



Mrs. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic

October 23, 1963 - January 8, 2016

Dr. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic, Ph.D., of , passed away on Friday, January 8, 2016 in the comfort of her home with her loving family by her side. She had waged a long and heroic battle.

Born in New Hartford on October 23, 1963, Carmelita was the daughter of Simon and Marie (Butera) Lomeo. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. In 1983 she received her A.A. in Science at MVCC; in 1985 she earned her B.A. in Psychology and Human Services, Early Childhood from SUNY Buffalo; in 1986 she was awarded her M.A. in the area of Early Childhood Specialist at Boston College. In 1998, upon receiving her Ph.D. in the Child and Family Studies Program at Syracuse University, she joined the faculty at MVCC. On May 8, 2004 she married Professor James Smrtic.

Dr. Lomeo-Smrtic held the rank of Professor while she was Education Program Coordinator and Director of Education. She was a consultant, writer, and teacher. She developed curriculum and served in leadership roles in numerous local, state, and national professional organizations. Carmelita was renowned by her colleagues. She was an accomplished professional in all areas of academe, and was widely cited in professional journals. However, her greatest passion was for her students and teaching. She was proud to be the founder of the Education Club that served as a forum to allow students access to mentorship opportunities. Her pedagogical objective was to help students attain excellence in their profession by offering them the skills and opportunities to become teachers of the highest caliber. She was a dynamic

and outgoing educator who showed genuine concern for those in all facets of education. She was very humble of heart with respect to her achievements. Through her compassion, understanding, and brilliance, she influenced the lives of countless students, and her impact will be felt for generations to come. She received the MVCC Excellence in Teaching Award in 2003 and the SUNY Chancellor's Award the following year. Her greatest recognition was to receive the Vivian C. Kinney Lifelong Friends of Children Award in 2015.

She had eclectic interests including gourmet cooking, crocheting baby blankets for students, friends, and family, and riding with the top down in her Mercedes with the music blaring.

Carmelita is survived by her husband, Professor Emeritus James D. Smrtic; her parents, Simon and Marie Lomeo of Whitesboro; her sisters and brother-in-law, Jacquelyn and Paul Webster of VA, and Carolyn and Will Kropp of Rochester; her nieces and nephews, Bradford Webster, Noelle Webster, both of VA; her stepchildren, Jennifer and Steven Cohen of CA, and James A. and Dolly Smrtic of MD; her step-grandchildren, Olivia Cohen, Parker Cohen; and Tristan James Smrtic. Carmelita was happy to know that another step-grandchild will be born in June. She will also remain in the hearts of her aunts and uncles, Jack and Charlene Lomeo of MS, Paul and Betty Joan Beaudry-Lomeo, and Carolyn Conte; many cousins; in-laws, George and Joan Smrtic of Auburn, NY; and many special friends. She was predeceased by her infant sister, Paula.

A Memorial Gathering and visitation will be held on Thursday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Carmelita's memorial service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday evening at 7:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 14. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time 🙏

julie spanfelner - January 23, 2016 at 11:00 PM

DM

“ Dear Marie n Simon, I'm so very sorry for yr loss. I remember babysitting for Carmeillta she's was so smart even back then it's amazing all her accomplishments she has achieved. Sincerely Donna Pettinato Mutolo.💔

Donna Pettinato Mutolo - January 21, 2016 at 09:59 AM

LH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Carm's passing. We lost track of each other over the years, but I have thought fondly of our childhood friendship often. I knew how brilliant Carm was, we had lots of time to talk walikng home from school together. I am proud of the woman she became and legacy that she left behind. My condolences

Lisa (Ayer) Hudon

lisa hudon - January 18, 2016 at 01:21 PM

LC

“ Dear Carrie, Jackie and Mr. and Mrs. Lomeo, I'll always remember Carms wonderful laugh and the good times we shared at Proctor and beyond. Rest in peace Carm.



Laurie Cox - January 16, 2016 at 09:11 PM

ML

Laurie, thank you for being part of Carmelita's life. Marie

Marie Lomeo - January 17, 2016 at 12:45 PM

MC

“ *Maryann & Tony Carlo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic*



Maryann & Tony Carlo - January 15, 2016 at 10:42 AM

MA

I will always remember my beautiful lifelong friend. I will miss her dearly but it know that she is at peace.

Maryann - January 15, 2016 at 10:44 AM

ML

Thank you for being part of Carmelita's life. Marie

Marie Lomeo - January 15, 2016 at 01:55 PM

LA

“ *I did not know this beautiful young woman...but I feel I did. Bless you Carolyn...Bless her Mom, Marie. How grateful I am to know such good and decent people. May her soul rest, knowing what an impact she made in her short life.*

laura - January 14, 2016 at 10:37 PM

ML

Thank you Laura for your kind words. Thank you for your beautiful work designing the floral arrangements for Carmelita's Memorial and Celebration of Life. Your floral designs framed Carm;s picture like resplendent poetry. I applaud your talent and thank you.

Marie Lomeo - January 15, 2016 at 02:02 PM

GC

“ Dear Marie, Simon and family,
You have our deepest and sincere sympathy
for the lost of your beautiful Carmelita.
You are in our thoughts and prayers at this
very difficult time. May she rest in peace..
Love, Gloria & Ian Chappell



Gloria Chappell - January 14, 2016 at 12:14 PM

ML

Thank you for your kind words. Marie

Marie Lomeo - January 15, 2016 at 02:03 PM

DL

“ Donna Latte lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic



Donna Latte - January 14, 2016 at 09:54 AM

ML

Donna, thank you. Marie

Marie Lomeo - January 17, 2016 at 12:47 PM

DL

“ My dear cousin Carm is an Angel watching over her family and at
peace. Sharing time with her this past May was a very special
blessing that always brings a smile to my face. Although I have
tears today I know she will always be in the hearts of the many lives
she has touched. Love your cousin Donna Latte

Donna Latte - January 14, 2016 at 09:52 AM

ML

Thank you, Donna, for your lovely sentiment. Marie

Marie Lomeo - January 15, 2016 at 02:04 PM

AS

“ *I only spent a year with her, however she helped me to realize that I was on the right track for my life. An absolutely wonderful woman, and brilliant professor. My heart aches for her family.*



Ashley - January 13, 2016 at 08:38 PM

ML

Ashley, thank you for your kind words. Carmelita loved her students dearly. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:39 PM

TM

“ *To the family of Carm. I have known her for a short while but she has impacted my life forever. She was a kind hearted free spirited woman who fought hard and n her gave up!!! We would talk about new literature and research all the time and always talked about new crochet stitches. She will be greatly missed*

Tanya Marr - January 13, 2016 at 08:20 PM

ML

Tanya, thank you for your kind words. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:40 PM

GM

“ Dear Simon and family,
We are sorry for your loss.
gretchen & charlie maine

gretchen maine - January 13, 2016 at 07:36 PM

ML

Thank you. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:40 PM

AG

“ I was so saddened to learn of the passing of
Carm. My thoughts and prayers to all.
Fondly,
Anna Giacobbe



Anna Gretchen Giacobbe - January 13, 2016 at 05:13 PM

ML

Thank you, Anna. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:41 PM

BF

“ Brian Kozlowski and family purchased the Blue &
White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of
Mrs. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic.



Brian Kozlowski and family - January 13, 2016 at 04:53 PM

BK

“ Dear Jim(Smurf) and family,
Carm was a wonderful soul and will be greatly missed. I recall in 2010 at my Dad's wake, Carm was very warm and comforting. She was going thru Chemo at that time and I know she was not feeling well on the inside, but had a smile and personality larger than life on the outside. That was the Carm I knew.... :)
I didn't know Carm for 35+ years like my friendship with Jim, but her presense and soul made me feel like I knew her forever...

Brian Kozlowski, Friend, Neighbor, student, MVCC class of 1991

Brian Kozlowski - January 13, 2016 at 04:04 PM

ML

*Thank you for sharing your sentiment about our daughter, Carmelita.
Marie Lomeo*

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:43 PM

JT

“ I have often remembered the ideas and values Dr. Lomeo shared with her students. Throughout my career I have often gone back to the fundamentals she instilled. The world was blessed with such a beautiful soul.... And I was fortunate to know her. Sending you all peace and love during this difficult time.

Jennie Tofani - January 13, 2016 at 02:14 PM

ML

Jennie, thank you for your kind words. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:45 PM

BK

“ *Brian Kozlowski lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic*



Brian Kozlowski - January 13, 2016 at 01:21 PM

JJ

“ *Jim:*

Sorry for your loss. I will always remember our discussions regarding life's challenges and the courage needed to face them. All our prayers.

Sam

Samuel L. Russo, Jr.

*Local, State, Federal and International Government Specialist
Administrator Emeritus*

Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC)

A division of the State University of New York (SUNY)

*M. A. Government and Politics, St. John's University (New York
City, NY)*

*Certificate in Public Administration, St. John's University (New York
City, NY)*

*B.A. Urban Studies and Political Science, Utica College of Syracuse
University (Utica, NY)*

Janice and Samuel L. Russo, Jr. - January 13, 2016 at 10:27 AM

TH

“ We will forever remember Carm's spirit and strength. Always enjoyed our visits with Jim and Carm at the track. Tom had an especially nice long visit with Carm at the block party two years ago that he will always cherish. We will miss you Carm. Tom and Nancy

Tom and Nancy Hayes. - January 13, 2016 at 09:55 AM

ML

Thank you for your kind words. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:46 PM

SS

“ Carolyn & family...
I am so very sorry to hear this news. I cannot be at the funeral, but my spirit and heart will most definitely be there. May you find the peace you need when you need it.
Sarah

Sarah Schiffeler - January 13, 2016 at 09:50 AM

FD

“ Marie and family,

So sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

M/M Tom DeSimone and family

Flo DeSimone - January 13, 2016 at 08:46 AM

ML

Tom and Flo...thank you. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:47 PM

MB

“ Marie, Simon and family, Our sincere and deepest sympathy for your great loss. You are in our daily thoughts and prayers and we love you all. Sincere condolences to Jim and family. So glad we got to visit in May and had time to spend with Carm. Love always, Marie, Frank and family

Marie Bravo - January 13, 2016 at 08:12 AM

ML

Thank you for your sympathy. Marie

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:48 PM

GM

“ Gail Gaeta-Diesfeld and Family, St. Louis, Missouri purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Mrs. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic.



Gail Gaeta-Diesfeld and Family, St. Louis, Missouri - January 12, 2016 at 09:05 PM

PH

“ Patty Hirsch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic



Patty Hirsch - January 12, 2016 at 08:52 PM

PH

To honor Carm's spirit and dedication to early childhood education. She made such a difference!

Patty Hirsch - January 12, 2016 at 08:53 PM

ML

Patty, thank you for your kind words. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:51 PM

JE

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Carm's passing. I worked with her years ago and have only fond memories of her. She was a passionate educator and an amazing person. Her spirit lives on in all of the people she's touch, including me. My deepest condolences.*

Jennifer Piazza

Jennifer - January 12, 2016 at 03:23 PM

ML

Jennifer, thank you for your kind words. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:51 PM

BU

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Betty Ulicki - January 12, 2016 at 03:07 PM

BU

These are some photos I took at Carm and Jim's wedding.

Betty Ulicki - January 12, 2016 at 03:10 PM

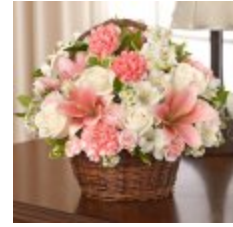
ML

Betty, thank you for sharing lovely memories. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:52 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic.*



January 12, 2016 at 02:40 PM



“ *Barb Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic*



Barb Wilson - January 12, 2016 at 02:01 PM



Jim, I am so sorry to hear of Carm's passing. Her spirit will be with you always and waiting for you in your true home.

Barb Wilson - January 12, 2016 at 02:04 PM



“ *Jim and family. Donna & I want to send our condolences. God bless her.*



Michael and Donna Gnip

Michael Gnip - January 12, 2016 at 11:14 AM



Michael and Donna, Thank You. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:53 PM

MG

“ *Michael Gnip lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic*



Michael Gnip - January 12, 2016 at 11:09 AM

SD

“ *Steve Demichele lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic*



steve demichele - January 12, 2016 at 08:41 AM

SD

jim so sorry about carm

steve demichele - January 12, 2016 at 08:43 AM

ML

Thank you, Steve. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:54 PM

TW

“ *Tom and Denise Nick and Shayla Webster purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Lavender and White for the family of Mrs. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic.*



Tom and Denise Nick and Shayla Webster - January 11, 2016 at 10:53 PM

DL

“ Dick and Sara Luck purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Mrs. Carmelita M. Lomeo-Smrtic.



Dick and Sara Luck - January 11, 2016 at 06:55 PM

JB

“ So glad that Carm had the opportunity to be able to make some of the Proctor Girls Coffee Club together. May she rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.



JoAnn Bonacci - January 11, 2016 at 06:05 PM

ML

JoAnn, Thank you. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:55 PM

DL

“ Carmie's zest for life will live in us forever. What a spirit she had!!!! We will remember the times at camp and her crafty creations.

Dick and Sara Luck - January 11, 2016 at 05:59 PM

ML

Dick and Sara...Thank you for sharing a sentiment of Carm. Marie Lomeo

Marie Lomeo - January 16, 2016 at 02:56 PM