



Mrs. Carmelita A. "Carm" (DeSantis) Zutter

January 6, 1960 - June 1, 2018

UTICA - Mrs. Carmelita A. "Carm" (DeSantis) Zutter, age 58, passed away on Friday, June 1, 2018 in the comfort of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born on January 6, 1960, Carmelita was the daughter of Alfonse "Al" and Kathleen "Kay" (Guido) DeSantis. Carm was a graduate of Notre Dame High School in 1978, where she met her beloved husband. On August 1, 1981 she married Joseph Zutter, with whom she shared 36 years. They loved and supported one another, and were blessed with an unbreakable bond until the very end.

Her husband, sons, and grandchildren were her life. She was a loving and proud mom, who would do anything for her kids and lived her life through them. When the grandchildren came, she greeted them with open arms and knew how to share their excitement and show her love.

Carm worked as the Office Secretary for her parents' business, DeSantis Door Sales & Services Company and was also a sales associate at Macy's. Carm was one who made an impact on everyone she touched. She was graced with an outgoing personality and took things in stride. Her cheerful, kind and heartfelt hospitality gave a warm welcome to family, friends, and visitors. Holidays and get togethers at Carm's were the best when everyone gathered to share in the fun, food, and festivities.

If you close your eyes and think of Carm, you would see a smile on her face and hear a laugh in her voice. She had a purpose and passion in life, and she

moved forward with hope and faith. She was a humble soul and she was easy to please. The little things in life were enough.

Carmelita is survived by her husband, Joe; her sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph, Jr. and Erin Zutter; Dr. Matthew and Dr. Morgan Zutter; and David M. Zutter and Christina Meola; her family canine and companion, "Snickers", to whom she was equally devoted; her adored and beloved grandchildren, Isabella; and Bryce; her parents, Al and Kathleen "Kay" (Guido) DeSantis; and her sister and brother-in-law, Mary Rose and Michael Cerminaro. She will also remain in the hearts of mother-in-law, Victoria "Vicki" Zutter; her nephews, Alec, Russell, and Marcus Cerminaro; aunt, Janice Caravaglio; cousins, Mary Frances and Michael Bohan, Steven and Laurie Caravaglio; Mariangela and Dr. Michael Coriale, Rocco and Corinne Leone, and Patricia and Craig Klein; in-laws, Paul and Linda Zutter; and her best friend ever, Francine Sansone. She was predeceased by her grandparents, Guiseppe and Carmella DeSantis, and Salvatore and Mary Guido; father-in-law, Walter Zutter; and aunts and uncles, Marilyn and Pasquale Leone, and Francis Caravaglio. A special thanks to Francine Sansone for her love and devotion to her best friend and her family. The family is also grateful to Dr. Adham Jurdi and his staff at Upstate Medical Center, Dr. Riyaz Bashir at Temple University Hospital, the personnel of Nascentia Health and Hospice & Palliative Care. The prayers and support of Fr. Salerno, Fr. Cesta and this community were also greatly appreciated.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all visitors have been seen. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Carm's memory may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org>; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Carmelita's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by longtime family friend Rev. Joseph Salerno, and Rev. James Cesta.

Entombment will follow in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay St
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482

Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Beth Anne Zutter Carman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita A. "Carm" (DeSantis) Zutter*



Beth Anne Zutter Carman - July 08, 2018 at 11:10 PM

BC

I am so very sorry for your lost and wish I could be there to give you all a hug. I know first hand exactly how hard this is and I'm here if any of you need to talk. My thoughts, prayers and love are with you all.

Beth Anne Zutter Carman - July 08, 2018 at 11:13 PM

RP

“ *We are so sorry for your loss, we were away for services. We remember Carmelita when she was employed by DeSantis Door Company. She was kind, considerate, compassionate, polite and went out of her way to help customers. She was an angel here and now in heaven. Our deepest sympathies to all of you..... Paladino Family*



Ralph Paladino - June 07, 2018 at 04:15 PM

PC

“ *DeSantis & Zutter families so very sorry for your loss Pat & Brenda Castelli*



Pat & Brenda Castelli - June 06, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmelita A. "Carm" (DeSantis) Zutter.



June 04, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmelita A. "Carm" (DeSantis) Zutter.



June 04, 2018 at 09:54 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmelita A. "Carm" (DeSantis) Zutter.



June 04, 2018 at 08:30 AM



“ *Ann Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita A. "Carm" (DeSantis) Zutter*



Ann Ollerenshaw - June 04, 2018 at 07:18 AM

JS

“ My memories of Carmie are mostly from my childhood. She was a constant gleaming presence. So many afternoons sipping coffee, laughing, and enjoying the parade of friends and family that the DeSantis family uniquely attracted. Her mom, Bella would derive so much joy from entertaining and hosting all of us. Carmie’s Constant presence always served to promote laughter and good cheer. Carmie was a special soul dedicated uniquely to the well being of others. Her family legacy is the testament. God’s speed my sweet friend. A farewell that has come far too soon.

Jerry Stucchi - June 04, 2018 at 06:44 AM

GO

“ Gary Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita A. "Carm" (DeSantis) Zutter



Gary Ollerenshaw - June 03, 2018 at 06:23 PM

MS

“ Mark Salamida lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita A. "Carm" (DeSantis) Zutter



Mark Salamida - June 03, 2018 at 01:40 PM

DD

“ So sorry for the loss of Carm. My prayers to all of you during this difficult time.

Doreen Diodato - June 03, 2018 at 08:49 AM

JF

“ Carmie was the sister of my heart, the Thelma to my Louise. Her smile lit up the room and her laughter was contagious. She was the best person I have ever known. I cherish the times I spent with her and the wonderful Zutter family. Carmie never met a stranger, truly a one in a million lady. I will hold you in my heart forever and until we meet again Carmie my sweet, keep our red sangria on ice.



Judy Flihan - June 03, 2018 at 07:27 AM

BD

“ Joe and boys. My heart goes out to you all. A lovely lady devoted wife and grandmother. Glad to have been your neighbor.

Barbara Diven - June 02, 2018 at 10:23 PM

MP

“ Marco & Christine Palumbo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita A. "Carm" (DeSantis) Zutter



Marco & Christine Palumbo - June 02, 2018 at 09:53 PM

FS

“ Rest In Peace my dear friend. I will miss you. Love your best friend for ever.

Francine Sansone - June 02, 2018 at 07:48 PM

FW

“ KAY AND AL AND YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY, YOUR DAUGHTER CARMIE WAS A PEACH. SHE REMINDED ME SO MUCH OF MY OWN DAUGHTER. I CAN CLOSE MY EYES AND SEE HER SMILE, AND HER UPLIFTING WAY OF MOVING AROUND. I KNOW THAT SHE WAS A GREAT HELP TO BOTH OF YOU; BUT NOW SHE CAN WATCH OVER ALL OF US AS SHE IS AN ANGEL. HER PAIN IS OVER, AND SHE WILL CONTINUE TO SHINE BRIGHTLY. THE LORD HAS TAKEN A SPECIAL WOMAN. MAY OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL, AND JESUS-- HELP EVERYONE WITH THIS GRIEF; AND MOST IMPORTANT MAY OUR GOOD LORD GIVE YOU AND THE FAMILY PEACE OF MIND AND HEART.



MY LOVE AND SINCERE SYMPATHY TO ALL OF YOU-----FLO

FIORINDA B. WILSON - June 02, 2018 at 07:45 PM

RC

“ Russell Cerminaro purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Carmelita A. "Carm" (DeSantis) Zutter.



Russell Cerminaro - June 02, 2018 at 07:02 PM

CL

“ Carm
You were the kindest and most genuine person I know. Your laugh was infectious to all you knew. You were an angel on earth. But now you a guardian and protector to all you love. You will be truly missed by all. Truly I am blessed for being a friend. Keep a starburst for me when we meet again.

Christopher IonkLo - June 02, 2018 at 06:01 PM

MR

“ *RIP Carmie. You are one of the most courageous people I know!! You are now at peace. I am going to miss you but not nearly as much as Fran!! Watch over us from above. Love you Carmie!!*



Michele Rabideau - June 02, 2018 at 04:22 PM

DP

“ *Don And Roe Polczynski lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita A. "Carm" (DeSantis) Zutter*



Don and Roe Polczynski - June 02, 2018 at 02:23 PM

J(

Kathleen we are truly sorry for your loss. I am sure she is in Heaven with the Angels and Saints She is able to watch over you and Al and the rest of your family. We are praying for you and your family to help in dealing with this terrible loss. May God give you special blessings to get you thru this. Love

Jean Hyatt (LaRocca) - June 05, 2018 at 10:15 AM