



## Victoria Castelli

June 21, 1958 - July 9, 2023

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Victoria Lee (Fugitt), 65, of Terrace Park, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 9, 2023 surrounded by her family and loved ones. Throughout a 5-year battle with cancer, Victoria continued to be a guiding light for her family, friends, and colleagues. Even in the midst of hardship, she led a life of love, compassion, and bravery, and continued to care for patients at The Drake Center until her final months, where she would eventually be cared for at the end of her own life. She is survived by her loving partner, Laurence Bergman, whose tireless devotion sustained her throughout their ten+ wonderful years together. Also surviving are her children. - In Victoria's words, her "greatest achievement." : Mitchell Sutika-Sipus (Mallory); Anthony Castelli; & Kennedy Castelli, who "rounded out her life perfectly." She is also survived by her Siblings: Valerie, Willis (Teri), and Franklin Fugitt (Rebecca.) Also, her two beautiful granddaughters: Eliza and Samara Sutika-Sipus.

In her life journey, Victoria had many titles; Farm girl from Columbus, Professional Ballerina, Miss Kentucky (Bodybuilder), Nurse Supervisor. - But no matter the accolades or achievements, those who knew her most-intimately were happiest to know her by terms of endearment like; "My love", "Madre", or "Miss Victoria." Whether it was her beloved partner, one of her three adoring children, or perhaps a trusted colleague in the medical field,

everyone who knew Victoria was astonished by the life she lived. - But what meant the most (and means the most now) was the love and understanding that she so effortlessly provided. Over a 34+ year nursing career, and over the course of a lifetime, Victoria left an impression upon every life she touched. When you met her, you didn't just love her... you felt loved, yourself. - and it is for that reason (among many more) that we will miss her so dearly, so achingly, and so lovingly.

As a partner, as a mother, as a caretaker for human beings (and almost any plant or animal), Victoria loved without hesitation. She made the weak feel strong and made the strong feel worthy of protecting the weak. In her passing, she leaves behind many who loved her. But like the gardener and giver she was, she also leaves behind seeds of bravery, compassion, and joy. - and in that way, we are comforted in knowing her spirit and memory will be present in every one of our positive words, good deeds, and acts of love. While we mourn the loss of our guiding light, we are comforted in knowing Victoria is now our guardian angel.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday July 12th at 10:00AM, Followed by Services at 11:00AM at Weil Kahn Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. Services will be livestreamed, please click the following link to attend virtually [https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed\\_viewer/90251](https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed_viewer/90251) .

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Adath Israel Congregation Harvey Bergman Helping Hand Fund, 3201 East Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236 or the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (OCRA) P.O. Box 32141, New York, New York 10087 ([ocrahope.org](http://ocrahope.org)) are welcomed and appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## United Jewish Cemetery - Montgomery

7885 Ivygate Lane  
Montgomery, OH 45242

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home  
8350 Cornell Road  
Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, OH 45249  
[bill@weilkahnfuneralhome.com](mailto:bill@weilkahnfuneralhome.com)

## Funeral Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home  
8350 Cornell Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

# Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Victoria Castelli



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - July 10, 2023 at 10:51 AM

DP

“ Victoria was a beautiful and kind lady who I once knew. I remember how she loved her children, and my heart goes out to all who were part of her life.

deborah pierce - September 20, 2023 at 08:15 PM

LW

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Larry and the Bergman family, and also to Victoria's children.  
Our warmest condolences,  
The Wikoff Family



Laura Wikoff - July 11, 2023 at 08:34 PM

KP

“ Erin and I were so sorry to hear about Victoria's passing. She lit up every room that she walked into and we were thankful for the time that we were able to share together. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of her family and friends during this difficult time.

Kyle Petty - July 10, 2023 at 06:02 PM

CC

“ *Several years ago, I was a patient at the Drake Unit at Christ Hospital. I was very ill, and not happy with the unit I was placed in. Victoria was my shining light. She would come visit me when she could and shared her many stories about her childhood. She was so proud of her children! When I saw her obituary, I was shocked that I remembered her smiling face right away, and I felt I needed to share with her family, how wonderful a nurse she was, with lots of compassion and caring. She definitely left an imprint on my life with fond memories. My condolences to her family and friends.*

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**Cheryl D Charkins** - July 10, 2023 at 01:01 PM

JD

*Omg! I just found this... I am so sadden that I couldn't pay my respect for someone I loved so very much. Oh my so many memories . Val,slick,Willis and Frank I'm so sorry. I love you*

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**Judy Dean** - April 28, 2024 at 12:35 AM

KC

“ I am so glad my mom was able to visit me in San Diego this past April - her first time in California. For two years, nearly every conversation, she would mention what what happened in the latest “San Diego Zoo” Tv episode she watched. Being able to go there in person with her, see incredible flowers and beautiful coastline. Are memories I’ll hold onto forever. We took a nap in the sand at Tourmaline Beach (she loved the name, a favorite crystal of ours.) And I thought about all the beach time we got to spend together as I grew up. My mom LOVED the beach, more so, spending all day in the sun. I remember she and I went to Cap San Blas when I was young, just us. We got giant cherry ice cream cones and her’s fell straight onto the ground. We laughed and they gave her another one of course. The water was crystal and clear and we swam and laughed and laid in the sun. I love you mom, forever and ever.



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**Kennedy Castelli** - July 09, 2023 at 09:28 PM

JS

“ Larry and family we are very sorry to hear about sweet Victoria. She was an amazing person. Beautiful inside and out. We are all sending our love and support. The Siegal’s, and Madden’s.

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**Judy Siegal** - July 09, 2023 at 05:48 PM



*My condolences and deepest sympathies go out to all family and friends of Victoria.*

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**Neal Castelli** - July 10, 2023 at 06:00 PM

TB

*I worked with Victoria at Drake and she was the brightest light and beautiful soul. She will be greatly missed. Fly high Beautiful and keep watch over us all. Condolences to the family which she loved dearly.*

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**Terrell Brockman** - July 12, 2023 at 06:01 AM