



Catherine Schaap

May 12, 1943 - January 7, 2011

Loudonville-Catherine Schaap, 67, died at home Friday evening, January 7, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. Born in Albany, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Ara Yoncko Russo.

Cathy retired from New York State Department of Higher Education. She enjoyed spending time with her family at their Brant Lake camp and working in her rock garden. She also enjoyed photography.

She was the wife of Raymond P. Schaap; mother of Kimberly Pierce (John), Raymond P. Schaap, Jr (Trish) and Mike Schaap (Nikki); cherished grandmother of Brianna and Jennifer, Kaile, Courtney and Taylor, and Ryan; sister of Lorie McCormick (Dennis), Joseph Russo (Lisa), Peter Russo Jr (Carol), Ara Russo, Fran Drzymala (Jim) and the late June Spenziero (Joseph); special friend of Ginia Calhoun; several nieces and nephews survive Cathy.

Funeral services will be private.

Those wishing to remember Catherine Schaap in a special way may send a contribution to The Community Hospice, 445 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book; obtain a prayer card; or share a photo or E-card with them, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Catherine Schaap

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Ray, Ray Jr, Kim and Michael: My Mom and I are sorry for your loss. We had 9 years of happy memories living downstairs. I dream about 165 Quail to this day because they were good times I will never forget. 4 Rays in one house. God bless all of you.

Love Margaret and Ray##imported-begin##Raymond Mercier and Margaret Mercier##imported-end##

April 01, 2012 at 09:24 PM



“ Dear Mike and Nikki,
Words are not enough to express the loss that I know you are experiencing. Just know that there are those of us who understand the deep love that your Mom has for family and life. Ryan is her legacy and I hope the time comes very soon where the happy memories push away the intense sorry. Love you,
Deb Male##imported-begin##Debra Male##imported-end##

January 17, 2011 at 02:09 PM



“ Kim Ara Fran and family I'm so sorry for your loss Cathy will be missed by so many my thoughts and prayers are with you
Jill##imported-begin##Jill Winnie##imported-end##

January 15, 2011 at 05:56 PM



“ Dear Ray and Family,
We are so saddened by Cathy's passing. She was a treasured and caring friend. We will hold tightly to the great memories, such as the "customized" breakfasts at Brant Lake and her voice saying, "It's camp, you can do anything you want." Us girls, Ginia, Lois, Cathy and myself would have the best times-rainy or sunny! May all of your special memories comfort your broken hearts.
Sending our love and prayers,
Steve and Janet Schiavo###imported-begin##Jannet Schiavo###imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 12:49 PM



“ Ray & Family:

We're very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.###imported-begin##Donna & Jeff Sullivan###imported-end##

January 12, 2011 at 06:39 PM



“ May Cathy finally rest in peace and free of pain. To her family, I send my condolences...one day at a time and remember she is always in everyone's memories and heart.###imported-begin##Brenda Salway###imported-end##

January 12, 2011 at 02:23 PM



“ To Ray and family,
Sorry to see the notice of your mom's passing. I remember her as a loyal member of the "lawn chair" crew of our parents who supported and traveled with us all those years when we played softball together for Brownie's Tree Service. They became a team also and you could tell how much she loved her children especially you ,Ray. I know first hand how tough it is presently, losing a parent. May God be with you all and may the memories always stay fresh in your mind as they do mine.##imported-begin##Mike Reynolds##imported-end##

January 11, 2011 at 06:20 PM



“ Dear Kim and family,
We will always remember your Mother's spirit and humor. She found joy in each and every moment which is a rare talent. We will miss her on our bus trips. Our prayers go out to all of you at this sad time. Louise and the Women of the West Albany Italian Benevolent Society Women's Auxiliary.##imported-begin##Louise Donato##imported-end##

January 11, 2011 at 07:48 AM



“ Kim, Ray and Mike,
Please accept our sincerest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Ric & Cheryl Carey##imported-end##

January 10, 2011 at 02:51 PM



“ Catherine was the true matriarch of her family. She carried that responsibility with such strength and dignity that her loss will be felt more deeply than words can express. She was truly a wonderful woman who could be counted on for anything, not only because of that responsibility but because of the love and caring that defined her. It was through her love for her family that she embraced the role of matriarch and performed her duty with unwavering strength and dedication. She was a tremendous woman and we truly feel honored to have had her in our lives. We will miss you aunt Cathy, you were truly one of the great ones and we will always love you for that.##imported-begin##Christy McCormick & Peter Pierce##imported-end##

January 10, 2011 at 02:02 PM



“ Mike and Nikki,

We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Take comfort in the new life the two of you have created in Ryan and know that Catherine will always be smiling down upon all of you.##imported-begin##Matt & Amanda Rider##imported-end##

January 10, 2011 at 01:47 PM



“ To Ray, Ray Jr. Mike, and Kimberly , we extend our deepest condolences and prayers to all of you.
Life is truly not fair at times but we hope you find some comfort from your family and friends and the fact Cathy isn't suffering any more. We will surely miss Cathy. Please, if there is anything Deb and I can do please don't hesitate to give us a call. God bless.##imported-begin##Frank and Debbie Panucci##imported-end##

January 10, 2011 at 11:51 AM



“ Dear Mike and Nikki,

Our deepest sympathies are with you at this very sad time.

*Love, Jean and Charlie Stella##imported-begin##Jean
Stella##imported-end##*

January 10, 2011 at 11:36 AM



“ *My and my families condolences. I can remember Cathy from the Russo's Park Ave. home back in the 50's and early 60's. I can remember Cathy's wedding day and how beautiful she looked. I can remember Ray and Mr. Russo have a "cherry bomb battle" one fourth of July and Cathy and June finally stopping them before it really got out of hand. I can remember she had a wonderful spirit and joy for life....the Park Avenue Leonards##imported-begin##Mark and the Leonard's Michele, Mary, Anne and my mother Emma ##imported-end##*

January 10, 2011 at 11:31 AM



“ *Mike, Kim and Carl(John) and Families,
Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss of your mom,
mother in law. These times are never easy and only time and
prayers can help heal the hurt that you feel now. Please know that
thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Dave
Eilers##imported-end##*

January 10, 2011 at 09:00 AM



“ Trish,
I am very sorry to hear of your loss.##imported-begin##Casey O'Connor##imported-end##

January 10, 2011 at 08:03 AM



“ Mike, Ray and Family,
So sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you and your families.##imported-begin##Jim Soro##imported-end##

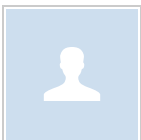
January 10, 2011 at 01:38 AM



“ Ray,
I was very sad to read about Cathie's passing, although I never meant her in person, she was a wonderful woman to talk to over the phone. I have a lot of memories of conversations with her when booking your trips to Aruba. I pray that you and your family find peace during this difficult time.

Pina Viscusi Melillo##imported-begin##Pina Viscusi Melillo##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 09:52 PM



“ To Mike Schaap and Family, You have my prayers and deepest sympathy, i am sorry for your loss. Denny##imported-begin##Dennis Clancy##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 04:22 PM



“ Ara, Fran and Family,
My deepest sympathy in your time of loss.
Burick Family###imported-begin###Michael Burick###imported-end###

January 09, 2011 at 02:38 PM



“ Joan, Tim ,Mike,Rose, we are all very sorry for your loss catherine was a wonderful, cousin and friend to us all and we all wish your family well with all of are love the frankenbecks,###imported-begin###the frankenbeck family,###imported-end###

January 09, 2011 at 01:52 PM



“ Ray,
Word's can't discribe how sorry I'am
for you loss, Cathy was a great person,and was always nice to me,
you probably don't remember but I met Cathy when you lived over
the store on ontario st. when we were new linemen for ma bell. She
will be missed.###imported-begin###John Degener###imported-end###

January 09, 2011 at 01:03 PM



“ Dear Ray and Trish - my sincere condolences for the loss of your mother.'
Sincerely, Pat###imported-begin###Pat Slabvick###imported-end###

January 09, 2011 at 12:45 PM



“ Dear Ray, Trish and Family so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. God Bless##imported-begin##Ernie Lee, Brian Hauptman##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 12:34 PM



“ Sorry about your mom, my prayers and thoughts are with you all.##imported-begin##donna michels##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 11:44 AM



“ Ray-
Judy and I were very sad to hear of Cathies passing. You have had a good life together and have many happy memories. Judy and I will keep you both in our prayers. Please extend our condolences to the rest of your family.

Bob and Judy##imported-begin##Bob and Judy
Baumeister##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 10:14 AM



“ I have many fun memories of Cathy, Ray, Ginia and the crew from the 70's. We had so much fun. I am glad I got to see Cathy not that long ago, although I hadn't seen her in many years.

I am so very sorry for your loss and I know how much she will be missed.

God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Donna Coluccio
(Salamida)##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 10:01 AM



“ Ray, Kim, Mike and Family--

Please accept my sincerest condolences on the passing of your beloved Mom. May the wonderful memories you have of her guide you through this difficult time of transition. God Bless.

Cathy##imported-begin##Catherine (Nichols) Caruso##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 08:51 AM