



## Monica N. Thompson

June 2, 1958 - May 28, 2015

Monica Natalie Thompson, 56, beloved daughter of Dr. Andriana Natale Thompson, MD, and the late Professor John, D Thompson, died peacefully on May 28 surrounded by family and friends at Connecticut Hospice in Branford. Monica left an indelible mark on our world with her sense of humor, artistic talents, and loyalty to all who loved her. Monica was born in New Haven on June 2, 1958, with many natural talents, which she jokingly claimed were “learned in the womb”. By the age of seven Monica was drawing in 3 dimensions and started writing poetry at age 11. Monica later took her talents to Lee High school where she graduated with honors in just 3 years, earning early admission to Emerson School of the Arts in Boston. While at Emerson, she pursued art, theatre, and stage production - priming herself for what was her true love: photography. Monica often supported herself by photographing promising young talents, including Dennis Leary, Michael Bolton, and Robert Downey Jr. She could be found at every rock concert camera in hand and she published photos of Mick Jagger, David Bowie, and the Ramones. Always ahead of her time, in the early 1980s Monica combined her talents to create music videos in New Haven with local bands, all before the advent of Music Television (MTV). This passion for videography eventually led her to New York City where she worked on the MTV productions for the B52's. Leaving her rock star days behind Monica started working with CBS News as a photographer-reporter. Barely 5 feet tall, she earned a reputation for being able to maneuver through any crowd carrying a 40-pound camera. Her

tenacity and expertise led to several high profile assignments at CBS and earned her an Emmy nomination by age 27 for her footage of Hurricane Gloria in Fire Island in 1985. Monica then tackled the non-profit world working for Save the Children and the World Health Organization where she photographed and created documentaries of people living in poverty around the world. Eventually returning to broadcasting, Monica also worked for Channel 8 in New Haven, WNPR, and CPTV. At the time of her death Monica was working on 2 projects: "The Saints of Consequence", a fictional story about Alex Rackley, the murdered Black Panther at the center of the 1970 trial in New Haven; and a 27-panel colored drawing of the World Trade Center attacks on Sept 11, 2001.

Monica leaves behind six siblings, Margaret D. Thompson of Newton and Julie Creamer (Skip) of Milton MA, Anthony (Carolyn) Thompson, Siobhan Thompson and Deirdre Hamilton of Branford, CT, Maire Thompson of San Francisco, CA, and several loving nieces and nephews. The Thompson family would also like to acknowledge the support of her wonderful friends during her illness and the incredibly talented staff of the CT Hospice in Branford.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Aedan Church, Fountain St. New Haven. Burial will follow in St. Lawrence Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, The Thompson family would ask that donations be made to the John D. Thompson Hospice Institute for Research, Education and Training, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405. Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

## Cemetery Details

### St. Lawrence

280 Derby Ave.  
West Haven, CT

## Previous Events

### Funeral service

MAY 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Aedan Church  
112 Fountain St.  
New Haven, CT

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ *Monica - it's 9 years today that you went to heaven. I miss you, love you and know that you are watching out for us. Hugs to mom and Dad. Siobhan*



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**Siobhan Thompson** - May 27, 2024 at 10:33 AM

LK

“ *Doctor Natale I am so sorry. My kisses are wrapped in falling tears for you and your family. Lessie McGirt Kelly. Boca Raton, FL*

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**Lessie Kelly** - September 01, 2015 at 07:51 PM

ST

“ *Dear Monnie,  
Thank you for shaping my life with your gifts and loving me. We went down the last road together – your humor, smile, beautiful eyes, and articulate wisdom while we slowly parted will inspire me forever. Mom loves you and wants you to give Dad a big kiss and a hug from all of us - I know that you are tag-teaming the Times crossword puzzle in heaven with Dad today. My sister, we are all the wiser from your life with us. Rest with peace and assurance that we will feel your presence everyday. We are planting a tree at the cottage in your honor so that we all can grow old together. I love you my sister, my teacher, my champion, my rock (n' roller), my brave hero.  
Siobhan*

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**Siobhan Thompson** - May 31, 2015 at 11:16 AM

JS

“ TO THE FAMILY OF MONICA, I AM VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. MONICA WAS A VERY NICE PERSON. SHE ALWAYS HAD INTERESTING STORIES TO TELL. GOD BLESS MONICA. REST IN PEACE.

-JONATHAN SMITH, WESTVILLE

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**JONATHAN SMITH** - May 30, 2015 at 09:31 AM

RO

“ *always an adventure and a laugh when monica and I hung out...Westville days..which included yale football games..concerts..and west rock park...a 45 yr friendship...gone but not forgotten,,,xo roberta*

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**roberta** - May 30, 2015 at 06:10 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Monica N. Thompson.*



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May 29, 2015 at 02:54 PM

SF

“ I am truely sorry. Many of my childhood memories include Monica and her family. It felt at times that I had an extra seven siblings (3 are enough). As I remember Monica who lived her life outside the box from a young age she always stood out in the crowd. Often the crowd was around her. She was talented, bright and resourceful and will always stand out in my mind. Knowing her all my life and being the same age we shared growing pains and a lot of good and bad and silly times.

*I am sad.*

*Susan C Frione*

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**Susan Frione** - May 28, 2015 at 08:17 PM

KA

“ Dear Siobhan & all the Thompson family

*Please accept my sincerest sympathies for your loss of Monica*

*Kate Aldinger*



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**kate aldinger** - May 28, 2015 at 04:57 PM