



## Karen C. Caruso

April 1, 2011

Karen Christine Caruso, age 42, of North Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, April 1, 2011 in the comfort and privacy of her home.

Born in Utica on August 2, 1968, Karen is the daughter of Thomas Caruso, Sr. and the late Deborah (Ellis) Caruso. Upon graduating from high school, she attended the Madison-Oneida BOCES Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.) program where she received her credentials to practice as an LPN in New York State. She subsequently held a position at the St. Luke's Nursing Home. Karen was an intelligent woman blessed with strength, independence and wisdom, especially as a single mother. She was devoted and always there for her daughter LaToya; she dedicated her life to her. Karen was an excellent role model and all her efforts were made to ensure that her daughter would be a successful woman in all aspects of life. To those who knew her, she was a fighter and would never give up. A knowledgeable person, Karen was an avid reader and a gifted writer. During her leisure time she enjoyed scrapbooking and attending LaToya's dance performances.

Karen is survived by her beloved daughter, LaToya Brooks of NYC; her father, Thomas Caruso, Sr. of Utica; her brothers, Thomas Caruso, Jr., and Mark Caruso, both of Utica, Louis Caruso of Oklahoma, and Joseph Caruso of Poland, NY. Karen is also survived by her cousin Tammy Bottini, who was like a sister; her nieces and nephews, Brittany Caruso, Jewel Caruso, and Louis Caruso, Jr.; numerous cousins, aunts and uncles. She also leaves behind many friends of past and present years. She was predeceased by her

paternal grandparents, Louis T. and Helen Caruso; maternal grandparents, Doris and Robert Ellis; uncle, Ron Ellis; aunt and uncle, Louann and Frank Klar; and great-aunt, Elizabeth Ellis.

The family extends sincere thanks to the Utica Police and Fire Departments for their response and consideration.

Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Karen's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday evening at 6:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Rev. John Buehler officiating. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-8588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

APR 5. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SK

“ *I will never forget the morning you walked in dressed for Halloween dressed as Maxine. Im still roaring over it. You had such a great sense of humor and I will always love you! xo*

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**Susan Kennedy** - April 08, 2011 at 06:28 PM

LM

“ *Latoya, I am so sad to hear of your mom's passing. My heart just breaks for you. I only met Karen once, but she left a lasting impression on me. She wore her love and admiration for you on her sleeve. It was beautiful to see how proud she was of you and how much she adored you! I will never forget it. May she rest in peace.*

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**Lisa Miller** - April 08, 2011 at 10:32 AM

SF

“ *Stephanie Fleury lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**stephanie fleury** - April 07, 2011 at 02:11 PM

KS

“ Karen,

*It was always a pleasure working with you up on Barton East (when they didn't float me)... You were a great nurse who helped out everyone on the floor and you stayed past your shift everyday finishing up any work because you would feel bad if you left anything for the next shift. All you talked about was your daughter, how special she was to you, how you were gonna pack up and leave your life here to go be with her in the city. I met her once when she came to work and she is a beautiful girl with a bright future ahead of her. You will be remembered by many many people, god bless you.*

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**Kristie Stanczyk** - April 06, 2011 at 06:51 PM

KS

“ *Kristie Stanczyk lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Kristie Stanczyk** - April 06, 2011 at 06:41 PM

EB

“ *Elizabeth Buddle lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Elizabeth Buddle** - April 06, 2011 at 04:27 PM



“ Karen,  
You will be gratly missed, and were loved by all you came into  
contact with.

LaToya,  
Our deepest sympathies go out to you, if you need anything at all,  
please don't hesitate to ask.

Love,  
Amanda Kennedy and Celeste D'alessandro

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**Amanda Kennedy** - April 05, 2011 at 06:38 PM

DS

“ LaToya,just met you acouple of weeks ago when you and mom  
stopped into the nursing home but feel like i have known you much  
longer.She always spoke of her baby girl with such pride.she loved  
you so much! I am honored to have worked with her and known her  
as my friend.Rest in Peace Karen, you are forever loved and  
missed!

