



## Mrs. Shirley C. Light

May 3, 1930 - February 26, 2015

Surrounded by family, called to her lord, Mrs. Shirley Light, 84, of Cortland, passed away Thursday February 26, 2015 at Cortland Regional Medical Center after a brief illness. Born May 3, 1930 in Ogdensburg, Shirley was a Cortland resident most of her life.

Shirley was previously employed at S.U.N.Y. Cortland and for many years as a Secretary at Horizon House in Cortland prior to retirement. A devout Catholic, Shirley was involved in many church organizations. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church where she served as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector. Shirley was a Spiritual Care Volunteer at Cortland Regional Medical Center where she ministered to the sick and dying. She was a member of The Legion of Mary, Altar Rosary Society and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court # 919 Cortland. Additionally, Shirley brought communion to the residents of Northwoods Nursing Home for over 30 years. Shirley truly believed that ministry of service to others was her life.

She is survived by two daughters, Debora (Paul) McCulliss of Greenwood Village, Colorado and Sharon (Joseph) Wegzyn of Cortland, four sons, James (RoseMarie) Light of Fayetteville, David (Susan) Light of Tuscon, Arizona, Brian Light of San Jose, California and Kevin (Eva) Light of Monument, Colorado, a brother, William Countryman of Rome, N.Y. and 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Shirley was preceded in

death by a sister Lorraine Baronkin and a brother, Gary Countryman.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic 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 Sunday from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St. Cortland. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Humane Society or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may also be sent to the family by visiting [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ To all Shirley's children &. Family : My heart goes out to all of you. Your mother was an extraordinary person who had a lot of love in her heart !

Katherine R. Nicol - May 18, 2018 at 11:07 AM

MS

“ Mrs.light was a wonderful,kind loving and happy person .so sorry for your loss.

Mamie Scalise - May 18, 2018 at 11:07 AM

JA

“ Dear Jim and Rosamarie me and Joe want to send our condolences to you and all your family, i know how it feels to loose a mother ,but she is in a better place now and memories of her will last for ever!  
Love Josephine and Joe

Josephine Amato - May 18, 2018 at 11:07 AM

IS

“ Jim and family, please accept our heartfelt condolences and prayers for long lasting memories.

isaac - May 18, 2018 at 11:07 AM

RR

“ When I moved back to the Cortland area in my mid-30s, I would join Shirley and her friend Geri for an hour of prayer each week. Her joy was daily evident. My mom was blessed to have multiple Holy Communion visits from Shirley while at Crown and later at Cortland Hospital's nursing home. Shirley commented on how much she loved visiting with my mom.

*I miss her and wish I had been able to say good-bye and attend the funeral! But I feel that the Lord allowed me to walk with her in her last month, because I had been moved to start praying for her at daily Mass for a month before her death. I thank God for letting me pray for her like that.*

*May she rest in God's holy peace, I trust that she will keep praying for us!*

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Rosemaria Recchia - May 18, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ Dear Brian and family, Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your mother. I a, sure she will be greatly missed. Joe Alo

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March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim,  
Deep condolences. You mother is now in heaven. Our prayers are with you and your family.

*Paul*

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February 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO JIM AND FAMILY; THRU JIM AND ROSEMARIE ,I HAVE COME TO KNOW SHIRLEY LIGHT AND VICARIOUSLY FEEL THE LOSS OF JIM'S MOM, A LOVING HUMAN BEING .

JOHN

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**JOHN SIGNES** - February 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM