



## Cheryl L. (Rotach) Yozzo

October 29, 1945 - September 9, 2011

On Sept 9, 2011 Cheryl Lee (Rotach) Yozzo, age 65, of Utica and currently of Sumter, South Carolina, was flown to Heaven on the wings of an angel to be with the Lord after a heroic battle with cancer. Her passing occurred at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her family by her side.

Cheryl was born on a golden autumn day October 29th, 1945 to Congetta (Arcuri) Marine) and the late Clyde Rotach – the 4th of 6 children. She grew up in East Utica and graduated from Proctor High School where she met the love of her life, Fredrick J. Yozzo. They were married June 8, 1963 and lived, loved and laughed for 48 years. They made their home in North Utica and later in Holland Patent. In 1995 they moved to Sumter, South Carolina. Cheryl was blessed with two children, Kristine Marie and Frederick Michael, both of whom she adored and doted on along with her precious grandsons Alex and Max.

Cheryl attended cosmetology school and was a talented hairdresser for many years. At a later time she worked for the Utica School system and also for the District 17 school system in Sumter until she retired in May 2009. Cheryl will be remembered for many things, but the most important being her love of family. She was strength, she was joy, she was love. Her beauty radiated on the inside and out. Her smile was infectious, her warmth a comfort to all.

Cheryl loved to bake and the delectable treasures that came out of her kitchen will be talked about and missed forever. She never met a person for whom she didn't have a smile, kind word, or deed. Cheryl loved her faith and she

was a devout Catholic. She was a member of St. Anne's Church in Sumter and locally at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. She prayed hard and often and always believed in the power of Christ's love. This faith was just one more gift she shared humbly and diligently with her family and those she loved. The world is a better place because Cheryl was here and sadder now that she has gone.

Cheryl leaves behind her husband and soul mate Fred Yozzo; her beloved daughter and best friend, Kristine M. Farley of Sumter, SC; her cherished son Frederick M. Yozzo and his wife Julie of Charleston, SC; her two adored grandsons, Alexander G. Farley and Maxwell K. Farley; her loving mother Congetta Marine and loving mother-in-law Elizabeth Yozzo; her brothers and sisters whom she loved with all her heart, Frederick Rotach, Mary Anne Damuth, Clyde and JoAnne Rotach, Petronella "Penny" Yozzo and Janet Rotach. Always close to her heart, was the memory of her brother Gerald Rotach who preceded her; and their children, Jodi, Richie, Joshua, Autum, Jenna, Lori, Connie, Donald, Michael, Lynn, Renee and Jerry. She also leaves her in-laws, JoAnn Czerw, Michael A. and Lorraine J. Yozzo, Rich Yozzo, Ronnie Yozzo, Mark Yozzo and Marie Fracolla, always remembering the memory of her in-laws Marie Didio and Joseph P. Czerw, who preceded her in death; several other nieces and nephews who were all so very special to her; cousins, uncles, aunts, especially one who was very dear to her, Lalla Durante; and a multitude of friends near and far including Sharon and Dave Palczynski, Mary Bullard, and Amanda Prince all of SC.

The family offers special thanks to the doctors and nurses at the Roswell Cancer Institute who tried so diligently to save Cheryl; Hospice of Oneida County; our nurse and friend Kathy Smythe; the staff at St Elizabeth Medical Center who made her last few days dignified and comfortable; and her nephew Ray Tantillo, brother Clyde Rotach, brother-in-law Mark Yozzo, and all those who contributed to the benefit in her honor.

The family will honor and commemorate Cheryl's life in a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Cheryl's funeral service

and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday afternoon at 12:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **13**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish

648 Jay Street

Utica, NY 13501

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<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cheryl L. (Rotach) Yozzo



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - September 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Mike and Lorraine & family-So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time.

Patty Guarnieri - September 15, 2011 at 03:04 PM

CV

“ Christine Volo lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L. (Rotach) Yozzo



Christine Volo - September 13, 2011 at 05:21 PM

DC

“ To Penny and family, So sorry to hear of Cheryl's passing....please know that you are all in my prayers.

Donna Crouse



Donna M. Crouse - September 13, 2011 at 08:39 AM

AC

“ *The YOZZO Family! We are so Sorry for your Loss, Our thoughts and prayers are with you!  
Andy& Linda Convertino*



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**Andy & Linda Convertino** - September 12, 2011 at 01:13 PM

RJ

“ *Dear Yozzo Family~  
We are saddened for your loss of Cheryl. She always wore that beautiful smile! She was so proud of her family and all that she could do for each of them. Cherish your memories as they are worth their weight in gold!!  
All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Alva and Bob Jones  
Sumter, South Carolina*

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**Robert A. Jones** - September 11, 2011 at 08:42 PM

EA

“ *Dear Yozzo Family,  
I am deeply saddened to hear of the loss of such a beautiful person, inside and out. As I reflect on the time I spent with Mrs. Yozzo, she was an amazing wife, mother, and friend. She was admirably dedicated to her family and would do anything in her power to make sure that everyone was happy. Her inspiration and unconditional love will live on in many of the people that she had the opportunity to cross paths with...  
I am praying for all of you as you endure this difficult time. Always know that her spirit will live in and with you always..which will help comfort you... Sending many prayers your way. Love, Elizabeth  
(Parkhurst) Allison and Family*

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**Elizabeth Parkhurst Allison** - September 11, 2011 at 08:26 PM

BS

“*Freddie, When I had lunch with Cheryl and a few of our classmates, I asked how you were doing, and her eyes lit up, showed me some pics of you, kids, and grandkids, and I was amazed how much in love with you she still was. That was the same light I saw way back in high school when you two were dating. Her light will always shine forever more, just in another way, and she will take all of you out of this darkness that has fallen upon you all. Pray to her to get you all through. Fondly, Beverly Yero-Schrader, Class of 63*



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**Beverly Schrader** - September 11, 2011 at 03:08 PM

BW

*To the Yozzo family,*

*I had the honor of working with Cheryl at Willow drive Elementary in Sumter. My first day there was met with a warm smile and hug from Cheryl. I experienced the loss of 3 family members within months of each other and Cheryl would come by room and check on me and give me a hug then tell me she was praying for me. She was truly a remarkable woman and my life is better because she was in it. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.*

*Betsy Watts  
Sumter, SC*

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**Betsy Watts** - September 13, 2011 at 08:30 AM