

# IN MEMORIAM

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## DIANNE SALANDRA

**D**ianne Iannuzzi Salandra, 59, of West Caldwell, passed away Friday, September 7, 2018.

Dianne was born and raised in Newark where she attended First Avenue Elementary School. She graduated from East Orange Catholic High School, Class of 1976, and Seton Hall University, Class of 1980, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. For the majority of her teaching career, Dianne was a beloved fourth grade teacher for twenty-nine years at her alma matter, First Avenue. She was a truly dedicated professional who mentored many student teachers using her honed skills and pleasant demeanor. Her dedication to special needs and disabled students inspired her colleagues to participate in various activities promoting inclusion.

In addition to Dianne Salandra's admirable career, she was an extraordinary human being. She exuded warmth and love to all those who were fortunate enough to encounter her persona. She was totally dedicated to her family, especially her son, Thomas Gerard. She was totally devoted to her husband



of thirty years, caring for her beloved mother, and other close family members. She managed to find time to volunteer weekly at Willing Hearts of Caldwell. She enjoyed a much-loved circle of friends from the West Essex community, in addition to her dear friends from Newark.

She is survived by her mother Rose Marie Iannuzzi (nee Calabrese), her husband Thomas, her son Thomas Gerard, and her fur baby Bella Rose. Also, surviving is her aunt Barbara Giacalone (Aunt Bobbie) and many beloved cousins. She is predeceased by her beloved father, Angelo V. Iannuzzi, who passed away January 26, 2010.

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