



Carole G. Collea

July 9, 1932 - April 7, 2009

Mrs. Carole G. Collea

Utica

Mrs. Carole G. Collea, age 76, formerly of Caroline St., Utica, passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Health-care Center with her loving children and grandchildren by her side.

Born in Utica on July 9, 1932, Carole was the daughter of the late John and Mary (Reilly) Gagan. She was raised and educated locally and attended Blessed Sacrament Elementary School and Utica Catholic Academy. Upon graduation from high school she completed several local business courses and was employed at Griffis Air Force Base. On September 10, 1955 she was wed to Charles J. Collea with whom she shared 29 years prior to his passing on January 14, 1985. Carole worked at the Savings Bank of Utica in the life insurance department after her husband's passing. But her life work as a mother and homemaker was to care for and raise her children. Never one to complain, she was a resilient woman of quiet strength who gave incredible support to her family and instilled great values and morals in her children. A long time neighbor once told one of Carole's sons that he was so impressed with the love and admiration her kids had for her that what could be better than to know your children thought you were a wonderful parent. It was through her guidance and understanding that she promoted her children's independence. She was also a very proud grandmother who loved to spend

time with her grandchildren and play board games with them. She was an avid card player and loved when the family gathered to play pitch and share conversation. When her children were young she immensely enjoyed vacationing at Eagle Bay every summer. She also valued the memories and time spent at the "Ladies Lodge" in the Adirondacks with Peg Tuttle, Audrey Collis, Barb Whitaker and her sister, Mary. Some of Carole's passions were reading, sewing, and knitting, a talent which produced beautiful homemade Christmas stockings for each of her grandchildren. Carole enjoyed volunteering at the Stanley Theatre and the Lutheran Home. Carole felt you were never too old to learn which was apparent in her relentless thirst for knowledge by attending classes at SUNY's MVILR with her sister and friends. Carole's life was centered and rooted in her faith. She was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church and more recently a parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church.

Carole is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law; Ann and Tony King of New Hartford, Katy and Mike King of NY Mills, and Maureen and Tom Fletcher of Sherrill; her sons and daughters-in-law, John and Susan Collea of New Hartford, Dan Collea and his wife, Doreen Amado-Collea of Southbury, CT, and Don Collea of Wolcott, NY; and her grandchildren; Lindsay, Alyssa, and Jillian King, Michael and Hannah King, Nicholas and Lauren Fletcher, Danielle and Luke Collea, and Rylee Collea. Survivors also include her sister, Mary Anna of New Hartford; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, especially acknowledging Kathy "Gayle" Anna and Jack Anna for the care extended to Carole over the last several years; and Margaret and Dan Harder for over 20 years of their Adirondack hospitality; and her in-laws, Joseph and Ruth Collea, Frank Gaetano, Catherine and Bill Grimmer, Eileen Philo, Frank and Mary Ann Collea, Jerome and Joyce Collea, Marilyn Miner, and Robert and Jean Collea. She was predeceased by her brothers; John Gagan and Bernard Gagan.

The family would like to thank Dr. F. Joyce, Dr. K. Nelson, Dr. F. Talerico and Pat Rosati, NP for their care of Carole over the years. Special thanks are

extended to the nurses and staff of the 4th floor Telemetry Unit at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for going above and beyond in caring for Carole. Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Carole's honor to Historic Old St. John's Parish Center or the Maryknoll Missions; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Carole's funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Whitesboro.

Tribute Wall



“ We were unable to attend the services for your Mother and wanted to say how sorry we are for your loss.

Anne Marie, Katie, Maureen, John, Don and Dan - I remember all the Halloween nights on your porch with you, your Mom and Dad. It brings back great memories.

Your Mom was one of my favorite Aunts who was a very sweet person. She will be missed. Take Care.##imported-begin##Jerry & Gail Collea Jr.##imported-end##

April 16, 2009 at 06:45 PM



“ May all your memories bring you comfort during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Monica Garner##imported-end##

April 14, 2009 at 03:52 PM



“ Dear Mary: I know you will miss your sister dearly. I hope that the pleasant and warm memories will at least dull the pain and bring you moments of gladness and joy in those remembrances.

Your family can provide the warmth and comfort in sharing those good times and help ease the loneliness that your sister's loss bears in your heart. There is no solace but perhaps some sense of peace in the knowledge that Carole has no pain and no suffering. It is for her love ones to bare that burden and only time will lessen the load. Bless you.

Love, Ron (Kaminski)##imported-begin##ronald
Kaminski##imported-end##

April 14, 2009 at 02:39 PM



“ i am so sorry for your loss...i took care of carole on the gordon unit..she was the best , never to bother or complain.. very beautiful person who will be missed...##imported-begin##deanna##imported-end##

April 14, 2009 at 02:08 AM



“ Enjoyed coming up to NY to visit Aunt Carol along with all the family.##imported-begin##Douglas Anna##imported-end##

April 13, 2009 at 08:07 PM



“ Katy,

I was so sorry to read about the loss of your mother. I never met her but she sounds like a wonderful lady. Your memories of your Mom will always live in your heart until you are united with her again someday. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Mae (Gleasant) Smith##imported-begin##Mae (Gleasant) Smith##imported-end##

April 13, 2009 at 06:16 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Aunt Carols Passing. I always enjoyed the moments that we spent together at 4 Marley Place. My thoughts and prayers are with the Collea Family.##imported-begin##Mark Anna##imported-end##*

April 13, 2009 at 01:35 PM



“ *Aunt Carroll is in my thoughts and prayers. My time with her always marked joyous occasions of family and friends coming together. She was always my favorite person to sit next to at the table as she would never let me go astray. Specifically, I will remember hearing stories about her growing up and watching football together. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Bryan Anna##imported-end##*

April 13, 2009 at 12:07 PM



“ Dear Don and Reily,
We are heartbroken at the loss of your lovely mom (and
grandmom). We love you both and are praying for you.
Love always,
Maureen and Dan Mahoney###imported-begin###maureen
mahoney###imported-end###

April 13, 2009 at 11:30 AM



“ Susan and I are unable to be in Utica on Monday and Tuesday for
Carole's wake and funeral, so we visted on Saturday. Katy and Mike
were kind enough to host a casual family get-together Saturday
afternoon and, yes, there was hot sausage, pasta, sauage bread,
Italian desserts and all of the other fixins'...exactly as Carole would
have wanted it. We got to see and talk to all of the Collea children,
children-in-law, and grandchildren. It is a sad time but it was great to
see, admire and appreciate this wonderful family. We will miss
Carole, but we trust that Colleas, Kings and Fletchers will carry on
the legacy of Chuck and Carloe, our favorite relatives !###imported-
begin###Dave and Susan Anna###imported-end###

April 13, 2009 at 11:26 AM



“ I'll remember lots of things about Mrs. Collea - her laugh for one,
and walking around the block, seeing her in her chair in the yard.
Wishing all of you much comfort from so many memories - Much
Love, Christina###imported-begin###Christina Gorecki
McKillop###imported-end###

April 12, 2009 at 09:07 PM



“ Through a cloud of tears I see her face and know in my heart she is at peace. My deepest sympathy extended to AnnMarie, Katie, Johnny, Maureen, Danny and Donny and families. Aunt Carole taught us a lot about love and life, values that I still carry. We have so many happy memories, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers,,,,, Love Colleen, Dave, Brian, Matt and Jeff###imported-begin##Colleen Zielinski###imported-end##

April 12, 2009 at 03:03 PM



“ I was sitting on the front porch with a close neighbor of ours years ago and he said, " I was always so impressed with the love and admiration Carol's kid had for their Mother..... What could be better than to know your kids thought you were a wonderful parent."

Harry Chapin was right. Life is Like a Circle !!!!!###imported-begin##Don Collea###imported-end##

April 10, 2009 at 01:17 PM



“ *Dan and Don -*

I was sorry to read about your mother's death in the O-D. I hadn't known that she was ill.

I always enjoyed meeting up with her and hearing what each of you was currently doing.

In Judaism we say 'may her memory be for a blessing'. I'm sure this will be true of Carole.

Sincerely,

Sheila Bamberger##imported-begin##Sheila Bamberger##imported-end##

April 10, 2009 at 11:22 AM



“ *Our Prayers are with the family during this time...Aunt Carole was wonderful... Remembering now some great memories at the Caroline Ave. home in Utica, as a child & young adult. She will be greatly missed, my heart is saddened, but at the same time filled with joy for she is now again reunited with Uncle Charlie and all those that have previously passed into the arms of our Heavenly Father. Aunt Carole you will be missed but rest easy in knowing that your LEGACY which you so wonderfully left upon this earth will continue in the lives of your children & grandchildren and all those you touched in a special way. May God's grace be with you all during this difficult time..... Love Bill & Cathy Anna & Kids, North Carolina##imported-begin##William Anna##imported-end##*

April 09, 2009 at 10:35 PM



“ Donny
Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love
Jeff and Michele##imported-begin##Michele and Jeffrey Frontale##imported-end##

April 09, 2009 at 06:37 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to all of you at this very sad time. I know Carole has left wonderful memories and they will live on. God Bless and love to all,
Nona Buren (Keana's Mom)##imported-begin##Nona Buren##imported-end##

April 09, 2009 at 05:26 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the extended Collea family. May you find comfort in sharing all your fond memories of your loving mother and grandmother with one another.##imported-begin##Todd and Mary Fletcher##imported-end##

April 09, 2009 at 04:28 PM



“ So sorry for Aunt Carol's passing. She was always so pleasant and enjoyable to be around. I'll keep her in my thoughts and prayers.

-Mike##imported-begin##Mike Anna##imported-end##

April 09, 2009 at 02:25 PM



“ To the entire Collea family, friends -- I had only known Carole a short time and fortunitly I got to see what a great person she was and how loved and adored by everyone who met her!! She will be deeply missed!! Please let me know if I can do anything at all!! keeping you in my thoughts and prayers!!

Jessica Edick - Family Friend###imported-begin##Jessica Edick###imported-end##

April 09, 2009 at 12:51 AM



“ My heart goes out to the Collea Family. Aunt Carole was such a wonderful person. I would always love as a child to go to Uncle Chuck and Aunt Carole's. Please know you are all in our prayers .

Love, P.J., Sherri and family###imported-begin##P.J. Julian Sr.###imported-end##

April 08, 2009 at 06:50 PM