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**Debbie Smith** - April 05, 2011 at 05:22 PM

DS

“ Debbie Smith lit a candle in memory of Karen  
C. Caruso



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**Debbie Smith** - April 05, 2011 at 05:16 PM



“ *Michelle Mcnamara lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



Michelle Mcnamara - April 05, 2011 at 05:02 PM



*LaToya,... Your Mother was a beautiful person...I will miss her..my thoughts and prayers are with you !*

Michelle Mcnamara - April 05, 2011 at 05:06 PM



“ *LaToya,  
Your Mother was a good friend to me and a great person. You're proof of that. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Kathy Jordan*



Mary K.Jordan - April 05, 2011 at 04:45 PM



“ *LaToya, I am flooded with years of lovely memories - standing with your mom, watching our daughters dance together - in studios, on stages, parking lots, wherever. She would literally watch your every move with admiration, satisfaction and great joy. And we talked often about our kids' school days and all the hope for your promising future. Your mother nurtured you in all the right ways, and your love for her was evident for everyone to see. I believe she will watch you from the front row forever, seeing whatever you're proud to show her. God bless Karen and her devoted family.*



Colleen Cavallo - April 05, 2011 at 01:29 PM

JA

“ Tom Sr We are sorry for your loss ,we never meet karen but from what we read she sound like a wonderful daughter.It has been years since we have seen you but your always in our thoughts.  
*John & Carmelita Armstrong, Lakeland Fla.*

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**John &Carmelita Armstrong** - April 05, 2011 at 01:22 PM

DW

“ Donald Widrick lit a candle in memory of  
*Karen C. Caruso*



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**Donald Widrick** - April 05, 2011 at 12:42 PM

GD

“ Tom Sr. I am so sorry for the loss of your daughter Karen. Words can never express how you feel, but know that others feel your loss too.

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**Gene DiFondi** - April 05, 2011 at 10:05 AM

BY

“ I knew Karen from 6 years old. Our families grew up together and there are countless fond memories. Just a couple weeks ago, we were laughing and remembering some of those times. Most of the time she and I spent together was in laughing. I think she made me laugh more than I made her! During those tough teen years, we leaned on each other. She was there for me when I lost my Dad. When my mom was in St. Luke's home, she would take special care of her til my mom passed away. She is in heaven now making my parents laugh! They loved her like a daughter. My whole family loved her. I had just thought of getting together with her to show her some old stuff from childhood when I heard that she passed. How I miss her.....I am comforted though that she is with her savior Jesus Christ whom she accepted in September just before her surgery. Toya, you can lean on me honey. I loved your mom dearly. I love you.

*Save a place for me at the table, dear friend. I love you.*

*Bev Yousey (Chapman)*

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**Bev Yousey** - April 05, 2011 at 09:31 AM

BS

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Beth Sanger** - April 05, 2011 at 08:46 AM

LI

“ rip karen



lisa - April 05, 2011 at 07:38 AM

CB

“ Cindi Baum lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso



Cindi Baum - April 05, 2011 at 07:19 AM

HB

“ LaToya and family,  
My deepest sympathy to you all during this very difficult time. Your mother was a great nurse not only because of her knowledge, but because of her common sense and compassion. Your mother took care of my Dad on Barton East and I was always glad to know that she was on duty ( with her pal Jackie) taking care of my Dad. LaToya, your mother was very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. She would share with me and other families, all of your activities, as we sat together during lunch in the dinning room on Barton East. Your mother had a calming presense and a great sense of humor as she helped my Dad and other residents during their daily struggles. At difficult moments, remember the wonderful memories, and that she will always be with you in your heart. May God Bless her soul.  
Sincerely, Helen Boswell and family.

Helen Boswell - April 05, 2011 at 07:17 AM

WM

“ *What a beautiful legacy Karen has left in her daughter, La Toya. She will live through you, with a smile on her face.*

Wendy Miller - April 05, 2011 at 05:27 AM

SS

“ *Sue Seymour lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



sue seymour - April 05, 2011 at 12:53 AM

CG

“ *Cindy Goff lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



Cindy Goff - April 04, 2011 at 07:31 PM

LF

“ *Lorraine Lee King And Family lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



Lorraine Lee King and family - April 04, 2011 at 07:18 PM

SL

“ Steve Lewis lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso



steve lewis - April 04, 2011 at 06:24 PM



“ Susan Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso



Susan Kennedy - April 04, 2011 at 02:30 PM

SK

“ Keep the light shining up there Karen. We wont stop thinking of all the happy times here. Bragging about our miracle children, kids, then grown ups! Toya she loved more than life itself. You are a blessed young woman for all the wisdom she gave you. I kow you may not think so tight now but you will. You are so loved honey. Auan Kennedy

Susan Jamieson Kennedy - April 04, 2011 at 02:29 PM

NB

“ Nichole Bienkowski lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso



Nichole Bienkowski - April 04, 2011 at 02:19 PM

HT

“ *Hannah Tahhan lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Hannah Tahhan** - April 04, 2011 at 01:35 PM

AM

“ *It was a true pleasure to work with Karen. She was gentle, kind and compassionate not only to the residents but to all her co-workers as well. I followed her amazing progress via Jackie whenever I saw her at The Home and was so happy that she was back at home. She will be greatly missed but remembered fondly!*



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**Amy Marchbanks** - April 04, 2011 at 01:10 PM

LB

“ *LaToya Brooks lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**LaToya Brooks** - April 04, 2011 at 12:52 PM

KR

“ *Kelly Riesel-Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Kelly Riesel-Rodriguez** - April 04, 2011 at 12:51 PM

ML

“ *Manda Lynch lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**manda lynch** - April 04, 2011 at 11:58 AM

DR

“ *Douw Sacco And Carol Romas lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Douw Sacco and Carol Romas** - April 04, 2011 at 11:11 AM

DB

“ *During this difficult time, we find comfort in all the wonderful memories you have graciously shared with us. You were such a great nurse and what a wonderful mother. LaToya, follow the dreams your Mom instilled in you, she will always be by your side. Barton East will always have an angel looking down. Karen, may you rest in peace.*

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**Dee Borden** - April 04, 2011 at 10:17 AM

DB

“ *Dee Borden lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Dee Borden** - April 04, 2011 at 10:07 AM

AB

“ *Amy Lee Bengough lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Amy Lee Bengough** - April 04, 2011 at 10:07 AM

LJ

“ *Lauren And Joreen lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**lauren and joreen** - April 03, 2011 at 11:38 PM

CJ

“ *Cathy Jantzen lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Cathy Jantzen** - April 03, 2011 at 11:24 PM

CJ

“ *Karen, You were a true friend in every sense of the word, I'm proud to have known you, worked with you, laughed with you, cried with you. Your greatest gift to this world is your daughter LaToya, she will be fine, because even in death you will be there for her every step of the way. I will miss you my friend in every way I can think of. Until we meet again, may you rest in peace my friend.*

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**Cathy Jantzen** - April 03, 2011 at 11:24 PM

KB

“ *Kara Bottini lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**kara bottini** - April 03, 2011 at 11:01 PM

DM

“ *LaToya, your mom truly was an inspiration to everyone! I feel so blessed that she was a part of our lives. She will always be your inspiration and drive. My entire family sends their love to you and your family.*  
*Love, Donna, Dean, Chelsea, Cambria, Audrey, Miranda and Felicia*



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**Donna Mortise** - April 03, 2011 at 10:28 PM

DM

“ *Donna Mortise sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Donna Mortise** - April 03, 2011 at 10:17 PM

RW

“ *Robert And Camy Williams lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Robert and Camy Williams** - April 03, 2011 at 09:26 PM

RW

*We are so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Robert and Camy Williams** - April 03, 2011 at 09:27 PM

KN

*“ Karen I knew you as first my neighbor then my coworker but mainly my very good friend. You truly understood me and I will miss you very much. You did a great job at work and raising your daughter. You are loved by many. God Bless You. Kathy Niemenski*


