



Jessica Soo-Jin Bonaiuto

July 9, 1972 - March 14, 2011

Jessica Soo-Jin (Walsh) Bonaiuto, 38, died Monday, March 14, 2011, after a three-year battle with breast cancer at her home in Alexandria, Va.

Born in Seoul, Korea, July 9, 1972, Jessica was adopted by Jim and Jane Walsh and their family of New Ulm, Minn., in December 1980. After graduating from New Ulm Area Catholic Schools, she attended the University of South Dakota, where she graduated with a communications degree and met her future husband. She relocated to the Washington, D.C., area, working first on Capitol Hill and later for a series of nonprofit education associations, including the National School Boards Association.

She married Dominic Bonaiuto Oct. 16, 1999, and they have an 8-year old son, Sebastian. Jessica was an active member of her community and enjoyed gardening, yoga and travel. She was a member of the Our Lady Queen of Peace parish in Arlington, Va.

In addition to her husband and son, Jessica is survived by her parents, Jim and Jane Walsh of New Ulm; her brother Jamie, his wife, Kelsey, and their daughter, Sophia, of Ellicott City, Md.; her sister Jody, of Minneapolis, Minn.; her brother Jason and his wife, Becca, of Sioux Falls, S.D.; her brother John, of Cincinnati, Ohio; her brother Jeffrey, of New Ulm; her grandmother, Marge Walsh, of Elk Point, S.D.; as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial gathering will be held from 3 to 6 p.m., March 19, at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria. A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 21, at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 2700 S. 19th Street, Arlington. Memorial contributions may be made to Life with Cancer or Capital Hospice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jessica Soo-Jin Bonaiuto*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *I will truly miss Jessica. My Prayers and Thoughts are with the Family!*

March 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim, I am very sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Paul Nelson,*

March 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We send our deepest condolences on the loss of your wife and mother. May the happy memories you have give you comfort. God bless you, Dominic and Sebastian.*

March 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Domenick, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your wife. I know this is a challenging time, but remember the love of your family and friends and take strength and comfort in our thoughts and prayers. You and your son are in my prayers.*

March 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



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March 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are all in our prayers. Jo Kahler and family.*

March 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was saddened to hear of Jessica's passing. She was such a warm, caring person who also made everyone feel welcomed. She has now earned her angel's wings and will continue to bless all.*

March 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Jessica's family and friends, It is with a heavy heart that I share the loss of a colleague and friend. I had the pleasure of working with Jessica in her role at the NSBA Council of Urban Boards of Education. She was a true professional, an advocate of public education, believer in equity and quality opportunities for urban children, and a dedicated wife and mother. Being Irish on St. Patrick's Day, it is appropriate to celebrate the memories and values of those we admire. It is my fond wish that Jessica's family take pride in the outstanding person she was. I will miss her calls, her smile and magnetic personality.*

March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dom&Sebastian, My thoughts & prayers are with you always. I know just what you are going through. Uncle Joe Bonaiuto*

March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jessica was so special. I loved her and it was a privilege to be a part of her life. My heartfelt condolences for your loss.*

March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was a pleasure to have shared Jessica's joy and warmth. We pray that God fill Sebastian and Dominic's hearts with peace.*

March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dominic and Sebastian, Words are truly inadequate to describe what an extraordinarily beautiful individual Jessica was-- inside and out. We are all so blessed to have known her, she was truly an inspiration to all. Please know that you are forever in my thoughts at this difficult time. Love to both of you, Catherine*

March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dom and Sebastian, There's a road that's made of memories that goes from heart to heart, a path that spans time, and a bridge of special feelings made of all the love and happiness you shared with Jessica. Your love for her will last forever. I am so sorry for your loss.*

March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jessica's Family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. May you find comfort in all of your memories. God Bless all of you!

March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dominic and Sebastian, Our thoughts and hearts are with you.

March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dominic, I'm so very sorry for your loss of Jessica. She was beautiful in every way. I hope you have many warm memories to treasure and to comfort you. Sharon

March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dom, My thoughts and prayers are with you at such a sad time. Jessica was a wonderful person who had the amazing gift of making people feel special and heard. Jessica and I were on a road trip in North Carolina when we both worked for CIS 11 years ago and was the first person who learned I was pregnant. My daughter Eva still loves to hear the story, which included seedy hotels, unexpectedly bad weather, and racing for planes! We will remember Jessica with love and laughter, and will keep you and Sebastian always in our prayers. Sincerely, Sarah Marton

March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dom & Sebastian, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Jessica was a wonderful person and I am so glad that I got to know her. She will be deeply missed.*

March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dom and Family, You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time. My heart breaks for you all. Life is so precious as was your time with Jessica. Her smile and love will live on through each of you as you move forward and keep her close in your memories and in your hearts. Our love and prayers are with you. I am so very sorry for your loss. May you find strength and peace.*

March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dom, Sebastian and other family members, Jessica was such a wonderful person and she brightened every room she entered. I wish I could be there in person to pay my respects, but please know that all of you have been and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Jessica has always been an angel and now I know she will be your angel from above. God Bless all of you during this difficult time.*

March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dom & Sebastian - Words can not possibly express how sad that we are for you. Jessica is smiling down on you guys, pain free, loving you from above; watching you & guiding you for the rest of your lives! What an amazing Angel you now have. Love you both & praying for you! Eric, Nicole, Emma & Harper*

March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *The world has lost a vibrant and beautiful soul. Your bright energetic smile will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dom and Sebastian. Joe Bonaiuto*

March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM