



## Megan L. Delaney

August 20, 1985 - May 21, 2023

“The most loving human you’ll ever meet.” Megan was known for her “loving bear hug” hugs and throughout her life her hugs left long lasting memories on those who received them. Her smile was bright and infectious! She loved her family with an incredible special love and treasured the family pets. She could be silly, thoughtful and caring.

The most important person to Megan was her mom, who ensured she had the best and fullest life possible. Megan loved being silly with her dad, who regularly hid stuffed squirrels and other mementos for the other to find. Megan treasured time with her sister and brother-in-law, having special sleep overs, and loved her nephew, Dax, fiercely.

She treasured her moments with friends from the ARC of Atlantic County, valued her work at Our Lady’s Residence and McDonald’s, and loved animals. She enjoyed walking around her Smithville neighborhood singing quite loudly to ABBA with a huge smile on her face. She lived her life fully with love and will never be forgotten. Treasure her smile, remember her hugs, and love all of your neighbors just like Megan did.

Megan is survived by her parents David Delaney and Donna Delaney (nee: Hutchinson); her sister Colleen Delaney-Lewis; her brother-in-law Ryan Lewis, her nephew Dax Lewis, her grandmother June Hutchinson (née: Crawford),

and other loving family members.

Donations in Megan's name can be made to the ARC of Atlantic County (NJ) ([www.thearcatlantic.org](http://www.thearcatlantic.org)) or to the 'Funny Farm' of Mays Landing, NJ ([www.funnyfarmrescue.org](http://www.funnyfarmrescue.org)). Celebration of Megan's life to be scheduled at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ I listened David Delaney when he hosted Shore Talk on WOND radio. I never knew Megan but I always heard him speak so highly of her and Colleen and his wife. He spoke about them with so much joy and he could feel how much they all meant to him. They recently filled in for one of the on air hosts and he mentioned that she had passed away and I was just shocked. However the way he spoke was was so much joy and it was if she was still here. My heart goes out to the Delaney family. I don't know their loss but I know how lost feels personally. The only thing I can say is to the family just take it moment by moment. It doesn't get any easier it gets different. Sweet dreams Megan.

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**Sara** - July 04, 2025 at 09:02 AM

GM

“ When I went to write this, I thought to myself, what can I say that has not already been said. Megan was an amazing, loving, kind person who saw the world has a beautiful place. Megan loved everybody and her hugs, we're the best, no matter how down you felt when she gave you one of her famous hugs you felt better. We were so blessed to have had her in our lives, she will be forever missed, but her memories will make us smile every time we think of her. 💕

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**Gerry Miller** - June 24, 2023 at 01:02 PM

LB

“ Hi my name is Lori  
My memory about Megan is how she would love to see all her friends at events at the Arc and oh them hugs her friends were howie Alfred roy and Lori  
And she loved the eagles so give me a eagles go birds

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**Lori bentz** - June 24, 2023 at 07:52 AM

RZ

“ I think the first time I met Megan was in line at the chapel at the USCG Training Academy at Cape May. I know the last time I saw her was at Lowe's last December. She was with her folks in the Christmas light section and had a huge smile and was very excited to get some new lights. Love from the Z family. Bob, Julie, Jake and Ben.

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**Robert Zlotnick** - June 24, 2023 at 06:15 AM



“ Every time I look at my keychain I remember Megan. She was always giving her handmade gifts to people, and I was the lucky recipient of one of her braided lanyards. I hooked it onto my keys the day she gave it to me and it's been there ever since. She was the sweetest young woman, and it was a great pleasure to be the recipient of her awesome hugs. She will be so missed at St. Paul's.



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**Dee Hosier** - June 14, 2023 at 08:37 AM

KG

“ Spending just 5 minutes with Megan could make all of your life's troubles fade to the background. She would give you a hug that would provide you comfort for days. Thus girls love was the most pure and sweet that I have ever had in my life. She was truly a special soul and if you had the pleasure of having her touch any moment in your life then you are forever blessed as I am to have known her for the short period of time that I did. Megan's love will live on forever.

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**Kimberley Gibson** - June 06, 2023 at 08:45 PM

KM

“ The day I met Megan was a special day for me. I got one of her back breaking hugs and not too long after the hugs included an I love you Aunt Kathi. She won my heart right then. I used to love to make Megan laugh. She'd roar. We went to a dress up event at my school. She was dressed so pretty and she knew it. She glowed. We danced but as soon as they called us for food, Megan was in line. One of her favorite things-eating. She was such a bundle of energy and joy. Megan was an inspiration to me. I was also blessed becoming friends with Donna. A loving and caring mother. I will truly miss Megan.

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**Kathi Meyer** - June 03, 2023 at 03:58 PM

JG

“ Megan was a blessing to everyone she met. We could all learn from Megan and her loving acceptance of everyone.

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**Jacqueline Gullifer** - May 31, 2023 at 05:33 PM

MJ

“Megan called me her bestie, I called her the little sister God sent me. I was blessed to have her in my life. I will forever miss her and her hugs.

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**Mary Ann Jones** - May 31, 2023 at 05:02 PM

KL

“I will always cherish the last hug that I received from Megan on April 12 when she came to a craft class at The Arc of Atlantic County. She whispered to me that she was afraid and I whispered back, it's ok. God has your back. She smiled and walked into the class. I will always remember her last Ocean Fishing Trip in August 2022 on the Big Beast out of Cape May.. With assistance from the crew she was able to get into the large, raised fishing chair in the back of the boat. From there she was able to cast her pole into the water trying to catch a big one. After she felt a tug on the line and the crew, Kenny, John, Marty and Rookie were prepared to assist her. Dad Dave and I got out our cameras. When the fish was finally reeled in, it was a tiny one. Megan didn't care, she laughed posed for a photo before the crew tossed the fish back into the water. The Crew of the Beast send their condolences to the family  
While my hugs can never match Megan's, I send one to each of her family members in loving memory of the kind, happy person that she was.

She will be missed by her "Arc" family- the art class instructor, Alex, and all of her friends from Game Nights, Dances and craft classes.

**Kathi Lentz**

*The Arc of Atlantic County*

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**Kathi Lentz** - May 31, 2023 at 11:32 AM

EL

“ Megan gave me a hug once, just one hug, many years ago. I can still feel that hug all through my body. Megan’s hugs stay with you for life! You’ll be in my life forever, Megan. 🙏🙏🙏 for Megan.

Edy Laverdure - May 31, 2023 at 09:58 AM

SD

“ Megan was the most delightful person to know . What a smile and those hugs she lite up everyone’s life. Like the song You Light Up My Life, she made me some art work of a rabbit and a cat such beautiful work and it attracts everyone who comes to my house as I have them hanging on my wall. They will remain hanging as I get to talk of Megan when people come to my house and ask about them, Megan you will be missed but will always remain in our hearts and will have great wonderful talks of you always. Until we meet again love Sandy

sandy Daws - May 31, 2023 at 09:08 AM

JC

“ Megan was a beautiful soul and the sweetest young lady we ever met. Those hugs!!! We were blessed to know her, laugh with her, travel with her and visit her wherever we went to my brother John's house ( he lived across the street). Thanks for being part of our lives - may you rest in peace until we see you/hug you again. Love Joe, Kris and Erin

Joe Casey - May 31, 2023 at 06:55 AM

DS

“ The Skis came to St Paul's UMC.About 7 years ago. We were greeted with Megan's enormous hug.She asked us about twenty questions in 5 minutes.She was a true Light! She came to be very special "church Family" member to us.She showed so much joy each week as we began to meet the rest of St Paul's Family.Our lives have been ever changed by knowing Megan.May we all show a little Megan to others and give hugs in her memory!! Blessed are those that are pure in heart!  
Praying for you guys!! The Sierocinski Family "The Skis"

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**Donna Sierocinski** - May 30, 2023 at 07:42 PM

CM

Megan was a joyful, outgoing girl who loved everyone and was a good cook. Her hugs were out of this world! She will be sorely missed. Chris and Dan McGee

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**Chris and Dan McGee** - June 03, 2023 at 10:39 AM

LO

Hi everyone my memory about Megan is when she would always come to zumba and she was always excited to see all her Friends which were howie Alfred Lori Eric etc and that is only a few and oh them HUGS she gave the best hugs ever she will truly be missed by her family and all her friends at the Arc I was at the celebration last I can't believe I couldn't do my speech last night well meg you will truly be miss love you girl  
This is for you go Eagles

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**Lori** - June 24, 2023 at 07:05 AM