



## Carleen M. (Gaffney) Morbidini

November 16, 1969 - March 16, 2025

NEW HARTFORD - Carleen M. “Shocky” (Gaffney) Morbidini, age 55, was reunited with her beloved father on Sunday, March 16, 2025, when she passed away unexpectedly with her loved ones by her side.

Born in New Hartford on November 16, 1969, Carleen was the daughter of Jean M. (Spina) Gaffney and the late Douglas E. Gaffney. She was a graduate of Notre Dame High School/Class of 1987 and furthered her education at MVCC, where she earned an associate’s degree. In her pursuit to help others, she attended St. Elizabeth’s School of Nursing to later earn her title as a NYS Registered Nurse.

Carleen was once wed to Domenico Morbidini, and together, they were blessed with two wonderful children, Giovanni, and Sophia. Carleen cherished the two of them more than anything in this world, and they will miss her immensely.

For many years, Carleen dedicated herself to serving our community as a charge nurse on 3C at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Later, she took on a position with Cooperative Management Imaging. Her quick-witted, strong-willed, and kind-hearted personality gained her many lifelong friendships wherever she worked. It was evident that Carleen was a great nurse.

Carleen's liveliness extended far beyond her workplace. She had an uncanny ability to bring laughter to every room she entered, often without even trying. Her quick sense of humor and sharp remarks were always delivered with perfect timing. She took extraordinary pride in her skills in the kitchen and especially enjoyed cooking for her children. If you did not like what she made for you, you were offered the option of Hamburger Helper instead. Carleen was highly intelligent and stood by her morals and convictions, some of which she made up on her own. Honest to a fault, she always stood up for everyone and everything she believed in. Above all, she will be remembered for her charm and the warmth she brought to those around her.

As much as Carleen loved being the chef at home, she also delighted in nights out as a food connoisseur, enjoying meals with her friends and exploring new dining experiences. In addition, she was an Amazon and Wayfair enthusiast. She had a knack for finding beautiful and trendy furniture items that her children would lovingly build for her. Just like her father before her, she did not leave home without always being fully dressed and glamorous. Carleen's family and friends will never forget the holiday parties she hosted and the homemade games that came with them. Every holiday was an excuse for a celebration, especially Halloween and Christmas Eve. Carleen believed in herself, and that was enough for her.

Carleen is survived by her dear mother, Jean Gaffney; precious children, Giovanni Morbidini, and Sophia Morbidini; darling brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Dr. Stefania Gaffney; special niece, Vanessa Gaffney; uncle and aunt, Frank and Thelma Spina; mother-in-law, Nina "Nona" Morbidini; and sisters-in-law. She further leaves to cherish her memory several nieces, nephews, cousins; best friends, Kerry Ruia, Domenica Carr, Kerri Cappelli, Nick Courto, and far too many others to count that she loved dearly. Carleen was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Emmett and Daisy (Kennedy) Gaffney; and her maternal grandparents, Paul and Mildred (Viggiano) Spina.

The Morbidini and Gaffney families would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the ICU nurses at Wynn Hospital, especially Patricia Ryzek, for their attentive care and compassion.

Carleen's family will honor and commemorate her life privately. By family request please omit floral offerings. Inurnment 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

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ I loved working with you in N. Utica. We had many laughs and phone conversations daily. I can't believe this horrible news. My heart goes to your family and friends.

Jeanette Thomas - April 01, 2025 at 04:16 PM

SR

“ I'm shocked and saddened by this news. Carleen was a little spitfire who did everything with class and dignity. I learned a lot from her and will always remember her outgoing nature. (Little Red Corvette) Rest Easy Car. You will be missed.

Prayers for strength and healing ❤️🙏 to Sophia and Gio... 🙏🌹🕊️

On behalf of the Kraszewski Family we offer our sincere condolences. 🌸



Sherry Van Roekel - April 01, 2025 at 01:51 PM

PW

“ I had the privilege of having both of Carleens children in my preschool classroom she was a wonderful mother and person I am saddened by the news of her passing. Deepest condolences 🙏

Paulette Williams - March 26, 2025 at 05:10 AM

JT

“ Thanks for always having a smile for .e as I rolled my puppy cart through 3c. You were the best Carlene.

Judy Talerico - March 19, 2025 at 10:59 AM

MP

“ I was not ready to lose you Car, We are going to miss you terribly. Prayers for the family and friends, especially for Gio and Sophia, as we all have to learn to navigate through life without her physical presence. Rest peacefully my friend, until we meet again. I love you girl 💔



Melissa Patton - March 18, 2025 at 10:01 PM

VA

“ You will be greatly missed, Car. From you favorite pole dancer... lol... my heart goes out to your family... ❤️

Valerie - March 18, 2025 at 06:30 PM

KM

I think about you all the time, your smile , your Wit! Good grace for your family in these times!!

karen motyka - April 23, 2025 at 09:02 PM

DD

“ One of the best nurses I got to work with at StE's my thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family.

Dawn DeGironimo - March 18, 2025 at 06:18 PM

MJ

“ Marleen I remember you ansmd Steve Addison coming to my house ro watch Purple Rain. You and I went and saw Prince in Syracuse. You were a good friend, but even a better person. Rest in Peace. The world lost someone very special.

Melissa Jweid - March 18, 2025 at 04:56 PM



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