



Mrs. Barbara Jean Kissel

July 19, 1952 - January 7, 2016

Barbara Jean Kissel, 63, died peacefully at home on Thursday January 7, 2016 after a short illness. She was born July 19, 1952 in Cortland to John Gardner and Jane Cummings Gardner. Barbara graduated from Bellport High School in Long Island, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in English at The University of Massachusetts.

Barbara returned to Cortland and worked at Intertek before providing daycare in her home. She had been the Staff Assistant for the Faculty Senate at S.U.N.Y. Cortland since 1988. In her spare time she loved working in her flower garden and had several poems published in magazines and anthologies. Barbara was always caring for others and was willing to sacrifice for members of her family. She had been a breast cancer survivor since 2013.

She is survived by her husband Anthony Kissel; her children, Jessica Kissel of Cortland and Jack Kissel of Morrisville, N. Carolina; her grandson; Jameson Kehn of Cortland; her sister, Janet (Joseph) Gemignani of Washington Township, N.J., her nephew, Nathan (Angie) Gemignani of Trumansburg, N.Y.; her niece Laura Gemignani of N.J.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday from 4-6:30 p.m. from the chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St., Cortland. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a time for sharing for those who choose to. Contributions in Barbara's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society 6725 Lyons St., E. Syracuse, N.Y 13057 Condolences may also be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Comments



“ To the Kissel and Gardner families, My deepest condolences on the loss of Jeanie. While I never met her in person, we had a lot in common. We both went to Bellport High School. I went to college in Ithaca, and we had a lot of fun with the Cortaca Jug "rivalry." She brightened my days on Facebook, and I tried to brighten hers, with encouragement, silly bitstrips cartoons, and edited photos. She will be sorely missed. My prayers are with all of you.

Linda Bellofatto - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ Tony, Jessica, Jack and Jameson;

We were so sorry to hear that Jean had passed. You've had a long journey together and a lot of happy memories. We want you to know that you are all in our prayers.

We hope that we'll see you soon.

Love,
Ruth, Mike, Frank, Gregory and Ben

Ruth O'Brien - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ I met Barb years ago when she was assigned a temporary office in the Fine Arts Bldg. We instantly got along and have stayed in touch. Two years ago when my residence burned Barb was one of the first ones checking to see if I was okay and what I needed. I could always count on Barb to lift my spirits and usually make me "laugh out loud" - I will miss you good friend.

Alice Greene - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ Went to Bellport High School with Jeannie and then became reacquainted as friends on Facebook, especially during the past year. Her friendly and compassionate spirit was always evident. Her sense of humor made me laugh many times. She appreciated nature and her family was her number one priority. I will miss her and am still having a hard time accepting her passing. I send my thoughts and prayers to her family and friends and co-workers and know she is smiling down on us and maybe chatting with David Bowie!!!!

Nancy Long-Broughton (Racaniello) - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ Beautiful kind would incredible sense of humor and had a way with words. She left her mark

Antonia Pizzichemi - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ My condolences Tony, Jessica, Jack, Jameson and Janet. I have enjoyed knowing Jeanie since High School and will miss her daily comments and antics on FB. Sending "Moons" and "Sunflowers". May you Rest in Peace Jeanie.

Chuck Balsamo - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ Jeanie was one of a kind. A loving, caring lady who put others before herself. Once you befriended Jean, she was in your heart forever.
In school she was a free spirit and surrounded herself with fun loving people. Later in life she made a wonderful, loving home for her family. Dedicating herself to them, they overcame many obstacles together.
A wonderful person, who is, by many.
I take this one of her favorite movies..."a bell rang, and another angel earned her wings"
Love,
Joanne
P.S. When I heard that you went into the light, all I could think was Dammit Dots...

Joanne Panarello Kujawinski - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ Dear Sister in heaven and her loving husband Tony and Jessie, Jack, Jamie and Keith

Janet Gemignani - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ Once again, I offer my deepest condolences to all of Barbara's family and friends. I miss her daily posts on Facebook, where we became friends. We shared many a laugh and tear together. Barbara's life is interwoven into our souls, and her love will always be present in our lives. Though her years on this physical earth were far too brief, like a meteor racing across the sky, Barbara illuminated our lives with tremendous love and joy at every moment. With much love, you will always be remembered in our hearts.

Tina Gibbons - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Kissel Family, Jeanie was a Precious Gem, I will miss you, Sweet Lady.

January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM