



Theresa A. (Garfola) Schmitter

July 9, 2009

Mrs. Theresa A. (Garfola) Schmitter, of Oriskany, passed away on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio, with her loving family by her side. Born in Utica, Theresa was the daughter of the late Samuel W. and Philomena C. "Phil" (Papa) Garfola. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. On July 19, 1969 she married Robert A. Schmitter with whom she shared 40 years as true companions in life; as the heart of the family, they enjoyed the many occasions that brought their loved ones together.

Theresa pursued her working career at various area companies, most recently as a receptionist for Dr. Scott Brehaut. Her thoughtfulness and generosity were often seen in the manner in which she remembered everyone in such a special way. Her family connections were true and endearing and she was loved by them as the one who embraced their needs and served as caretaker when someone needed support. Humor and laughter were important facets in her life. The greatest of her joys came from her daughter, Kristin, and her family which now includes her most recent gift of happiness, a granddaughter, who was born during her illness. She was always supportive of the activities of her daughter and her niece, Allisen, especially when they were younger and involved with school and extracurricular events. She was a great shopper and a collector of shoes and purses, and she treasured her annual trips to Florida to visit her family. She was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Theresa is survived by her husband, Robert; her daughter and son-in-law, Kristin and Andrew Hare of Brockville, Ontario; and her grandchildren, Kayla Elizabeth "Princess", and newborn, Emma Pearl. A special motherly love and bond existed between Theresa and her "son", Dr. Scott Brehaut, as well as his wife, Laura, and children, Ian, and Ella. Survivors also include her sister and brother-in-law, Angela A. and David J. Bernholz of Deerfield; her brother and sister-in-law, Samuel A. "Sam" and Regina Garfola of Lake Worth, FL; her nieces and nephews, Joseph Majka, Allisen and Gerald Learnard, Valerie and Steve Cartagena, Melissa Garfola and fiancé Tim Gosser, Shawn O'Connor, Victoria Del Rosario, and Catherine Del Rosario; cousins, especially acknowledging Annette Moore who was a pillar of support; an aunt and uncle, Angelo and Clara Papa; in-laws, Jane and Rolf Buchner, and Richard and Bonnie Schmitter. She also leaves her loyal canine companion, "Storm". She was predeceased by her in-laws, Emil and Winifred (Edic) Schmitter.

The family is grateful to the outstanding physicians, nurses, and staff members of the Cleveland Clinic who were of great support and comfort, and who displayed outstanding professionalism while caring for Theresa.

Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Theresa's funeral service will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. A graveside service will follow with interment in Calvary Cemetery.

"Even though we cannot see you with our eyes,
you will live on in our hearts forever".

Tribute Wall



“ I was very sad to hear of Terri's passing. I had the pleasure of working with her many years ago at Fleet bank. She was such a wonderful, fun person, we used to laugh so much! I will always remember her great sense of humor and how much she truly loved her family. She was a sweetheart! Please accept my condolences and know your family is in my prayers.##imported-begin##Gina (Christopher) Battle##imported-end##

July 15, 2009 at 07:25 AM



“ To Bob and family. Sorry for your loss. Hopefully time will help you heal.##imported-begin##Kevin and Cindy McEaney##imported-end##

July 14, 2009 at 08:49 PM



“ My deepest regrets Bob and family##imported-begin##SUANNA NICHOLS##imported-end##

July 14, 2009 at 12:43 PM



“ Terry was one of the nicest people I ever worked with. She was so special and we had such fun working together. Please accept my sincere thoughts for the family at this time. May God Bless..##imported-begin##Patricia Huckabone##imported-end##

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“ Bob, Kristin and family,
Our deepest sympathy's at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Bob, if you need anything we are right down the road.

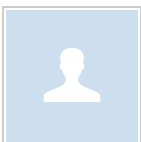
Kristin, I know years have separated us, but I am so sorry to hear of your loss. There is no doubt your mother always loved you more than anything. Cherish the years of memories and remember that she will be looking over you and your beautiful children forever!###imported-begin##Danielle & Lance Smith Jr.##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest condolences from your neighbors. In your time of need, you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you.###imported-begin##William and Holly Caldwell and McKenzie##imported-end##

July 12, 2009 at 09:27 PM



“ So sorry for this sudden loss. Theresa was a wonderful person and my best friend in High School. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
God Bless,
Corinne###imported-begin##Corinne B. DeAngelis-Tomasi##imported-end##

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“ *Angela and Family,*

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Cherish all of the wonderful memories you made with your sister...they will sustain you forever. Thinking of you during this sad time. God Bless all of you...

-Christine##imported-begin##Christine Savicki##imported-end##

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“ *Our condolences go out to the husband and Garfola Family upon the passing of wife Theresa - a kind and loving person, she will be greatly missed by all that new her.*

Richard and Bonnie Schmitter

Keller, Texas 76248

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July 11, 2009 at 11:38 PM