



Eleanor Margaret Mortell

April 1, 1937 - September 22, 2014

Eleanor “Ellie” Mortell, 77, formerly of North Syracuse, NY and a longtime resident of The Valley, passed away on Monday, 22 September 2014, at home with her daughter and family in Jacksonville, NC where she has been living and cared for by them the past 11 ½ years. Ellie was born in Syracuse, NY, the daughter of the late Frank and Catherine (Leamy) Burkhardt. She is also preceded in death by her grand-daughter, Michele Renee` and twin great-grandsons, Michael Thomas and Nicholas John Carter; ex-husband and lifelong friend, Tom Mortell; brother-in-law, Peter Bonito; and longtime friend, James Medler Jr and his son, James Medler III. She was a graduate of Onondaga Valley Academy, where she was a Cheerleader and member of Kappa Epsilon Delta Sorority, and attended OCC. Through the years she was employed by The Addis Co; Colonial/Eastern Airlines; YMCA; Vega Industries, INC; Carrier Transicold Co; BonTon; and St. Joseph’s Hospital working in the areas of Receptionist, Switchboard Operator, Customer Service, Accounts Receivable, Payable, Credit and Collections. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes. She loved God, Country, Family and Friends, and enjoyed drawing, golfing, bowling and camping. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends, until one by one Our Father calls us back Home to Him and we rejoice in one of the many dwelling of His Kingdom, together again. Ellie is survived by her sister, Jean (Burkhardt) Bonito of Syracuse, NY; daughter, Catherine (Mortell) and son-in-law, John Carter of Jacksonville, NC; grandchildren, Melissa Rose and her fiancée Rob Steele, Michael Carter and

his wife Gina, and Matthew Carter and his wife Lyndsey; great-grandchildren, Christian, Savannah and Camden Carter, Kaylee and Caleb Rose, and Jacob and Jack Carter; daughters by love, Jeannette Grammatico, Patricia Mortell Schiano and Maureen Mortell Avery, and their children, Vito Dottolo, Kevin Goodman, Jeanelle Grammatico, Kristina and Taylor Schiano and Ryan Mortell. Godsons Timothy Lane and Christopher Dottolo; lifelong friends, Barbara Post, Jane Moore, Joy Lane, Lois and Norm Moritz; Jim's children, Patti Metz, Mary Bogart, Allen Medler, Kelly VanDusen, Alice Ly, Wendy Mazzone, Therese Teachout and all of their families. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, 30 September 2014, 9:30 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205 and 10:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Valley Drive, Syracuse, NY 13207 where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Entombment will be in St. Mary's Mausoleum, 4100 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, NY 13214. Calling hours will be held Monday, 29 September 2014, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make loving donations to the American Heart Assoc. at www.heart.org and the Alzheimer's Foundation at www.alzfdn.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eleanor Margaret Mortell*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - September 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Ellie: How wonderful it is to have been able to know you. We bowled together on the same bowling team for a few seasons, this will be one of my many fun memories. Also, you saying \"oh wait, I have to put on my lipstick\", then blotting your lipstick off onto our cheeks with kisses, and still today I don't walk around the house without my slippers on my feet. I am only so grateful to have had you in my life, to know the sound of your laughter and the comfort of your hugs and the many conversations that have helped me throughout my life on still do. For these and many more memories, I am so grateful for the gift of you. Rest in Peace! Until we meet again my friend! Peace and Love to your family.*

September 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My dear, dear sister. I can't put into words my feelings for you. We've been through so much together for all these years. You were dealt a raw deal over these past several years, but you are now out of misery. You will be with Mom and Dad, and that will be much comfort for you. I will miss you so much for the rest of my life. You are now with the Lord. Your Loving Sister Jean*

September 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Catherine, John and Family, Ellie was the beautiful spirit that your sweet family exhibits to everyone. Her gentle smile and kind words will forever be missed. Bernie, Tami and Olivia*

September 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thoughts cannot not be expressed through words at this time. So saddened to know she is not here with us all anymore but take comfort in knowing where she is. I will forever remember her smile every time I saw her. Such a sweet, lovable, beautiful woman. Love to all of you as you have to let her go and prayers for you to stay strong and to forever keep with you the happiest of memories she brought to the family during her lifetime.*

September 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I am happy to say I knew Ellie. She, along with her sister, Jean and I, had many laughs together. That is what I will always remember.

I was lucky enough to also have known her parents, Frank and Catherine Burkhardt. I had laughs with them, too. The Burkhardt Family was very special. Jean Burkhardt Bonito still remains a dear friend even after 45 years. A wonderful sister to Ellie and loving, caring Aunt to Ellie's daughter, Cathy, and her entire family, though the distance, in miles, was great.

I would be remiss without mentioning the sacrifice and love shown Ellie, especially from her daughter, Cathy, all these past years. I know the rest of her family was there, too. I am sure Our Father in heaven was there to help and guide her along the journey. Now, she is at peace and welcomed into the arms of the rest of her family who left this earth before her.

Cathy, I don't know what else to say except how very treasured you were to your MaMa and still to your family for all you have done with the help of family and friends. Your reservation with Our Lord has been confirmed.

God Bless all of you during this difficult time and remembrance of the happiness and joy Ellie brought to all of you.

With love and deepest sincerity.

September 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“I love you more than life. You are my everything, my happy thought” is my Mom said to me EVERYDAY when I was a very young girl. I love YOU more than life Mom. You were my everything and I will cherish ALL of the happy thoughts (memories) we made together, forever. RIP MaMa

September 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM