



## Camille (Monterose) Caulkins

January 3, 1949 - April 15, 2017

NEW HARTFORD - Mrs. Camille (Monterose) Caulkins passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2017 in the comfort of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on January 3, 1949, Camille was the daughter of James P. and the late Catherine A. (Marino) Monterose. Raised and educated in Utica, Camille graduated from Utica College with a Bachelor of Arts degree and completed her graduate work at Upper Division College/SUNY Cortland. On September 6, 1969 she married Gary Caulkins with whom she shared 47 years.

Camille was employed as an 8th grade English teacher for the Utica City School District from 1970 until 1978. She then chose to be a stay-at-home mom for the next eight years. She resumed her teaching career at Notre Dame Elementary School where she worked from 1987 until 2011. Upon her retirement from teaching, she continued to work part time at Notre Dame Elementary School as Coordinator of Special Needs Students as well as a mentor to new teachers.

Camille was a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where she was a member of the choir for over 40 years. She also served as a Eucharistic Minister.

Camille is survived by her husband, Gary; her daughters and son-in-law, Jessica Caulkins, and Amanda and David Agneta; her grandsons, Aidan, and Logan Agneta; her father, James Monterose; brother and sister-in-law, Steven

and Susan Monterose; brother-in-law Keith Caulkins and his wife Janice, along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She also leaves her very special aunts, Rose Moccaldi, Claire Mastrangelo, and Mary LaRocco. Camille wishes to give thanks to all who cared, loved, and supported her throughout her illness. Loving thanks to her family, school community, and church community. She also wishes to give special thanks to Dr. Alicia DeTraglia and her staff, as well as Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., her nurse Lisa Altieri, and her wonderful caregiver Ann Lindsay, for all their care and compassion.

In keeping with Camille's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Camille's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass at a gathering at Daniele's at Valley View, 620 Memorial Parkway in Utica. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express an act of kindness may make a donation to The Camille Caulkins Scholarship Fund for Notre Dame Elementary School, the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Music Ministry, or Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at church. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Agnes Cemetery**

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-8588

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Condolences from the heart to dear Gary, Uncle Jim, Steve, and dearest Jessica and Amanda. I was so fortunate to have been a cousin close to Camille in age, to have many precious memories of her from our youth and onwards. Among all those memories is one constant: Camille's love for and interest in others-- family, friends, students and people in general. She was always aglow with this positive feeling toward people. I am sure this unique gift came from God. There's another star in the heavens. With love, Lauren (Risucci) Jedlan

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**Lauren Jedlan** - April 26, 2017 at 10:41 AM

LR

“ Linda Risucci lit a candle in memory of Camille (Monterose) Caulkins



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**Linda Risucci** - April 26, 2017 at 09:39 AM

LJ

“ Lauren Jedlan lit a candle in memory of Camille (Monterose) Caulkins



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**Lauren Jedlan** - April 25, 2017 at 12:59 PM

JB

“ *Camille was a "lady." My condolences to Gary and family. May God and the Holy Spirit comfort all during this time of trial.*  
*Joe P. Bottini*

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**Joseph P. Bottini** - April 24, 2017 at 07:52 PM

SB

“ *Jessica so sorry for the loss of your mom, may she rest in peace. my thoughts are with you at this most difficult time.*

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**sal barbero** - April 22, 2017 at 12:29 AM

JM

“ *To the family of Mrs. Camille Caulkins...my condolences for the loss of this special woman. She was someone very committed to whatever she was doing and always gave her best from my experience having been fortunate to have been educated by her so many years ago at the Christopher Columbus School. My parents always updated me of her status over the years and were saddened by her passing as well. Her positive influence on so many of her students is her lasting legacy. God Bless!*

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**Joesph Montanaro** - April 21, 2017 at 11:28 AM

VN

“ *I believe I only once had the chance to meet Camille, briefly, in all the years I've been friends with Sue and Steve Montrose and their family. But through the years and across the miles, I've heard from them about her and it was always positive. Now, reading through these lovely tributes, I can see why they loved her. The blessing is that she truly made a difference in others' lives.*

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**Vivian-Lee Nyitray** - April 21, 2017 at 09:23 AM

JV

“ Our Christian faith teaches us that we are truly never are far from our loved ones that pass and that gives me comfort knowing Camille will be waiting for all of us who love her. Memories flood my heart from MVCC College for Kids when Jessica and my Rachel were barely out of the toddler stage and then at OLOL. Then we were privileged to have her still at OLOL/Notre Dame Elementary when my granddaughter Trinity arrived. Friendship bonds never fade when faith is shared, each time we met it was like time had stood still. I will truly miss you dear friend. My prayers and love go out to you Gary, Jessica and Amanda, in your time of sorrow.

Joanne Vanderwood - April 21, 2017 at 08:23 AM

LM

“ I am so sorry for your tremendous loss . I was fortunate to have her for my teacher at Columbus school way back when ! Everyone was in awe of her as she was a beautiful young nice teacher . Then years later My husband and I felt blessed To have her as our our daughters third grade teacher at OLOL. Such an important year for all students . She was able to see past every difficulty, encouraging the highest potential for all . She didn't s just care about the academics she cared about the whole person . We loved how she put together the plays at Lourdes . Something many schools have stopped doing . She gave her time generously . When I saw her at church she told me of her illness , I was saddened to hear but amazed at her strength and positive outlook . Her smile conveyed her faith in God and love for her family . She remained in my prayers and always will 💕🙏 . I am a better person for having her touch my life so many years ago . During this difficult time May God bless you with the Peace of Christ that goes beyond our understanding . The love she gave will sustain you . 🙏 Thank you for sharing her with so many . 💕  
With love and sympathy,  
Lenora Murad

Lenora Murad - April 19, 2017 at 09:30 PM

RM

“ *Roberta Ellis McMann lit a candle in memory of Camille (Monterose) Caulkins*



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**Roberta Ellis McMann** - April 19, 2017 at 08:55 PM

RM

*Jessica, my heart goes out to you and your family. She now is with the Angels and will live forever in your heart until you see her again. She now has met my Jimmy. God Bless you and your family. You were a wonderful daughter. You also were kind to Jimmy and me. Love you.*

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**Roberta Ellis McMann** - April 19, 2017 at 08:59 PM

BW

“ *Dear Gary and Family,  
Please accept my deepest condolences at the passing of dear Camille. She has been a model of faith and strength to all of us. You and the family are in my prayers.  
Barbara Wojcik*

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**Barbara Wojcik** - April 19, 2017 at 07:13 PM

CD

“ *Jess & family, We're so very sorry for your loss. Keeping you in our thoughts & prayers. God bless you all.*

*Chris & Aimee*

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**Chris & Aimee Devins** - April 19, 2017 at 11:23 AM

GH

“ No trip to Or through Utica will be the same: Camille's warmth and hospitality made me feel like family. She is very much still alive in my heart. Love to the family - Gary Huber (Goodman)

Gary Huber - April 18, 2017 at 06:34 PM

ND

“ Jessica and family I am so sorry for your loss . My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Nancy Darling - April 18, 2017 at 03:46 PM

ND

“ Nancy Darling lit a candle in memory of Camille (Monterose) Caulkins




Nancy Darling - April 18, 2017 at 03:43 PM

MR

“ To Gary and the Caulkins family,  
We were so sorry to hear that Camille passed away. She was the third grade teacher for our daughters at OLOL in the 90's and we would often see her at church since then. She was one of their favorite teachers and made her students feel so special and they learned so much in her classes. She made learning fun and she was a wonderful person. Our deepest condolences. We will miss her. The Ricci family

Michele Ricci - April 18, 2017 at 02:40 PM

 Debra  
Goodman

“ Amanda, Jessica, and Gary, my heart is with you and your families today. Your mother touched so many lives, and we were lucky enough to be a part of that. I'll never forget when your mom and my mom drove down to see me in college, both in their big fur coats (it was a warm fall day), walking around like they were queens. And to us, your mom always was ❤️ I'm so sorry that you are in pain - you have all of our love and support during this difficult time. Love, Deb, Gary, and Olivia

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**Debra Goodman** - April 18, 2017 at 02:23 PM

RG

“ I will always remember Mrs. Caulkins as being a kind and patient teacher who really cared about her students. Rest in peace.

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**Rita Grimaldi** - April 18, 2017 at 01:40 PM

CL

“ I was so sad to see this. Christian and Jordan loved Mrs. Caulkins - an excellent teacher - always kind, patient and gracious. She had a tremendous impact on so many impressionable young children and played an important role in shaping them into fine young men and women. Godspeed, Camille ...

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**Christine Leogrande** - April 18, 2017 at 10:08 AM

JB

“ Mrs Caulkins was a great, great lady. She was my 7th teacher many years ago at Columbus school...she was no doubt just out of college at the time. My girlfriends and I were in love with her...she was so pretty and such a fabulous role model and literally our idol. Eight years ago my daughter attended OLOL for 6th grade and felt exactly the same about her! I told my daughter how my friends and I road our bikes to her house one Saturday just to see her...I believe it was the Holland ave area. In fact, on Easter Sunday as we listened to the beautiful singing by the choir in mass, Adrienne turned to me and asked how Mrs Caulkins was doing. We prayed for her. My only regret is that I didn't take the time to reintroduce myself to her in these later years...so I hope knowing how much she was loved by people you've never even known brings you comfort. God bless you all.

-Judi Balzano-Smith

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**Judi Balzano-Smith** - April 18, 2017 at 10:03 AM

FD

“ Jessica and family,  
So sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a wonderful person and one of Amanda's favorite teachers. May she rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Tom, Flo and Amanda DeSimone

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**Flo DeSimone** - April 18, 2017 at 09:20 AM

JB

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*Judi Balzano-Smith*

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**Judi Balzano-Smith** - April 18, 2017 at 09:41 AM

MC

“*I am so saddened by the loss of Mrs. Caulkin's, but relieved knowing she is now free of pain. She was a lady and an icon of a teacher. The way she dressed, her smile, and the way she just knew to push her students because they were capable of more. She will always be remembered as a role model for my own future. May she Rest In Peace and prayers and thoughts always to her family and friends.*

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**Melissa Curtis** - April 18, 2017 at 07:44 AM

BD

“*I am so sorry for your loss. I am glad to have seen her recently. It made me remember what a sweet woman she was. Camille told me how wonderful you all have been. God bless you all. I will be away Thursday but you will all be in my prayers.*

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**Bernadette Dunn** - April 17, 2017 at 07:37 PM