



Carolyn J. Cesare

December 9, 1942 - January 10, 2023

Carolyn Josephson Cesare, 80 passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Tuesday January 10th. She was born in New Haven to Victor and Elizabeth Josephson on December 9, 1942. She was the wife of the late Frank P Cesare III, who predeceased her on May 1, 2000. Carol was a graduate of Wilbur Cross high school and worked as a senior administrative assistant at Bethlehem Steel Corporation before leaving to start her family in the 1960s after marrying Frank in 1964. After raising her five children she returned to work at Yale University where she was in charge of the medical school residency program, planning residency placements for newly graduated medical doctors from Yale Medical School, many of whom she maintained close ties with after their graduation. Earlier in her career at Yale she also worked also in the Yale Graduate School and School of Management. Carol was known as the “Matriarch” of the Cesare Family. She and her family are very active in Hamden politics. Always devoted to family as well as to her town, she was a proud Cub Scout Den Mother, organizing numerous scouting activities for neighborhood children. She was a guiding force in organizing the Hamden Plains Neighborhood Block Watch, with the Hamden Police Department. When her late husband passed away in 2000, she was instrumental in creating a memorial fund in his honor that raised money for public safety initiatives including two police dogs for the Town of Hamden, through a memorial golf tournament which the family sponsored for 10 years. An avid traveler, she visited thirty-four different countries in her life in

Europe, Asia, North America and the Caribbean, as well as on several cruises to Bermuda, the Caribbean and most recently to Alaska. While she was fascinated with many different cultures around the world, her heart was always found in Italy, which she visited over ten times with her family and travel partner son Austin. A highlight of her life was reconnecting with her Hungarian relatives in 2013, visiting the villages where her grandmother and grandfather came from and meeting her relatives still living there. She also established close ties with relatives in Italy, visiting the ancestral village of her late husband multiple times over the last two decades and hosting relatives from there at her home. Ever the learner and a firm believer in the importance of education, she loved learning about new cultures and how to cook and bake recipes from the places she traveled to through the years. Locally she enjoyed family trips to Lake George, the Berkshires and to York Beach Maine as well as Lancaster County and the Blue Ridge Mountains. She also enjoyed day trips up to Litchfield County and enjoyed many trips to the Hudson River Valley in upstate New York. She was very fond of New Hampshire and Vermont and spent many weekends and vacations visiting there with family. Carol enjoyed long rides, dining out at local restaurants, quilting, babysitting grandchildren, following family and friends on Facebook, watching her daily mass, canning tomatoes from her garden and making family holidays special with her outstanding cooking and baking. She loved any occasion that brought her five children and six grandchildren together. Much of her time was also focused on attending her grandchildren's sporting events in hockey and golf as well as gymnastics. She loved family get togethers, especially during the holidays, when she would bake 100-year-old traditional Hungarian cookie recipes passed down through her family, and amazing dishes from the many places she visited. She lived life to the fullest and often said she had no regrets in the end. We will miss her smile, laugh and her tremendous, unwavering devotion to her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her five children, Christopher (Sherri), Craig (Kelly), Austin, Heather (Anthony) and Jonathan. She's also survived by six grandchildren whom she adored

Lauren, Matthew, Christopher Jr, Kate, Craig Jr and Gabriella Cesare.. She was survived by a brother Victor and predeceased by two sisters, Elizabeth and Ellen. Special thanks to the Yale Cardiology ICU for their care and support of Carol during her recent stay at Yale New Haven Hospital.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated at Our Lady of MT. Carmel Church Monday at 10 a.m. Burial in Centerville cemetery. Friends can visit at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden Sunday from 2 - 5 p.m. Memorial contributions should be made in Carol's honor to The Diocese of Hartford Office of Radio and Television, 15 Peach Orchard Rd. Prospect, CT. 06712 to help fund the daily televised Mass.

Cemetery Details

Centerville Cemetery

Washington Ave.
Hamden, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

JAN **15**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
2819 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Craig, John and the Cesare family. We are so sorry for the loss of your dear Mother. Sending Our Prayers and Condolences. May She Rest in Peace. Sincerely, Ron and Linda Scaramozza

Ronald Scaramozza - January 14, 2023 at 10:53 AM

SM

“ Craig, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My sincere codependence's to you and your family.



SYLVIA MITCHELL - January 14, 2023 at 09:36 AM

VD

“ Our condolences to the entire Cesare Family on the passing of your mother. Great memories of both Mom and Dad will be with us forever. From Esther and Vinny DeAngelis of Ft Myers, FL.

Vinny DeAngelis - January 14, 2023 at 08:20 AM

TS

“ Tyra & Phil Scarpellino purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Carolyn J. Cesare.



Tyra & Phil Scarpellino - January 13, 2023 at 08:05 PM

JD

“ *The stories shared by Austin over this past month, makes me feel like I knew you for years. Our plans for lunch at Glenwood won't happen, but I promise, I will have lunch with Austin and love hearing every "Carol" story that he shares. May your eternity united again with Frank be loving as your family here fills their hearts with your memories.*

Jane C DuBois - January 13, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Carolyn J. Cesare.*



January 13, 2023 at 03:31 PM

KR

“ *I am so very sorry for the loss of your mom, Carol. I used to work with her at Yale and she was always kind and caring. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Karen C. Ramos*

Karen Ramos - January 13, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ 83 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - January 13, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Carolyn J. Cesare.



January 13, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Carolyn J. Cesare.



January 12, 2023 at 10:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn J. Cesare.



January 12, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn J. Cesare.



January 12, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ I will remember her incredible joy and enthusiasm when she talked about her travels, especially to Italy, her love for and pride in her family, and her genuine kindness. I will miss her.

TAMAR R BRAVERMAN - January 12, 2023 at 05:52 PM



“ So sorry about Carol my deepest sympathy . We had such great times when we lived in the same house when we were first married & then in Hamden when we did cub scouts.

🙏 Marie Frosolone

Marie Frosolone - January 12, 2023 at 04:37 PM

KS

“ *Kathleen Schomaker lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Cesare*



Kathleen Schomaker - January 12, 2023 at 04:11 PM

SD

“ *Beautiful Tribute to a beautiful woman. My deepest sympathies to all of the Cesare family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*



Salvatore A. DeCola - January 12, 2023 at 02:19 PM