



## Carol C. Jones-Taurisano

December 7, 1961 - June 6, 2024

UTICA – Carol C. Jones-Taurisano, age 62, experienced an unforeseen passing in the comfort and dignity of her home, on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Born in San Antonio, TX on December 7, 1961, Carol was the daughter of the late William S., III and Charlotte (Dinius) Jones. Raised and educated in Utica, she attended Kemble St. School and was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1980.

On September 28, 1986, Carol wed Michael A. Taurisano, Jr. They enjoyed each other's company and created many memories. The couple shared over 19 years together prior to Michael's passing on December 12, 2005.

Carol began her professional career as a bartender at the original Grimaldi's Restaurant, a position which she enjoyed very much and was well matched to her personality. She later became a manager for Burger King Corporation at the Oneida Square and New Hartford locations.

Carol was a fun-loving sister. She loved to laugh and dance, enjoying all genres of music and appreciated the different eras. She was also known to savor a glass of good champagne. Though she never had children herself, she was lovingly known as "Aunt Ro" by her late nephew Christopher and his friends. She was so proud of their attachment to her.

Animals were close to Carol's heart, particularly her domestic feline Mahomes and her dog Ringo. Her pets got along very well and were a great source of companionship for her.

Dining out with old friends was always an uplifting experience and a treasured time for Carol. She was the type of person who was always able to make a comeback, cherish life, and captivate each day. An avid Kansas City Chiefs fan, she dedicated her time to cheering them on every football season.

Carol was a woman of determination. She was spirited, but grounded by her sister, Helen, and brother-in-law, Joe. They kept her life balanced and full of grace. Carol was connected to the Lord and depended upon Him for her strength.

Carol is survived by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Rosi and Helmut Bliss, and Helen and Joseph Swider; two nieces and their families who reside in Germany; and her lifelong friends, Elaine Grosshuesher, Kim Fredrick, as well as Patty LaFluer. These girls were true blessings in each other's lives. During her lifetime, she adored and glowed over her late nephew, Christopher Joseph Michael "Swagg" Swider.

The family wishes to specially thank UPD Sargeant Marrow, as well as the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office, who gave Helen great comfort during this most difficult time.

The family will honor and commemorate Carol's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Carol's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Friday, June 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass.

In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Carol's honor may be made to the Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society at [www.anitas-sshs.org](http://www.anitas-sshs.org); envelopes will also be available at the service. Inurnment will take place in Alder Creek Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Alder Creek Cemetery

11573 NY-12  
Boonville, NY 13309

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUN 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church  
422 Tilden Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-1177  
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Patty lafluer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol C. Jones-Taurisano.*

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**Patty lafluer** - June 12, 2024 at 01:46 PM

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“ *Patty lafluer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Carol C. Jones-Taurisano.*



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“ *Condolences to Carol's family.*



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**Mark Harf** - June 12, 2024 at 11:59 AM

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“ Carol oh this is a tough one. Not sure what to do or say. But here goes. Helen first of all one of the last things Carol said to me is what an Angel you have been to her. Sisters there's no bond like it. Carol I shall always remember all the laughs all the tears all the good bad and oh such Awesome fun times. Donnelly's pig roast, our road trips, cross country we had some great times I shall always cherish. My Friend My Wonderful Crazy Fun Loving Friend.... Now what you always had an answer for me and I am lost. One memory that will always stand out is how you my friend could pick up a beer bottle no hands and just guzzle it, and laugh and laugh... We were so looking forward to one more road trip. Carol keep smiling keep shining and forever in my ❤️ 💜. I shall miss you all the rest of my day's. Cheers 🍷 till we meet again.

Elaine Donnelly Grosshuesch - June 10, 2024 at 05:46 PM

JS

CAROL was a constant presence in our lives over the last 22 years. She first met my departed Sarabeth working at IHOP. They became fast friends. Carol often would guide Sarah as an older sister would guide her younger sibling. Sara looked up to CAROL and really Gained from her interactions with her. It was during that time that I too came to Carol. A witty, intelligent conversationalist with whom I always found common ground and enjoyed a witty turn of phrase. We took many day trips together. Some overnights as well. Carol's first experience in New York City was with Sarah and me. I'll never forget the look on her face when she first saw the skyline of Manhattan. She was like a little kid. Completely overwhelmed by the enormity of it all. We had a lot of fun on that trip. She even kissed a Quentin Tarantino look-alike. It was a good time. There were many others as well. CAROL has a special place in my heart. I'll always her fondly. When I think of her in the future, I will always see her standing in our driveway with Mia and Spanky and with Sarabeth. Godspeed, my friend.

Jerry Stucchi - June 11, 2024 at 01:15 PM

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Rest in Peace Carol ❤️

Anthony Amodio - June 11, 2024 at 06:23 PM