presence of pure Grace when I was with you. I love you Sister....*

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**cynthia mezzullo** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ David and Dylan,  
Our deepest sympathies on the passing of your Mom. She was a very special lady. We will always remember her friendly smile and quick laughter. God Bless you both.

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**Cindy, Paul and Anthony Gallo** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ I was so sorry to hear about Terry's demise. I will never forget the things she told me in my early recovery days way back. She was very serious about the program and she told it like it was, very to the point. I will never forget the time when Walt, Terry and myself were at a function that we both felt like queens. She looked beautiful and she helped me overcome the desire to drink that night at the Candlelight Dinner event. Thank you Terry and Walt. I will never forget that night and thank you for helping me stay sober!

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**Nancy Cellura** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I want to express my deepest sympathy to Terry's family at this difficult time. Terry was one of the most special women I have ever met. She was an angel who helped so many people! Her kindness and love have left this world a much better place! I feel so blessed to have known her.

*Bonnie Beckwith Haehn*

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**Bonnie Beckwith Haehn** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM