



## Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano

February 25, 1946 - November 22, 2023

UTICA – Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano, age 77, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

Barbara's parents, the late Jan Peter and Magdalena (Kubina) Karelus, both of Polish descent, met in Germany following WWII. On February 25, 1946, Barbara was born in Maczkow and at the age of four emigrated from Germany with her parents and two younger brothers. Upon arriving in the United States, the Karelus family lived in Martinsburg, NY for a brief period before relocating to New Haven, CT where she spent much of her childhood. The family ultimately settled in Lowville, NY establishing a family farming business on Flat Rock Road. Her experiences living in a new country, working on the family farm, and caring for her younger brothers and sister instilled in Barbara an integrity and work ethic she carried with her through life. Barbara graduated from Lowville Academy with the class of 1964 and then moved to Utica to pursue her associate degree from M.V.C.C. Although never living again in Lowville, she visited often and her love for her parents and siblings was unwavering. Barbara was extremely proud of her Polish heritage and though she and her husband Chuck enjoyed multiple trips to Europe, most special to Barbara were her two trips to Poland, where she met her family that resided there for the first time.

On September 27, 1969, she married Charles A. "Chuck" Taurisano at St.

Hedwig's Church in Houseville. They were so happy to marry in the fall as it was when they met and fell in love. They celebrated 54 wonderful years together and built their marriage on respect, love, and the raising of their two girls, of whom they always made their priority.

Before starting her family, Barbara worked at the former Marine Midland Bank as a teller. As she and Chuck began their family, her most important consideration was caring for the well-being of her girls. Barbara ultimately returned to the work force and held a position in the Continuing Education Office at Utica College of Syracuse University.

Barbara was a kind and gentle soul, strong, and always selfless. She was an outstanding mother and shared many beautiful traditions with her daughters and grandchildren, leaving them with several fond memories. Barbara enjoyed connecting with new acquaintances and old friends, she always listened patiently, and took pleasure in offering her personal stories and experiences. She possessed a loving heart above all else.

Friendships were extremely important to her, and she and Chuck were fortunate to have many cherished friendships they enjoyed through the years. They especially enjoyed their longtime friends they affectionately called the "reunion committee". Barbara savored the time spent meeting her girlfriends from high school at Brantingham Lake. She also enjoyed the hobby of playing dominos every Friday with a tight group of friends.

Barbara enjoyed cooking and baking many specialty items that were cherished by her family and friends, most especially by her grandchildren, who called her "Mimi". She loved tending to plants and flowers, a love she shared with her mother, and she took pride in nurturing the many flowers in her home and garden. She served as an officer of the Garden Club, preparing their annual yearbook and organizing many club trips. She considered herself

a faithful member of Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus.

If Barbara were to reflect upon her own life, she would be so pleased to have married the love of her life, to have been blessed with two delightful daughters and two wonderful sons-in-law and so fortunate for her time with her four grandchildren that gave her so much joy.

Barbara is survived by her devoted husband Chuck; her daughters, Nicole Taurisano Albert and her husband Edward, and Kristin Taurisano Ferrante and her husband Christopher; her grandchildren, Edward and Michael Albert, and Charles and Daniella Ferrante. She will live on in the hearts of her siblings and their spouses, John and Judy Karelus, Andrew Karelus, Henry and Jane Karelus, and Kristina and Scott Allen. She leaves her memory to many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, especially including Philip and Barbara Taurisano; her in-laws, LeeAnn and James Solan; and her late brother-in-law, James Taurisano (2010). As a couple, Barbara and Chuck made so many wonderful friends and her husband will cherish the many delightful memories. She was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Anthony C. and Lena E. (Cavalier) Taurisano; and her nephew, Scott Solan.

The Taurisano family is so grateful for the kindness and compassion of so many friends who have shown their love for Barbara. Many sincere words have been spoken, which has been of encouragement to her loved ones.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Barbara's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish,

Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. Entombment will take place in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

## Funeral Service

DEC 2. 11:30 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Church (Lourdes Campus)  
2222 Genesee Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall

FW

“ *Barbara was in my high school class of 1964. She was blessed with the best smile God created. Barb is a lady and friend I always looked forward to seeing at reunions. Barb was an angel on earth.*

FRANCES WILCOX - December 03, 2023 at 09:27 AM

JD

“ *May she rest in peace in the shelter of he lord!*  
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Jean Dischiavo-Darzi - December 02, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.*



December 01, 2023 at 12:48 PM

NO

“ *None planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.*

None - December 01, 2023 at 12:48 PM

MY

“ *Chuck and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Mike and Lorraine Yozzo*

mike yozzo - December 01, 2023 at 09:13 AM

RO

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and you family. Barbara was a loving beauty person. May she Rest In Peace in the hands of the Lord.

So very sorry

Rosemary and Joe Caruso.

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**Rosemary** - December 01, 2023 at 08:01 AM

JB

“ Chuck and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your fabulous wife and Mom.

May her memory be eternal.

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**john brown** - December 01, 2023 at 06:51 AM

BF

“ Chuck we were so sorry to hear of Barb's passing. She was such a wonderfully sweet person. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Bob and Fran Fuller.

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**Bob and Fran Fuller** - November 30, 2023 at 06:55 PM

DT

“ Chuck very sorry to hear about the passing of your wife. She will be truly missed. My she RIP.

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**David R Taurisano** - November 30, 2023 at 05:31 PM

MB

“ Mike and Julia Basile purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.



