



Carol Howe-Blair

August 21, 1946 - July 19, 2022

Carol Howe-Blair, 75, died Tuesday with her beloved daughter by her side. Born in Cohoes, she was a proud lifelong resident.

Carol was a graduate of the former Keveny Memorial Academy. She then attended Mildred Elley earning a certificate as an executive secretary. Upon graduation, she spent 15 years working for various offices within the New York State system. Her most treasured stories were from her days at Civil Defense and SUNY Central.

In 1977, she married Richard E. Blair, who proposed to her on their first date. Three years later, they welcomed their only child. Carol left the State and devoted herself to being a mom. Tragically, she lost her husband only a few months after their daughter was born.

Carol was a champion for Catholic education. She was a proud volunteer at Cohoes Catholic School from 1985 until their closing in 2004. She was a room mom, lunch mom, bazaar chair, substitute teacher, and chaperone for every field trip. She proudly served on the CCS School Board from 1987 until their closing. From 1995 on, she was the School Board President. Her dedication to Catholic education continued at Catholic Central High School. She served on the executive board of the Parent's Committee for four years. She was also the first parent representative on the CCHS Board of Trustees.

Carol returned to the workforce in the early 1990s. She proudly served her parish, St. Rita's, as secretary until the church closed in 2009. She also lovingly led the Prayer and Worship Team for decades. She was the general Chair of the Bazaar for many years. Her favorite Mass of the year was Christmas Eve, when she would direct the Living Nativity with her daughter. She truly filled way too many jobs to list! Her church was her second home. She then went on to work for St. Michael's in Cohoes until her retirement in 2017.

Carol was an avid crafter. It wasn't uncommon for her to get a request for something they knew Carol could manifest. She was also a fierce reader. She loved baking for her loved ones on holidays. Carol also loved spending time with her fur babies, Chelsea Belle, who passed several years ago, and Lily Grace.

Carol is predeceased by her parents, George and Mary (Turino) Howe, and her beloved brother Thomas A. Howe.

Carol was devoted to her family and loved them all deeply. She is survived by her loving daughter, Anne Marie E. Blair. Also survived by her cherished nephews and niece, Thomas, Timothy, Zachary, and Carly. Her loving aunt, Theresa Spencer, also survives her. Dozens of dear cousins and friends will also miss her.

A very special thank you to the staff of Pine Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation who helped Carol achieve her goal of coming home after several months. Enormous gratitude to the ICU at Samaritan Hospital for their compassion and generosity.

Friends and family are welcome to visit at Marra Funeral Home on Thursday,

from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

A mass of Christian burial will take place on Friday at 10:30, from St. Ambrose Church in Latham. Burial will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Waterford, with Rev. Brian Kelly officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to Catholic Central School, 347 Old Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110 attn V. Bariteau. Please make sure to mark your donation in her name.

Cemetery Details

St. Marys Cemetery

Middletown Rd
Waterford, NY 12188

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Marra Funeral Home
246 Remsen Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 237-0206

Service

JUL 22. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ambrose
347 Old Loudon Rd
Latham, NY 12110

Tribute Wall

AB

“ *She was a kind and gracious lady. She made this city and our schools a better place. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace. My prayers are with you Anne Marie at this difficult time.*

Alice Benamati - July 20, 2022 at 11:06 PM



*Thank you, Mrs. Benamati.
Anne Marie*

Anne Marie Elizabeth - July 21, 2022 at 12:58 PM

MS

Ann Marie. I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless

marilyn scattergood - July 21, 2022 at 03:08 PM



Thank you

Anne Marie Elizabeth - October 18, 2022 at 12:45 AM



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Marra Funeral Home - July 20, 2022 at 10:18 PM

DV

I was in carols wedding to Richard. She was glowing with happiness . And I was honored to know the Carol and her Family. I still have the dress. No it does not fit. Carol and her parents where the family of St. Rita Church. And when Ann Marie was born . She was the princess👑. May you rest in peace with your family in heaven. And watch over your sweet Ann Marie. You will be missed. Love💕 and 🙏Prayers

Doris Vojnar - July 21, 2022 at 11:55 AM

DV

Sorry for your loss. Need anything please call or text. Doris

Doris Vojnar - July 21, 2022 at 11:57 AM

HM

“ *Carole was a grade school mate and friend of my two sisters. They always spoke highly of her. May she Rest In Peace.*

Harry Marra - July 20, 2022 at 07:43 PM



*Thank you.
Anne Marie*

Anne Marie Elizabeth - July 20, 2022 at 08:44 PM

HM

Carol and I were friends all thru our younger years and her mom was a lovely lady..my grandfather was the caretaker at St.Ritas when Father pucci was the priest we had many good times together may your mom rest in peace..

Heather Raitt Morrissey - July 22, 2022 at 08:42 PM



Thank you

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