



Joyce Elizabeth Connelley

January 10, 1940 - June 14, 2015

Joyce Elizabeth Connelley (Crapser), born on January 10, 1940, lost her courageous battle with cancer on Sunday, June 14, 2015. Her longtime friend and partner in life, Peter Karic, was by her side at the end. Joyce was predeceased by her parents, Eldred and Edna Crapser of East Taghkanic and by her husband John. She is survived by her sisters, Leone Gentner and Melinda Dodds, both of FL, her son, David, and his wife Amy, of Stowe, VT and her daughter, Donna Jacobs, and her husband, Seth, of Dixon, CA. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Charity, Shannon, Victoria, John, and Jerry. Also surviving are 10 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, step-grandchildren, and step-nieces and nephews.

Joyce was a 1957 graduate of Roeliff Jansen High School and attended Oneonta State University Teachers College.

Joyce had a love of her yard and pond and all creatures that passed through it. She enjoyed puzzles, reading and cooking for her family. She became an avid train lover, a passion which she shared with Peter, and she had taken many trips to California on the train to visit Donna. She enjoyed the ocean, in particular the Cape, and had planned to visit one more time this summer. She was a lover of cats and after the loss of her beloved companion, Jasmine, she took to feeding the local feral cats. She loved watching the birds and fed them well.

She spent much of her working career as a waitress at the group of diners on the Parkway. She taught the new "girls" how to do it right and how to treat a customer with respect. Her smile and laugh were always a welcome sight to the regulars who came into the diner to see her.

She will be missed by all, but never forgotten. The lives she touched ranged all across the country from her trips on the trains to the people she met at the diner. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Claverack Free Library, PO Box 417, Claverack, NY ,12513.

Interment in the Karic family plot will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 25, 2015 in Cedar Park Cemetery in Hudson, NY. Everyone is welcome to meet at the entrance to the cemetery.

Tribute Wall

ES

“ I was so sad to hear of Joyce's passing. She was so nice and she was interested in so much , trains, nature, family and friends. Keep her memory in your hearts, Peter and family.
You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Elaine Olchowy Sadofsky

Elaine Olchowy Sadofsky - June 28, 2015 at 09:52 AM

JM

“ I am sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during these difficult times.

John Magnier Shelburne, Vermont



John Magnier - June 22, 2015 at 08:16 AM

RP

“ Rick And Pat Piester lit a candle in memory of Joyce Elizabeth Connelley



Rick and Pat Piester - June 19, 2015 at 07:44 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Joyce Elizabeth Connelley*



Becky - June 19, 2015 at 06:46 AM

JB

“ *Joan & Bob Berry lit a candle in memory of Joyce Elizabeth Connelley*



Joan & Bob Berry - June 18, 2015 at 01:54 PM

BD

“ *Bob And Melinda Dodds lit a candle in memory of Joyce Elizabeth Connelley*



Bob and Melinda Dodds - June 18, 2015 at 11:46 AM

BD

Sister, through trials and tribulations, you were strong, stubborn and kept things in perspective. I will always remember all the happy times we shared; the laughing with the three of us over silly things. You will be missed...loving you, Melinda

Bob and Melinda Dodds - June 18, 2015 at 11:53 AM

JB

“ James Blass lit a candle in memory of Joyce Elizabeth Connelley



James Blass - June 18, 2015 at 07:51 AM

BE

*I first met Joyce when she was a customer at our consignment shop on Healy Blvd. I enjoyed several visits & conversations about her hobbies and "Pete". Her partner Pete joined her at a following visit and I was delightfully surprised to be reacquainted with a friend from my childhood, Pete Karic. My condolences to Pete, Joyce's family and all who loved her. Her kind and gentle soul will always be in your hearts.
Becky*

Becky - June 19, 2015 at 06:44 AM