



Clara Jo (Colaianni) Sakaluk

January 27, 2017

Age 86, of Oakmont, formerly of Monroeville, passed away Friday, January 27, 2017 at UPMC St. Margaret's Hospital, Pittsburgh. Clara Jo was born on June 18, 1930 in San Felice D'Ocre, L'Aquila, Abruzzo, Italy, the daughter of the late Alfredo and Maria (Parissi) Colaianni. She came to the United States in 1935 and lived in Arnold, PA. until 1961. Clara Jo was valedictorian of Arnold High School Class of 1948. She graduated from Indiana State Teachers College and attended classes at Penn State University. She taught business subjects at Arnold High School, CCAC Boyce Campus and evening classes at Gateway and Woodland Hills school districts for over 25 years.

Clara Jo enjoyed cooking, gardening, playing bridge, traveling and most of all spending time with her family and dear friends. She was a member of North American Martyrs Church in Monroeville, and it's Altar Rosary Society. Both she and Walter ushered and were floor managers for the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust for 22 years. She loved working with the public and her fellow ushers. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend, she will be greatly missed.

Clara Jo is survived by Walter, her beloved husband of 61 years; son David J. Sakaluk (wife, Linda) of Charlotte, NC; grandsons Michael David (wife, Betsy) of Charlotte and Tyler James of Atlanta, GA, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Louis J. Colaianni (wife, Phyllis).

Friends will be received Sunday 6-8 p.m. and Monday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Mass of Christian

Burial at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at North American Martyrs Church, with Father Joseph Luisi as celebrant. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to North American Martyrs Church. For more information, please visit www.corlfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

North American Martyrs Church
Haymaker Road
Monroeville, PA

Tribute Wall

KL

“ *Mr Sakaluk i am so sorry to hear about your loss. I was looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming reunion getting a chance to reconnect. Thinking of you. Keep up your good spirits. Sincerely Kathleen Hilty Laing*

Kathleen Laing - February 01, 2017 at 09:27 PM

RC

“ *My deepest sympathies to Clara Jo's family. Clara Jo was my mother's (Dorothy Knepshield Cartisano) best friend going back to their Arnold HS days. I'm sure they have a lot of catching up to do in heaven.*
Sincerely,
Robert Cartisano
Greensboro, NC

Robert Cartisano - January 30, 2017 at 05:29 PM

PD

“ *We are so saddened by the loss of Clara Jo. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
Fondly,Pamela and Todd Duvick

Pamela Duvick - January 30, 2017 at 02:39 PM

BH

“ Dear David - We said in a note to your father that your mother taught us caring, class, and the gift of family. It is rare that a "boss & his wife" become family. We will never forget when your mom and dad came to Mentor to meet our son and the Christmases after in Monroeville when they made him feel so special. That was the kind of gift your mother gave to all she met. Our hearts go out to you, but we know the beautiful memories and gifts you hold in your heart from your special mother.

Love, Bill, Karen, and Chris Hiller

Bill, Karen, & Chris Hiller - January 29, 2017 at 06:35 PM

PP

“ Dear David and Linda,

You have my deepest sympathy. Your mom was a special person . I will always remember her coming to my mom's house to have her hair done. I remember her as always being sweet and kind to everyone. Sending blessings.

*Love and prayers,
Paula Pellafone*

Paula Pellafone - January 29, 2017 at 01:22 PM

DN

“ Dear Dave and Linda,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in our hearts and minds.

*Donna and John
Charlotte.*

Donna Norfolk - January 28, 2017 at 10:59 AM

LG

“ *Clara Jo was an inspirational teacher, always smiling and approachable. Deepest sympathy to the family, especially Walter, another wonderful teacher. Neither will ever be forgotten nor their life lessons. Rest in the peace of our Lord.*

Loretta (Marino) Gatto - January 28, 2017 at 10:51 AM