



## Rebecca A. Manzione

July 25, 2023

Rebecca Ann "Beckie" Manzione of Woodbridge, Virginia passed from this life on July 25th, 2023, after a long illness. She left this world having remained continuously in her home, living life securely, at peace, in comfort, and surrounded by her loving family. She remained to the end vibrant, positive, inspirational, devout to her faith, and focused on family. She was an especially caring mother, daughter, grandmother, wife, sister and aunt. Throughout her life, and personally inspired by the example of her father, she was devoted in service to others, always striving to make other's lives better, and to share good times and her own good fortune with family and close lifelong friends. She was loved everywhere by all whose lives she touched, and she will be greatly missed by all of us who were blessed to have shared life together.

Beckie was preceded in death by her beloved father, the late Mr. John W. Machonis Sr. of Alexandria. She is survived by her loving mother, Helen T. Machionis of Raleigh NC, older brothers John W. Machonis Jr of Clearwater FL, and Gerard A. Machonis of Raleigh, by her devoted husband of 40 years, John A. Manzione of Woodbridge, daughter Elizabeth A. Bauer of Stephens City, VA, son Christopher J. Manzione of Woodbridge, daughter-in-law Alison M. Manzione, and six beloved grandchildren Cassie, Lucas, Addison, Joey, Jocelyn and Makayla.

Born on May 23rd, 1956 in Washington D.C., she was raised in the Hybla

Valley section of Alexandria, Va, by a strong Catholic family who had re-settled from the Wilkes-Barre area of north central PA. She attended St. Louis Catholic school and later Groveton High, graduating with the Class of 1974, from where she retained numerous deep friendships for life. She raised her family in Woodbridge VA and made her second home in the Allegheny mountains of Canaan Valley, WV.

Following graduation, she spent her early working years at the Army's Night Vision R&D labs, but was reassigned at a young age to serve as an executive secretary to Pentagon defense acquisition review staff. Returning to Ft. Belvoir, she served as secretary to the laboratory director within BRDEC and then as a program management assistant, before leaving the Army workforce to become a full-time homemaker and stay-at-home mother to her school age children. Along the way she raised a trio of soft-coated wheaten terriers. She would later return to the workforce part-time, first as volunteer mother at Aquinas School, then as an office manager to a general contractor, and finally on the principal's staff within the front office of Gar-Field Senior High School before retiring from there in 2005.

She was athletic in nature, enjoying sports throughout her life from childhood ballet, cheer, to softball and bowling, hiking, and for more than 3 decades was an avid downhill skier. She was a gifted quilter. She kept busy during the pandemic hand-crafting over 1000 custom face masks, for family, friends and later providing them in bulk to equip schools, businesses, and a nursing home, always free for the asking. But her favorite pastime was just spending quality time with family.

Beckie was ambitious and passionate in first and second home design, construction, interior decorating & ownership, her true life's calling. She purchased her first new residence in Alexandria at just 21 yrs of age, then, at age 23, her second in Woodbridge. She always loved vacation getaways -

beginning with childhood summer family vacations at the beach in Ocean City, MD. Then joining up with workmates and friends to plan weekend ski trip getaways to Timberline, Canaan Valley WV. After some years, she took an opportunity to invest in property and build her own first custom vacation rental home in 1996. Over time she became established as a multiple vacation rental home owner at the ski resort. The family dream ski house was finally completed in 2018 at Mid Mountain on the slopes of Timberline Mountain, the property that secures Beckie's lasting legacy as a home maker.

Memorial services are being handled by the Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, 3200 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge. The family will receive visitors there on Friday August 18th, 2023, between the hours of 5pm and 8pm. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11am on Saturday August 19th, 2023 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 12807 Valleywood Drive, Lake Ridge, VA 22192.

Beckie's ashes will be interred at a later date in a private family ceremony on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, VA.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to one of the two ALS charitable organizations who were instrumental in assisting Beckie with text-to-speech eye gaze technology: The Team Gleason Foundation of New Orleans LA, <http://teamgleason.org/donate/> ; or: Bridging Voice of Brooklyn NY, <https://bridgingvoice.org/get-involved/> These two organizations helped greatly expand her world and enabled her to remain connected until her last days.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **18**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
3200 Golansky Blvd.  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
703-878-CARE (2273)  
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
12805 Valleywood Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22192

# Tribute Wall



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**Cathi Horner** - August 19, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ I did not know Beckie long, nor well, but when I met her she welcomed me with a very warm welcome. To have met her is to love her. Beckie was a loving, kind bright star with a beautiful soul. I contributed to the ALS Fund

*Shirley Machonis*

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**Shirley Machonis** - August 18, 2023 at 03:57 PM



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**Debbie Lynch** - August 18, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rebecca A. Manzione.*



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August 17, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *John M. purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Rebecca A. Manzione.*



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**John M.** - August 16, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *John M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rebecca A. Manzione.*

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**John M.** - August 16, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Rebecca A. Manzione.*



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August 15, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rebecca A. Manzione.

August 15, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ 61 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. - August 15, 2023 at 07:41 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with John and family. Beckie was such an inspiration for all who knew and loved her. Beckie and I collected a ton of life long friends planning ski trips, beach trips, and softball teams together. (aka *The Epicureans*). She lived her life to the fullest with her hands in the air! Love always, Kathy Wentworth Drahosz



Kathy Wentworth Drahosz - August 14, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rebecca A. Manzione.*



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August 14, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *The Pompey Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Rebecca A. Manzione.*



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**The Pompey Family** - August 09, 2023 at 06:24 PM

“ Tribute to Beckie

*Beckie was such a blessing to our family and to many others – she will always be remembered and greatly missed. In his song, Wonderful Life, Matthew West beautifully describes a friend, Ron Janca, who also had ALS. Much of what is mentioned and pictured in the accompanying video applies directly to Beckie’s strength, positive attitude and faith she continuously displayed. God’s grace was so evident in her! As I watch the video (link attached below), I am amazed at the similarities between Matthew’s experience with Ron, and our family’s experience with Beckie. When I hoped to encourage Beckie, I was the one encouraged and inspired by her. Throughout her ALS journey God was hanging onto Beckie, just like He was to Ron. Laughter, crying, remembering Beckie being strapped into a sled so she could enjoy one more ride down the mountain, watching her kiss her precious Gracie, picturing Beckie waving in her motorized carriage – she fought courageously and ran the race with endurance that was set before her!*

*<https://youtu.be/VjbOPBAiENQ> (Link to Video - it is also posted below)*

*As the video ends, I just imagine Beckie speaking Ron’s words, “I am blessed and so are you!” Enjoy your graduation, Beckie, and the glorious entry into your eternal home! May we all follow your example and experience God’s love, joy, peace, and salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ!*

*“This life ain’t always wonderful, but this life ain’t all there is!”*

*See you later, Cuz! Love you lots!  
Gary, Sue and family*



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**Gary Katacinski** - August 09, 2023 at 06:21 PM

CS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Beckie's family. She was a great car pool partner.*

*The Schneck family*

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**Catherine Ann Schneck** - August 06, 2023 at 08:34 AM

PB

“ *Patrick Breuer purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Rebecca A. Manzione.*



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**Patrick Breuer** - August 03, 2023 at 06:17 PM

LP

“ *I was so blessed to call Beckie a friend. I have so many wonderful memories of her, special times with our gang of friends in Canaan, concerts and wineries. She was a fun, loving, caring person and we will all miss her terribly. Our love and prayers go out to her family.*

*Dave & Linda Philpott*



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**Linda Philpott** - August 03, 2023 at 07:53 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ed - August 02, 2023 at 11:17 PM

BH

“ Becky was one of the first people I met when I started working at Ft. Belvoir. She looked out for the young engineers and made sure they were taken care of. She was funny and caring. She seemed to have endless energy. I saddened to hear she has moved on.

Brian Hornbeck - August 02, 2023 at 10:16 PM

ED

“ I met "Boom-Boom" in 1979 and have had the awesome pleasure of spending many, many hours in her company, both through sports and personal contact. She brought joy into every room she entered and always did her best to make everyone comfortable and happy. I will always remember the dread we felt the day she got hit right on the stomach with a softball overthrow while pregnant. Fortunately, that was the safest place to get hit after all. John can attest that there are other places that cause more damage. She was the ultimate hostess at her Timberline places and made everyone feel at home. Her courage dealing with ALS and her always hopeful attitude made it easier for the rest of us too. To say she will be missed, is a very understated platitude. The world has lost one of its best people and now she's partying with the all the other heavenly angels!

Ed - August 02, 2023 at 09:42 PM

JR

“ John R. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rebecca A. Manzione.



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John R. - August 02, 2023 at 05:41 PM

JR

“ John R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rebecca A. Manzione.

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John R. - August 02, 2023 at 05:41 PM

RH

“ We are heartbroken at the passing of Beckie. Even though we didn't really hang out in high school am grateful for the last 12 or so years we have been close friends. We miss her terribly and will keep her in our hearts. Fly with the Angels sweet Beckie. Our deepest sympathies to John, Christopher and Beth. Rest easy Sista. Until we meet again. Sending our love, Kevin and Robin Carr.



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Robin Hall-Carr - August 02, 2023 at 11:09 AM

KR

“ I met Becky at Aquinas School many moons ago. We did various volunteer activities and got together at parent social events and breakfasts at “the round table” at Bob Evans. She was always such an upbeat person. She always had a joke or an upbeat comment!! You will be missed, Becky, but you are keeping the angels on their toes!!!

*Kathy Romano*

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**Kathleen Romano** - August 01, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ So many memories. Love to the entire family. She was a joyful light in the us world. We treasure our memories of spending time with Beckie & John. Cathi & Jack Horner

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**Cathi Horner** - August 01, 2023 at 03:31 PM