**Kathleen Niemenski** - April 03, 2011 at 09:07 PM

JR

*“ Judy Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



**Judy Rodriguez** - April 03, 2011 at 09:06 PM

  
Roseanne  
Angelhow

*“ Roseanne Angelhow lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



**Roseanne Angelhow** - April 03, 2011 at 08:51 PM

TB

“ Tammy Klar Bottini lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso



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Tammy Klar Bottini - April 03, 2011 at 08:47 PM

TB

*These past few days have been so hard. Karen was more than my cousin she was my "sister". As children we lived together for awhile, we were brought up as sisters. I loved her more than anyone could imagine. I also tormented her at times as "sister's" only can do. As adults we would laugh about it. Karen grew into the most beautiful person you could ever meet. She was smart, talented, but most of all she was the best Mother to her beautiful daughter Latoya. She devoted everyday to her daughter from the moment of conception, till the day God took her home. I'm gonna miss all her video's that she would share. God Bless you Karen, I envy that you are in the presence of all the loved ones that have gone before you. Give them hugs from us. I Toya, you my love are strong like your mom, she taught you to live your dreams and don't let anything stand in your way. You know she's still by your side and will still be pushing you on from above. Remember we are here for you. I made her a last promise and I plan on not breaking it. Anytime, anywhere you are just call. I love you and remember what I told you.*

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Tammy Klar Bottini - April 03, 2011 at 09:01 PM

AW

“ Karen,  
*I am so broken hearted right now. You are the strongest woman I've ever met. You gave me every bit of confidence that I have as a nurse. I started off so scared of nursing and you helped me through all of it. From that first day you trained me you welcomed me and we matched personalities perfect. You always used to say "better be careful you are going to act just like me and they will blame me for it" Well you were right. I became the same kind of nurse you are and I'm proud of it. You taught me well and I'll never forget that or stop appreciating it. You lived your life for Toya and it showed. Your strength and dedication to everything you did is what made you a great person. I am going to miss our talks and therapy sessions in the parking lot, the shared looks that we knew what they meant, and above all your outlook on life. You are an amazing person and I feel so blessed that you were in my life, even for such a short time. Toya, your mom is going to always watch over you now and you will feel her presence throughout your life. She was so proud of you, and always talking about you. Gain strength from that in this difficult time. You are surrounded by so many people whos lives she touched.*

Love,  
Amanda Weiderman

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Amanda Weiderman - April 03, 2011 at 07:40 PM

AH

“ Karen, you were such a great friend to me always gave me good honest advice and trust me i always took it..you are one of the reasons I got where I am today and I thank you for that..you will truly be missed by me and Brianna.. Our Prayers go out to Latoya every day!!

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Amanda Hajdasz - April 03, 2011 at 07:35 PM

AH

“ Amanda Hajdasz lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso



Amanda Hajdasz - April 03, 2011 at 07:27 PM

NH

“ Nicole Harf lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso



Nicole Harf - April 03, 2011 at 07:19 PM

MP

“ I known Karen since our kids were in first grade. She was also my neighbor and a very good friend. Karen always spoke very highly of her daughter and did a wonderful job raising her. Karen, my friend, you will be missed by so many but you will never be forgotten. R.I.P. my friend



Mr. % Mrs. Rosa n John Perez - April 03, 2011 at 07:17 PM

BL

“ Barbara LaPaglia lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso



Barbara LaPaglia - April 03, 2011 at 06:46 PM

FJ

“ *Francine & Jason lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



Francine & Jason - April 03, 2011 at 06:31 PM

EG

“ *Ellie Gardner lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



Ellie Gardner - April 03, 2011 at 06:29 PM

RC

“ *Rosemaria Conkling lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



Rosemaria Conkling - April 03, 2011 at 06:03 PM

SJ

“ *Sherri Julian lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



Sherri Julian - April 03, 2011 at 06:02 PM

DL

“ *Debbie LaPaglia lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Debbie LaPaglia** - April 03, 2011 at 06:02 PM

SJ

“ *Karen, I have been very fortunate to have known you as a friend, a coworker and a fellow dance mom. You are a true inspiration to every person's lives you have touched. You have raised Latoya to become as beautiful a women that you are, and I have always admired you for this. Latoya,.. please know that Lexy, Patrick and I will always be there for anything you may need. You and your mom will always be in our prayers.*

*Love .... Sherri Julian and family*

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**Sherri Julian** - April 03, 2011 at 05:59 PM

ML

“ Karen, We shared many good times together when we were younger. I have been remembering a lot of those times these last few days. One memory was at Tammy's house when we broke her kitchen table and she kicked us out.....we could not stop laughing. You recently went through so much and you fought so hard, you never gave up. Guess God just decided that he needed you there more than we need you here. I know you are no longer in any pain and you are watching down on everyone who needs you. Although it does not make it any easier, everyone will remember what a great person you were and all their memories of you will live forever. You will give your daughter the strength to go on and she will know that you are the guardian angel that watches over her. God Bless you Karen and rest in peace.

Michele LaPaglia - April 03, 2011 at 05:42 PM

ML

“ Michele LaPaglia lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso



Michele LaPaglia - April 03, 2011 at 05:37 PM

AP

“ karen so many years and so many great memories you will be loved and missed by all. latoya will always be in my prayers, i love you my friend.

~Angie~

Angelina Papa - April 03, 2011 at 05:22 PM

AG

“ *karen you inspired me so much and made me reach for the stars, every time i press the shutter release im gonna think of you. you were such a powerful women who told it how it is and how it was going to be. Toya was so lucky to have a mother like you in her life i will always be here for her. i love you always and forever karen thank you for all the words of wisdom you gave me.*

*I wont let you down =)*

*~Antonio~*

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**antonio garcia** - April 03, 2011 at 05:16 PM

CG

“ *Christine Guarno lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Christine Guarno** - April 03, 2011 at 05:13 PM

WC

“ *dear karen even though your life was short it wasnt in vein u always but laughter and happiness to who ever knew you toya be very proud of your mama she will always be looking over you.*

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**wanda core** - April 03, 2011 at 04:11 PM

BW

“ Dearest Karen, you truley are an angel, we are all so blessed to have known you, you have been such an inspiration to us all. Toya my thoughts and prayers are with you, your Mom has just been upgraded to front row seating for all of your future accomplishments....and I'm sure she will never miss a single one! God Bless

Betty Walton - April 03, 2011 at 03:36 PM

BW

“ Betty Walton lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso



Betty Walton - April 03, 2011 at 03:26 PM



“ Deirdre Elliott lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso



Deirdre Elliott - April 03, 2011 at 03:04 PM

MG

*rest in peace Karen*

marilyn guidera - April 03, 2011 at 03:07 PM

DE

“ Karen, Today was our day to get our laughter on...I miss you and i will forever keep your beautiful daughter in my prayers...My dear friend R.I.P.

Deirdre Elliott - April 03, 2011 at 03:01 PM

SJ

“ Karen was a great nurse and wonderful mother, Heaven has gained a special angel

sue Jackson - April 03, 2011 at 02:57 PM

CT

“ Karen you were an excellent nurse and a wonderful mother .....and I know you will watch over Toya



Carol Timpano - April 03, 2011 at 02:38 PM

DH

“ I use to work with Karen she was a very kind person with a great deal of compassion for others. My deepest sympathy to her family at this very difficult time. My prayers are with you all. Debbie Hoffman

Debbie Hoffman - April 03, 2011 at 01:54 PM



“ *Sherry Mohr lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**sherry mohr** - April 03, 2011 at 01:25 PM

SK

“ *Sharon Kline sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**sharon kline** - April 03, 2011 at 11:45 AM

SK

“ *Sharon Kline lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**sharon kline** - April 03, 2011 at 11:44 AM

JT

“ *Joe Taurisani lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Joe Taurisani** - April 03, 2011 at 10:41 AM

DS

“ *Diane Shephard lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



**Diane Shephard** - April 03, 2011 at 10:40 AM

SM

“ *Sheron Miller lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



**Sheron Miller** - April 03, 2011 at 10:37 AM

RS

“ *Roxanne Stolarczyk lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



**Roxanne Stolarczyk** - April 03, 2011 at 10:37 AM

RS

*Karen ,my dear freind my sister my coworker i will miss hearing ur voice and ur laughter down the hall from BE u were taken to quick from us to say goodbye but we are all greiving for you and proud of how strong you were god bless toya love u miss u forever love for you!*

**Roxanne Stolarczyk** - April 03, 2011 at 10:40 AM

DT

“ *Diane Shephard And Joe Taurisani lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Diane Shephard and Joe Taurisani** - April 03, 2011 at 10:36 AM

EK

“ *Ellen Kelley lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Ellen Kelley** - April 03, 2011 at 10:34 AM

EK

*She is a very special person*

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**Ellen Kelley** - April 03, 2011 at 10:35 AM

C(

“ *Christina Branham (lacey) lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**christina branham (lacey)** - April 03, 2011 at 09:31 AM

CR

“ *Carrie Rose lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Carrie Rose** - April 03, 2011 at 09:14 AM

MS

“ *Mark Salamida lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Mark Salamida** - April 03, 2011 at 09:14 AM

MB

“ *So many memories...I will never forget your laughter-your passion for life...how your eyes would light up every time you mentioned Toya's name... You raised a wonderful amazing, beautiful daughter...everything you did-you did with love for your girl-your shining star. Toya-take comfort in your friends...draw your strength from them to get through...take one minute at a time ...keep listening...she is with you always.  
Until we meet again my friend-you will live in my heart.*



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**Mary Hobe Brady** - April 03, 2011 at 08:44 AM

JT

“ *Jeanne Tracy lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Jeanne Tracy** - April 03, 2011 at 08:22 AM

AG

“ *Abby Googin lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Abby Googin** - April 03, 2011 at 08:10 AM

KL

“ *Karen...although your life here was short, you accomplished so much. You raised a beautiful Daughter while caring for others. Your beautiful smile and loving spirit is an inspiration to us all. Toya, your Mom loves you so much and never forget that all of her friends here on Earth will always be here for you. Heaven has most definitely received an Angel.*  
*Kathy Lauterbach*



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**Kathy Lauterbach** - April 03, 2011 at 07:45 AM

RC

“ *Rena Chapman-Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Rena Chapman-Cunningham** - April 03, 2011 at 07:42 AM

RC

“ *Your life down here was a life of strength, courage, hope and love. You taught many to keep moving forward even when it seemed too hard. Now, we will do the same..keep moving forward even when it seems too hard.. because that is what you would want us to do. You are not gone, but above with God and your mom. We know that you are shining your love down upon Toya. You were our borrowed angel down here...but I know that it's not goodbye...its see you later.*

*Love,  
Rena Chapman*

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**Rena Chapman-Cunningham** - April 03, 2011 at 07:41 AM

D(

“ *Doreen Thomas (fluffy) lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Doreen Thomas (fluffy)** - April 03, 2011 at 07:29 AM

KS

“ To the Caruso family,  
I worked with Karen at St. Lukes Nursing Home. Karen was a wonderful nurse, who took such good care of her residents. I will never forget our quick little chats we use to have, while we were both busy working, and usually the topic of our chats would be her daughter Toya, she thought the world of her daughter. Please know that my thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this most difficult time. Heaven has certainly just been upgraded, Karen was an angel on earth, and now she is an angel in heaven. Until we meet again Karen... rest in peace my dear friend.

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**Kristin Smith** - April 03, 2011 at 06:58 AM

SW

“ Sharon Worlock lit a candle in memory of  
Karen C. Caruso



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**Sharon Worlock** - April 03, 2011 at 05:49 AM

JK

“ Judi Kulpa lit a candle in memory of Karen C.  
Caruso



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**Judi Kulpa** - April 03, 2011 at 05:47 AM

PS

“ *Peter Carol Scholl lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Peter Carol Scholl** - April 02, 2011 at 11:33 PM

DD

“ *Deanna DiBrango lit a candle in memory of Karen C. Caruso*



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**Deanna DiBrango** - April 02, 2011 at 09:51 PM