



Ms. Carole A. O'Rourke

July 10, 1941 - November 24, 2025

Ms. Carole A. O'Rourke, 84, of Cortland, passed away on Monday Nov 24, 2025 at Guthrie Cortland Medical Center. Born July 10, 1941 in Albany to Thomas F. and Leona Kramer O'Rourke, Carole was a Cortland resident most of her life.

Carole was a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and had retired from Cortland County where she was employed for many years as the Deputy Commissioner of Social Services. A woman of many interests, Carole enjoyed; Golfing, Swimming, Bowling, Quilting and playing cards; but her greatest joy came from the time she spent with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving and devoted children; her son; Michael Davies of West Monroe, N.Y. and her three daughters; Elizabeth (James) Cosimo and Carole Ann Davies both of Cortland and Michelle Carr of Morrisville; a brother; Gerald (Patricia) O'Rourke and a sister; Helen Spaulding both of Cortland. She is also survived by her 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Carole was preceded in death by siblings Thomas C. (Claudette), Mary (Thomas), Margaret (Daniel) and brother in law Donal, a grandson; Curtis Carr and her dear friend; Mary Ann Discenza.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday Dec 6, 2025, at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The Christian Rite of committal and burial will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will follow at The St. Charles Hotel 83 Central Ave. Cortland, N.Y. Those who choose to honor Carole in the form of a contribution are asked to please consider; St. Mary's Parochial School 61 N. Main St. Cortland, N.Y. 13045

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Karen Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Carole A. O'Rourke



Karen Williams - March 25 at 10:17 AM

KW

“ So sad to hear of Caroles passing. I worked under her for several years at DSS. She was a very special kind of woman, My sincerest condolences to the Liz, Carole Ann and the entire family.



Karen Williams - December 17, 2025 at 08:43 AM

LS

“ Our deepest sympathies to Carole's large and loving family. She was like a second Mom to our family. So many happy memories of spending time in her home with everyone as well as all the aunts, uncles, and grandma and grandpa O'Rourke. She was my Mom's best friend since they grew up together on Washington St. and she was such a loving person.
I am happy that she is at peace and compliment her family on the amazing care she received at Liz and Jim's home.
Love to you all

Lori Schlenker - December 04, 2025 at 04:35 PM

ML

“ A kind soul indeed , every time I saw Carole she had a warm smile and a kind word to say .

May all those she has touched in her life know that she cared for them through her loving heart.

Mary Leary - December 04, 2025 at 02:55 PM

KC

“ I was saddened to hear about the loss of your Mom. I have so many fond memories of growing up with your family when we were all younger. Your mom was a special lady and so sweet. From the house on Townley to the house on Church, lots of laughs when times were simple. Sending love, sympathy, and strength during these difficult times. Love to all of you. Kristi Coye

Kristi Coye - December 02, 2025 at 08:54 AM