



Carole Ann Marra

October 15, 1945 - November 19, 2015

Carole Ann Marra, 70, died Thursday, November 19, at the Albany Medical Center

Hospital, after a long and courageous battle with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, since the

age of four. She was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina on October 15, 1945, the

daughter of the late Harry W. L. Marra and Sara Rothermel Marra. She graduated from

Vincentian High School in Albany in 1963, and received her bachelor's degree in 1967

from Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. She later earned Master's

degrees from the College of St. Rose, in education and communication disorders.

Carole began her career as a teacher in the Mechanicville School District.

After

teaching for several years, she became a Speech-Language Pathologist at the

Veteran's Administration Hospital, in Albany, NY, where she stayed until taking a

position at the State Education Department, where she evaluated Special Education

programs throughout the state of New York. She remained at this job for more than 30 years, until her retirement, in June, 2009.

Carole was active throughout her lifetime in the Arthritis Foundation of Northeastern New York, and served as a member of it's board. In 2011, she received the Arthritis Foundation Hero Award. for deserving "A Gold Medal, in the Olympics of life". She was also active in the Guilderland Lions Club.

Carole spent many summers with her family in Wells Beach, Maine, and loved to return there to rekindle the fond memories of her youth and beauty of the ocean landscape. She spent long and brave hours of medical therapy, surgeries and follow-up treatment at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She returned there often, never giving up hope for a better life and improvement for her condition.

Carole was a loving daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, who was an inspiration to all who met her, and she will be greatly missed. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her twin sister, Margaret Rose Gallivan. She is survived by her brothers, Harry W. Marra (Madeline), of Eugene, Oregon, James E. Marra, of Washington, D.C., and Frederick J. Marra (Cindy), of Loudonville. In addition to her brothers, she leaves nieces and nephews, Kerry Gallivan, Shannon Reo

(Steve), Sean
Gallivan (Lisa), Kourtney Oliver (Ron), Brendan Gallivan (Jamie), Christianne
Marra,
Andrew Marra, Natalie Marra and Jacob Marra, as well as 6 beloved great-
nieces and
nephews.

Family and friends are invited to visiting hours, from 4 to 8 pm, on Monday,
November
23, 2015, at the Marra Funeral Home in Cohoes, New York. A Mass of
Christian Burial
will be celebrated at 9 am, Tuesday, November 24, 2015, at the Holy Trinity
Church on
Vliet Street in Cohoes. Internment will immediately follow, at St. Mary's
Cemetery in
Waterford, New York.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation of
Northeastern
New York

Cemetery Details

St. Marys Cemetery

Middletown Rd
Waterford, NY 12188

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

NOV **24.** 9:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity
122 Vliet Boulevard
Cohoes, NY 12047
<http://www.holytrinitycohoes.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Despite her many health problems Carole was an active member in Guilderland Lions and Lioness clubs and an inspiration to all for her dedication and perseverance.
Condolences to the family.
Gill O'Brien*

Gillen O'Brien - November 23, 2015 at 07:11 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Carole Ann Marra.*



November 21, 2015 at 11:31 AM