



## Catherine E. Klimek

July 26, 1933 - December 10, 2012

Catherine E. Klimek, 79, of Ghent, passed away Monday, December 10, 2012 at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Born July 26, 1933 in Hudson, she was the daughter of the late John and Catherine (Lemmermann) Burfeind.

After graduating from High School, Catherine went to school in New York City to become a medical secretary. She enjoyed her years working for the World Health Organization in New York City, where she met different kinds of people from all over the world. After returning to this area, she worked for the Rip Van Winkle Clinic and for several doctors including Phillip Incao, MD of Harlemville.

Catherine was a lifelong member, and dedicated member, of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hudson, where she volunteered in the food pantry. She worked diligently to help resettle several Vietnam refugees into the US. Catherine loved animals, especially her cats.

Catherine was the beloved wife of 48 1/2 years of Charles F. Klimek of Ghent; devoted mother of Peter E. (Wendy) Klimek of Chatham, Stephen A. (Nancy) Klimek of Ghent, Ilona M. Klimek of Ghent, and Cheryl (Timmy) Burrall of Florida, and loving sister of Henry (Sandy) Burfeind of Ghent. She is also survived by several grandchildren, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a daughter, Maria Carole Klimek and a brother, Walter J. Burfeind.

There will be no calling hours.

Services will be conducted at 11 am Monday, December 17, 2012 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Catherine's name to the Cavell House or Community Hospice of Columbia Greene.

# Tribute Wall

ES

“ Dear Chuck and family,  
We are saddened to hear of the passing of your dear, beautiful wife and Mom.  
We will always remember her for her bubbly personality and kind offers to help  
those in need.  
May God watch over all of you at this difficult time.

*The Olchowoy family*

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**Elaine Olchowoy Sadofsky** - December 19, 2012 at 07:52 AM

AM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. So sorry to hear of Cathy's passing.  
Alison (Blythe) Merrill

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**Alison Merrill** - December 16, 2012 at 11:43 AM

ML

“ Maria Lull lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Klimek



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**Maria Lull** - December 15, 2012 at 07:58 AM



“ Dear Chuck, Peter, Stephen, Ilona, and all the rest of the family,

We were sad to learn of Cathy's passing and are very sorry we are unable to  
attend the funeral on Monday. We will keep Cathy and all of you in our thoughts  
and prayers in the weeks to come.

Those years that Cathy and you were at Hawthorne Valley are precious ones to  
us, and we have many fond memories. I (Bruce) can't tell you the number of  
people with whom I've shared Cathy's stories about her years in the one-room  
schoolhouse and her attendance at Philmont High School, always to the same  
look on wonder and appreciation on the listener's face.

*Wishing you strength and solace,*

*Bruce and Karen Frishkoff*

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**Bruce Frishkoff** - December 14, 2012 at 04:52 PM

BF

“ Dear Chuck, Peter, Stephen, Ilona, and all the rest of the family,

*We were sad to hear of Cathy's passing and are very sorry that we are unable to attend the funeral on Monday. Please know that we will keep Cathy and you in our thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead.*

*Bruce and Karen Frishkoff*

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**Bruce Frishkoff** - December 14, 2012 at 04:25 PM

DN

“ Dear Chuck and family,

*We are deeply sorry to hear about Kathy passed away, Kathy is a wonderful person. She brought so many gifts to our life, Kathy and you have accepted me and my friends into your home as a loving family when we needed help the most, and helped us to settle down when we first came to America. Kathy's memory is always in our hearts. May God grant her eternal peace, and may God also give you and your family strength in this time of sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please accept my sincere condolence.*

*With love*

*Dung Nguyen and family*

*San Jose, CA*

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**Dung Nguyen** - December 14, 2012 at 01:39 AM



“ So sad for us. Such a joy for Creator to have her.  
Londa



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**Londa McCullough** - December 13, 2012 at 10:59 AM

HN

“ Hoa Nguyen lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Klimek



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**Hoa Nguyen** - December 13, 2012 at 10:24 AM

HN

“ Hi uncle Chuck, and family,  
I am so sorry about your loss, me and my wife with deepest sympathies,  
Kathy and your family have done so much for me, and vietnamese who came to  
hudson with me, She allway is in our heart,  
HOA NGUYEN & KIM NGUYEN  
Lawrenceville GA>

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Hoa Nguyen - December 13, 2012 at 09:53 AM

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We were stranger she brought us in her home.  
We were hungry she gave us food  
She comforted us when we were homesick.  
She gave us strength to adopt a new life in this country.  
She had been a big sister to us who is extremely kind, loving, generous, warm and  
patient.  
It is a big lost to us. We will deeply miss her.  
Hoa Ngo , Cau Huynh and family

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Hoa Ngo and Cau Huynh - December 14, 2012 at 08:44 PM

RB

“ Dear Charles and family,

*Advent greetings in our Lord Jesus, the Hope of the Ages!*

*Pastor Hodges informed us in the Atlantic District of Catherine's death. Knowing her commitment and joy in serving the Lord with gladness, and of your family's strong heritage of faith, I am confident of the blessed assurance you have in these days of earthly loss that Catherine rests in peace with all the saints in eternal light because of the Light of the World, our Lord Jesus.*

*Also, your family extended by the waters of baptism at St. Mark's is there to bring comfort and consolation. I simply want to say that my wife, Judy and I are keeping you all in prayer, as are many in our wider church fellowship. Our prayers are meant as an encouragement to you. Catherine has joined "the great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12) who surround us, all directing us to our Leader, who has blazed a trail to our destiny in heaven, where God will wipe away every tear from every eye.*

*Be blessed with the Presence of Christ in these days,*

*Rev. Dr. David H. Benke, President  
Atlantic District, LC-MS  
Pastor, St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
Brooklyn, NY*

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Rev. Dr. David H. Benke - December 13, 2012 at 07:18 AM

MZ

“ Dear Chuck and family,  
We were so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. We enjoyed it each time you two came to Germay to visit us. Kathy was a great person and we will miss her. We will keep all of you in our prayers.

Susanne Harfmann, Anton and Mark Zimdars

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Mark Zimdars - December 12, 2012 at 03:00 PM

CB

Dear Chuck and family,

I am deeply sorry for your loss. Our deepest Sympathies go out to your family. May God grant her eternal peace.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Chien Bui - Utica, NY

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Chien Bui - December 14, 2012 at 03:28 PM

LV

“ Dear Chuck and family,

I am so sorry to hear of Catherine's passing. She was a beautiful, caring woman and I know she'll be missed very much. May the love of family and friends and promise that you will meet again give you peace and strength at this time.

Laurie Viebrock

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Laurie Viebrock - December 11, 2012 at 08:04 PM

BO

“ Dear Charlie and family. We are so sorry to hear about Catherine.. She fought a long battle. She is at peace now. You are in our prayers. love Bob Dolores Host

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Bob/Dolores/Host - December 11, 2012 at 01:21 PM

SR

“ To Chuck and his children,

I am so very sorry for your loss. I will keep all of you in my prayers.

Sally Baumann Rogers

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Sally Baumann Rogers - December 11, 2012 at 09:03 AM

EL

“ *Dear Charlie and family,*

*My deepest sympathies on the loss of Cathy. I know you will miss her, but know she is always with you in your hearts and memories. It has been many years since we visited each other, but know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*With Love,*

*Erika Lavissiere and family*

*Coxsackie, NY*

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**Erika Lavissiere** - December 11, 2012 at 07:52 AM