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**Mike and Julia Basile** - November 30, 2023 at 01:38 PM

DR

“ Dear Chuck and Family. Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Barbara. She was the sweetest woman who never said a harsh word to anyone. She was an absolute joy to work with at Utica College. She was always kind and helpful to co-workers and especially students. Always had a smile for everyone. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Dina & Joe Russo

Dina Russo - November 30, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.



November 30, 2023 at 08:40 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.



November 30, 2023 at 12:07 AM

TZ

“ Terry Zangrilli lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano



Terry Zangrilli - November 29, 2023 at 08:20 PM

TZ

*Chuck and family, please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss of a beautiful soul. May God grant you strength to get thru the days ahead. RIP*

**Terry Zangrilli** - November 29, 2023 at 08:26 PM

PC

“ *Chuck and family, so sorry for your loss, God Bless Her Soul and your family*

**peter cerminaro** - November 29, 2023 at 10:35 AM

MR

“ *Chuck and Family,  
I am so saddened to hear of Barbara's passing. She was such a wonderful woman and friend to my parents. I fondly remember sitting on her front porch 15 1/2 years ago, rocking my firstborn daughter and chatting. We had many afternoons chatting on Paris Road. I wish you comfort and peace during this time.  
Sincerely,  
Mary Jarrett Roesch*

**Mary Roesch** - November 29, 2023 at 09:05 AM

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“ *Love, Eileen (Pens) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.*

**Love, Eileen (Pens)** - November 29, 2023 at 08:05 AM

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“ Love, Eileen (Pens) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.



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**Love, Eileen (Pens)** - November 29, 2023 at 08:05 AM

EP

“ Words can't express my condolences to Barb's sweet family. She will be so missed...her generosity, kindness, knowledge of flowers, and so much more. A wonderful friend, always fun to be around. Loving, too, my memories of our European travels together. Wish she had written a book about her fascinating life story. Wishing the family wonderful memories to get you through these most difficult days ahead. Love, Eileen

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**Eileen Pens** - November 29, 2023 at 07:54 AM

KA

“ Keoth A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.

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**Keoth A.** - November 28, 2023 at 07:53 PM

LN

“ Love, Nicole planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.

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**Love, Nicole** - November 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM

LN

“ Love, Nicole purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.



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**Love, Nicole** - November 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM

MB

“ We are so deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend Barb. We feel so grateful to have been able to call you a friend. We were especially blessed when God had our paths cross on our trip to Poland and until our paths cross again we will carry you in our hearts. Grief is the price you pay for love, may peace and comfort find you during this difficult time.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers,  
Mike and Julia Basile

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**Mike and Julia Basile** - November 28, 2023 at 09:56 AM

LF

“ Love - Craig, Nicole LeDonne and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.

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**Love - Craig, Nicole LeDonne and family** - November 28, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.



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November 28, 2023 at 09:56 AM

MA

“ So sorry for your loss, Chuck. A beautiful tribute to Barb.  
Ron and Martha Mancuso

Martha - November 28, 2023 at 09:25 AM

TD

“ Tom and I have cherished our friendship for 30 years. Barbara was a sweet, compassionate woman, always thinking of others and ready to laugh at our inside jokes about our husbands 😂. We will miss her terribly and have to believe God needed her in heaven. Chuck and the girls are in our prayers.

Tom and Joanne DiNapoli - November 28, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.



November 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM

LI

“ There are no words to express the sadness that you are feeling. Barb was such a beautiful, kind and gracious person. I remember many times when my mom was with our group that she and Barb spoke Polish to each other. May you find comfort in the days ahead and may Barb be resting in the arms of angels. Much love.

Linda Iannone - November 28, 2023 at 08:00 AM

SU

“ To Barb’s family:

*Please accept my deepest sympathy in your loss.*

*I am a member of the ‘64 Girls Reunion’ group who meet yearly at Brantingham Lake. I will miss visiting with Barb at these gatherings, as well as her smile and sweet demeanor. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,  
Sue (Shaw) Ulrich*



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**Susan Ulrich** - November 28, 2023 at 07:58 AM

JR

“ Barbara was such a gracious and welcoming women we are so very sorry to hear of her passing our thoughts and prayers are with you chuck and Kristen and the family

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**janice and ramon rodriguez** - November 28, 2023 at 07:25 AM

JN

“ Chuck, I am very sorry for your loss.

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**John Scala NC** - November 28, 2023 at 06:39 AM

LS

“ Love, Becky, Betsy, Lori, Natalie, & Shelly purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.



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**Love, Becky, Betsy, Lori, Natalie, & Shelly** - November 27, 2023 at 10:34 PM

TF

“ The DeTraglia and Duffy families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.

The DeTraglia and Duffy families - November 27, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara (Karelus) Taurisano.



November 27, 2023 at 07:09 PM

AM

“ Chuck and family,

*There are no words to ease the pain, but those we hold in our hearts never leave us. They live on in the kindness they showed and the love they brought into our lives. Thinking of you and yours at this sad time. Angela Meola*



Angela Meola - November 27, 2023 at 07:03 PM

LL

“ Chuck and beautiful daughters Nicole and Kristin. Barbara was one of the kindest and real friends ever! We are missing her so very much and still in disbelief. A real sweetheart she will always be forever loved  
Ralph and Laurie Lupia

Laurie Lupia - November 27, 2023 at 02:36 PM