



## Mrs. Eileen A. Fiske

July 29, 1943 - July 2, 2017

Mrs. Eileen A. Fiske, of Cortland passed away on July 2, 2017 at the age of 73, following a lengthy illness. Born in Cortland, July 29, 1943, Eileen was the daughter of John and Lina Zampino Gregg and was a Cortland resident her entire life.

Eileen was awarded both Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees in Education from S.U.N.Y. Cortland and was a teacher for many years in the Cortland and McGraw School Districts, as well as St. Mary's Parochial School. She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church and a proud member for 31 years of the Catholic Daughters of The Americas Court # 919, Cortland. Eileen was a generous contributor to many charities and relief organizations, missions and cultural institutions, throughout her adult life. A dedicated educator, Eileen was beloved by her students, and was cited as an influence by several local high school valedictorians.

Eileen was a loving wife, mother, daughter and grandmother. She enjoyed cooking and eating, gardening, and traveling the world with her husband. She had an irrepressible spirit, and was well-known for her spectacular Halloween costumes, decorated cookies, and love of animals.

Eileen is survived by her husband of 50 years, William "Bill" Fiske, a son; Gregg (Joanna) Fiske of Homestead, Florida; a daughter; Jennie (Joe Infurnari) of Toronto, a sister, Juanita Cook of Cortland; grandchildren; Gregg and Giana Fiske and nephews; Jeff, Brian and Todd Cook. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Lina.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church with Rev. Joseph Zareski serving as celebrant. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. The family will be present to receive friends on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in St. Anthony's Church, on Pomeroy Street in Cortland. In addition there will be a luncheon and reception in St. Anthony's Church Hall following the interment. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Mrs. Fiske will always be remembered as one of my favorite substitute teachers. She was a wonderful person and teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Melissa (Sholar) Keelhar*

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**Melissa K** - August 23, 2018 at 05:08 PM

LM

“ A treasured & beloved teacher whose spirit help nuture my own. My thoughts and prayers are with you Mr Fiske as well as Jennie and Gregg and the exteneded family.

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**Laura (Murphy) Malczon** - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

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“ I learned of Eileen's passing too late to come there. I thought the utmost highest of Eileen, as my boss's wife. She and you remembered me and my young ones when I was in need, especially at CHristmas time. I enjoyed our conversations on the phone, too. She would warn me if you were in a bad mood, lol.I am greatly saddened for your family's loss, Bill. I shall be praying for comfort and peace for all of you. Much love, David, Kathy, Andrea and Nicole Alberts

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**Kathleen Alberts (Moore)** - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

KP

“ Mrs. Fiske was one of the kindest, most patient and soft-spoken people I have ever known. Our thoughts are with her family at this time. - Kevin and Sabrina

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**Kevin Pierce** - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

KP

“ Bill, I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely,Karen Pappalardo

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**Karen Pappalardo** - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

CC

“ Bill & Jennie, I just heard of Mrs. Fiske's passing today and was so sad to hear. She was a very special presence in our (mine & Steve's) lives as kids in Cortland. We would cut through the park on our way home from downtown and always talk with her out in the garden. She was always running here and there with such energy and love. She was genuine. And genuinely interested in others and as kids we really felt that. With love, Colleen Chapman (on behalf of Steve, Rosemary & Skip Chapman)

Colleen Chapman - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

JM

“ Mrs. Fiske was my church school teacher at St. Mary's. I was so scared but she was so kind and I loved her voice. It made me feel less scared. Once my mom forgot to pick me up and she sat and waited with me while everyone else went home. I have never forgotten that kindness and it was over 30 years ago. I am grateful to have known her if only for a short time. I am sure she touched many lives.

Jackie Maroney - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

MC

“ Dearest Bill, So sorry ... I have been there and know the loss your heart feels. How fortunate you were to have loved and been loved by such a remarkable woman. The pain you feel is the price you pay for having found what so many others spend a lifetime looking for. You're in my thoughts, my prayers, and my heart. Joy

Maria Joy Carbonaro - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

MB

“ Eileen, So many times you were one of the first things on my "Gratitude List." You touched my life with Ernie Boy and an endless supply of gifts and cards and encouragement. The world doesn't seem like as nice a place without you in it. Your good deeds and kindness will live on forever. Thank you for being such an amazing friend and brightening so many of my days. I saved every one of your cards and will cherish our friendship forever. It was truly a blessing and a privilege.

Maureen Bradley - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ mrs. fiske was one of my very favorite teachers & i am very sad to hear of her passing. i send prayers & comfort to her family & friends.

July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies, so many of us worked with Eileen over the years.  
Cortland Area Retired Teachers' Association*

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July 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM