



Carole Ann Spinella

February 18, 1942 - October 9, 2016

Carole , my loving wife of 54 years peacefully passed away from cancer on Oct 9th,2016. She not only was my partner in life she was my best friend for 58 years.. Our lives were blessed with 4 beautiful granddaughters and we have been privileged to share in their lives .They all were certainly the light and joy in Carole's eye, She truly was a doting grandmother .

Carole was a graduate of St Frances University and Stetson University she was a practicing psychotherapy in private practice in Winter Park 17 years. After retirement she dedicated her life to serving our Lord as a Spiritual Director and many other ministries in our church .She was always willing to guide and assist people in finding their way to way to Jesus. Carole was my true Soulmate and the Love of my life and will remain with me for all eternity. With all my Love , Joe

Heavenly Father you Blessed me with a Special Mother, Carole. She was not only my mom, but my best friend. We talked everyday of my life. I am going to miss those phone calls. She was an exceptional grandmother. She loved my girls with all of her heart and soul. She would do anything for them. She went to every event and had pure joy on her face every time she was around them.

I treasure our love for each other and our close relationship.

I love you mom.....Stacey

Mom was always loving and gentle, she always had a kind word for everyone. I could always talk to her without fear of reproach. Her voice was soothing. I'll miss her voice. She really believed we are all in God's hands, and now she is with Him. I'm going to miss her laugh, her sense of humor. She was a shining light in this world. I'll miss her all the rest of my days.

Your loving son,

Richard Spinella

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Ave
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Tribute Wall

WM

“ *Carole helped me become a better person. I leaned on her when I had no strength and she was always there. I'm very sorry to hear of her death and my sympathies to her family.* ”



Wendy Wander Mize - April 28, 2017 at 03:13 AM

JB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Carole's passing. She was a wonderful person and a wise teacher who shared her talents to help many. I was fortunate enough to get to know her and to be among those blessed by her amazing generosity of spirit. She will be sorely missed. God bless.* ”

Joe Burbank - October 23, 2016 at 01:34 PM

VO

“ *Our beautiful, sweet friend Carole, what wonderful times Vin and I enjoyed with you and joe, We had so much fun on our vacations together ,always so caring, What a beautiful Love carole and joe had right to the end always their for each other .until we are all together again I know you are now smiling into the face of Jesus warm and safe , we love you
BETTY and Vinny Oddo* ”



vincent and betty oddo - October 21, 2016 at 11:38 PM

AS

“ *What I remember most about Aunt Carol is how she was always so loving and was always smiling. I can't picture her without a smile on. She just exuded love & joy to everyone around her. She will definitely be missed by me and everyone.*

Ashton Pickle

Ashton - October 21, 2016 at 04:06 PM

JL

“ *Friend of my heart -that's who Carole was to me. We met in Kindergarten 70 years ago. Despite being separated by thousands of miles, we remained close friends. For the first 25 years we both lived in New Jersey and shared adolescent foolishness, growing up in the 50's, joy, sorrow and special times. Then we both moved to other states. We only saw each other every 8 - 10 years or so. Sometimes we did not talk for months, but when we did talk, time evaporated. The last time I saw her in 2011, it seemed like we talked non-stop for days, much to Joe's amusement and his loving patience.*

I am so sad that I can no longer share my joys and sorrows with her. I do know she is with the Lord and her spirit lives on in the hearts of those whose lives she touched - what a legacy!

Joanne (Jo) Ling

Joanne Ling - October 20, 2016 at 02:51 PM

BN

“ *Carole had the most beautiful smile that not only lit up her lovely face, but it lit up the room. It was natural, because her love of the Lord was evident in her entire being. She was always welcoming, kind, encouraging, consoling, helpful--living her life in a ministry to the Lord. Carole knew what is important. She had a great sense of fun, and she enjoyed life. We are blessed to have known her!*
Bob and Cheryl Nettles

Bob and Cheryl Nettles - October 20, 2016 at 01:39 PM

FC

“ *Frank and I are so saddened to learn of Carole's passing. Carole was a gentle, kind soul who touched so many of us with her warm heart, bright smile, and beautiful personality. She possessed such a strong, yet gentle, spirit that was always evident in her interactions with others. Carole was a giver, a nurturer, an individual of highest integrity. She was an inspiration to those who came in contact with her, as he was always a teller of truth, kind with her words, and generous with grace. She truly lived a life of service and was devoted to Joe, her children, her grandchildren, her church, and her friends. She always seemed to be present for others, to comfort and encourage, and we're certain that she will continue to be a light in the hearts of all who knew and love her. What a person leaves behind is not what is engraved on a monument, but rather what is woven in the lives of others. Carole's legacy is a beautiful one, and one in which her family can take great pride. Heaven, we're sure, just became even better because of her presence.*

Frank and Sandi Ciuba - October 19, 2016 at 06:33 PM

LS

“ *Carole was my spiritual director for many years and also helped me deal with my husband's death. Not sure what I would have done without her! She was an extraordinary woman and a blessing to so many people. What a wonderful example of His Light she brought to this world. I will continue my prayers for Joe and family during this very sad time. I wish them God's peace.*

Lynn Stubenrauch - October 19, 2016 at 03:51 PM

JL

“ *Joanne Ling purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carole Ann Spinella.*



Joanne Ling - October 19, 2016 at 01:31 PM

“Dearest Aunt Carole,
You have been in my life since the day I was born. So much so, you practically delivered me. And you always reminded me of that every single year on my birthday. I will miss that, but I will hear you. We have a very special, unique relationship, one that I adore. Your love and presence in my life...well, I am lucky and blessed to have known it, and will feel you by my side, always. When I heard you were ill and started receiving treatments, I began my quest. My little way of being there for you...comforting you... loving you. Every single week I sent you a personal note, sometimes one-liners, or just a word, full of hope, smiles, laughter, faith, inner strength ~ all things I admire from you. One of the best feelings in the world is knowing that you smiled, laughed, or had strength one day all because of something I did, something I wrote. And you gave me that feeling many times through my quest when you wrote me emails telling me how special my cards are and how much they mean to you. As you know, I did this for some time, and I realized that the last envelope I had mailed was the same week that you passed away. The words written said “May the warm sun always shine upon your face”, little did I know it really would be. Our families have always been a part of each other’s lives. I vividly remember our vacations and always being at each other’s houses, you were my second home. Ironically, we did live with you for a short time and it is there, I have some of my best memories; I can walk through your entire house in my head, I can hear the clicking of the ceiling fan (and to this day it is one of my favorite sounds), no matter how many countless routines Stacey and I performed of “Me and My Shadow” your reaction was pure glee and pride, as if you were seeing it for the first time, you let me have Lucky Charms and always stashed a loaf of rye bread in the drawer with the aluminum sliding lid. I would walk into the kitchen, a cereal bowl waiting on the table for my candied treat, and you would give me the eye, look at the drawer and look away. We kept in touch best we could, and there was a time we had routine phone calls...you especially enjoyed the ones where you analyzed my dreams. Awhile back, you



helped me make a huge career decision, where I am still employed today. When I hear the sounds of trickling rain, I will think of you telling me everything will be okay. When I feel the soft breeze in the air, I will think of you the breath of life you fill me with. When I feel the warm sun on my face, I will smile and know you are here with me. I love you. Jennifer

Jennifer O'Loughlin - October 19, 2016 at 12:11 PM

CP

“ *The first thing I think of when I think about Aunt Carole is her smile. It was captivating. It was full of love and acceptance. It didn't matter what time and where we were, every time I saw her she had the same joy radiating from her. I don't remember exact words that were said, but I remember that every time I was around her I felt loved, cared for, and valued. That is something that will live on with me forever. Her life was one lived out for others and it truly impacted me.*

Corrinne Pickle

Corrinne Pickle - October 19, 2016 at 12:02 PM

JO

“ *Dearest Uncle Joe, Stacey, Richard and Family,
Our most heartfelt and deepest sympathies with the loss of our Aunt Carole. May your hearts find peace knowing she is with Jesus and no longer suffering. May you always feel her presence and be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you ~ forever.
Our love,
Jennifer, Joe, Shannon and Ethan*



Jennifer O'Loughlin - October 19, 2016 at 11:53 AM

MA

“ *Murlene Anderson purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carole Ann Spinella.*



Murlene Anderson - October 19, 2016 at 06:29 AM

MA

“ *Dearest Joe and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss of Carole. I firmly believe that she is with Jesus now and one day we will be reunited.
Carole was my best friend and I loved her more than words can express. She helped me through RCIA and in 1998 she was my Matron of Honor at our wedding. I was so proud that she agreed to stand up for me. Her friendship was a precious gift.
When Joe and I went to Sweden, Carole and George watched our condo for us. They ate our ice cream and put the empty cartons back in the freezer. Carole put black plastic spiders in my lingerie drawer and in our bed. We had many laughs at their antics. I'm sure you were part of that, too, Joe. Such joy and fun you both have brought into our lives.
Carole will always be in our hearts.
We love you all,
Murlene Anderson*

Murlene Anderson - October 19, 2016 at 05:11 AM

PI

“ Dear Joe, Stacey and Richard and family,
My deepest condolences for the loss of dear carole. What an amazing and generous soul she was. She once told me I was blessed if I could count my closest friends on one hand. I feel blessed to have HER as one of my most special friends. It pains me to think I will no longer be able to share our "coffee time" together. Our talks, her smile, her wisdom. She guided me on this journey. Just her presence would make you feel that all was well. She was truly a gift and she shared her talent and love of Jesus with everyone she met. I will treasure all my wonderful memories until we meet again. Heaven gained an angel but we will miss You!
Love, Pina

Pina - October 18, 2016 at 08:24 PM

SL

“ Carole was my spiritual director for 11 years. What a blessing she was in my life. Her gentle wisdom helped guide me on my spiritual journey.
She has been a dear and loved friend and I will miss her very much. Carole was a kind and caring woman of deep faith. God was always first in her life and she loved her family so much. She touched many lives and was an inspiration to all who knew her. I know that she is still with us in spirit and that we will see her again someday. She is in the presence of the Lord, interceding for all of us.
Love you Carole!
~ Sherry LeMieux

Sherry LeMieux - October 18, 2016 at 04:06 PM

CM

“ Dear Joe and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We are thankful that we had the opportunity to know Carole and to share happy times. We remember with joy the dinners at home, our New Years Eve dinners and fun we had.

Carole's love for the Lord was obvious and showed in all that she did and said, and she shared that love with everyone. We will miss her smile and laugh

Ruth & Chuck

Charles Moscato - October 18, 2016 at 10:07 AM

PD

“ Our dear Joe and family,
There aren't any words to say how much we will miss Carole. She was the very definition of what God calls love. Will miss all the dinner get-togethers – fun trips – phone chats –the fun events that she could dream up to go to. She had the ability to make you feel that whatever was on your mind was just what she wanted to talk about also. If you hurt – she hurt – that is just the kind of person she was. Witty -Joyful –Thoughtful - Caring – Available - Appreciative. You could always end up laughing and knowing how much God loves you – no matter what the topic with Carole. Our sympathy to you Joe and family and Joe, thank you for sharing “your Carole” with us. We love you – Pat & Lynn

Pat & Lynn D'Addio - October 17, 2016 at 01:44 PM

LM

“ Dear Joe, Stacey and Richard: Lee and I really want you all to know how we will treasure all the memories we have going back many years. Joe we all had so many fun nights together over the years and Carole always made it so much fun. Her smile was amazing, its like she lit up whenever she saw you. I will especially remember her pep talks when I had cancer, they always made me feel better and gave me more strength to continue on. We prayed so hard for her as we wanted her to be well again and cancer free, but was not meant to be. So sorry we didn't get to say goodbye to her but I know she knows in her heart how much we loved her. Our love and our prayers are with you and the children. Love Leo & Edna

Leo & Edna Miller - October 17, 2016 at 12:47 PM

TK

“ Carole is my best friend. She always will be. We first met when Joe started to date her in high school. Joe, his best friend Vince and I all graduated from Pope Pius XII high school in Passaic, NJ. We double-dated all through high school, were in each others' weddings, had our children together, are God-parents for them and we all grew up together with so much love shared in our families. Our children are all adults now but keep in touch even though we all live in different states. I miss her voice but Carole and I talk to each other every day. At Mass last week she made me laugh when I remembered something we shared in church. She is with Our Father in Peace now but we are still best life-long friends. When we are together again, the laughs and memories will still be there to share. Rest in Peace my friend and know our family friendship is filled with love. And that Love never dies. . Terri Kaleta

Terri Kaleta - October 17, 2016 at 11:57 AM

DS

“ Grace, love , genuineness are just some of the amazing attributes of Aunt Carol and one the many things I love about her. For those who have met her you'll understand immediately.

All my life from when I was young till this day she has always shown her love in a personal way. Whether taking time to sit and listen or sacrificing her white elephant gift at one of our famous Spinella Christmas's, she continued to show her love in real ways. She will be missed dearly but her legacy will still be used by Christ to bring hope and healing.

I love you and can't wait to see you when Christ comes again and bring's us all together for a "Spinella" gathering in Heaven!

Your nephew Doug



Doug Spinella - October 17, 2016 at 09:01 AM

SC

“ Please accept my deep sympathy and prayers. Carole was a very special woman with many gifts and a deep faith and love for God. I felt very privileged to have known her and to call her friend. May you be comforted by our loving God and know that her love for you all lives on in eternity. I will treasure my memories of her and her gentle loving spirit. --Sr, Christa Cunningham, OP

sr. Christa cunningham - October 16, 2016 at 10:41 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carole Ann Spinella.*



October 16, 2016 at 08:28 PM



“ *Grace and Elegance come to mind when I think of Aunt Carole. She had a way of bringing you back to an era when we were less distracted than we are today. She had a way of being present...in the moment...giving you her full attention as she soaked up the latest happenings.*


Her smile was an ever present reflection of who she was and her zeal for life. That zeal for life brought her on a journey to bring deeper meaning and she found the One who made her. She was kind and giving. She was compassionate. I cannot recall a single disgruntled moment.

Her love of her family was obvious as she would light up every time she saw them. I especially can recall those vivid moments when she was greeting one of the latest newborns to join the family.

You are loved and you will be missed. Until we meet again, rest peacefully.



Paul Pickle - October 16, 2016 at 12:03 PM

 Diane
DiPiazza

“ *I'm so very sad and so sorry to hear of Carole's passing. She's always been one of a small handful of my very favorite people I've ever had the gift of knowing. I think of her often and her tremendous ability to be present, no matter the conversation deep and serious or just chit chat. She had a unique gift to give herself to others. I remember being very young and how much my father enjoyed their very deep discussions as well. I think of her all radiant and forever young, as she always was. Joe, my deepest sympathies for your loss and to the entire Spinella family. I feel fortunate to have known her and look forward to seeing her again*

Diane DiPiazza - October 15, 2016 at 08:17 PM



“ Aunt Carole has always been very special to me. Some of my favorite memories growing up include going to her house for our big Spinella gatherings...which are so special to me! She would be in the kitchen cooking up an amazing pot of sauce, you could smell it the minute you walked in the front door! I loved to pop in for visits while attending boarding academy. She always made me feel so welcome and at home.

Aunt Carole always had time to listen...really listen. She would sit and talk

to me. She had such a deep and personal Faith. She had searched God and she knew Him...it showed. Her eyes were always present and focused, intently listening and

offering words of love and encouragement. That is my favorite quality about

her. I told her so recently. I wanted her to know, how deep her words and

love cut straight to my heart. She always made me feel loved and important. During our adoption process with Love, she really understood and shared her heart with me. It really touched me.

A fun way to describe her when i was young.and still do: was to say she was

was my beautiful "Barbie" aunt. I remember as a kid thinking her hair was just like barbie!

Her inner beauty radiated out to her outer beauty.

I loved her bold sense of style and fashion. and lets not forget her loud choice in wallpaper!!

My heart hurts, for her absence leaves a hole in our family. I look forward to the day when i will see her again!

"It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed." 1 corinthians 15:52

I Love you,

Shannin

Shannin Pickle - October 15, 2016 at 04:58 PM

 April Spinella

“ Growing up I always thought family would be around forever. I never imagine that one day things would change. My entire life, everything important has been memories with family. Aunt Carole has been a staple in family get-togethers. Now there will be a hole, a void, someone missing. She genuinely loved people and God! Everything she did was for others. She is the one that got me into studying psychology and we could always talk about our work stories. She was strong, compassionate and selfless. Her smile was infectious. I miss you Aunt Carole and can't wait for the day of no more tears and no more pain, when Christ comes agin. I love you.

April Spinella - October 15, 2016 at 04:58 PM

LS

“ Family time is some of the best times in life, we all have great memories of our times together, I remember our Rutts Hut trip to New Jersey and all the favorites food places we all enjoyed as young kids, I don't know how on earth we could eat all that food. We laughed so much and just had a great time. After 58 yrs. I guess we all could say we enjoyed being around you and that life will not be the same without you.

You are going to be missed an awful lot and some day we will be together again. Love and Miss you, Brother Lee



Lee Spinella - October 15, 2016 at 04:26 PM

DP

“ Our thoughts are with each of you and we are praying for His peace and comfort during this difficult time. It was always fun & inspiring visiting with Carole. She had a beautiful faith in Jesus & always was ready to share her testimony & the message of God's great love and His salvation. She had a fun sense of humor too - remembering our laughter as the boat was sinking on the lake! . Carole you are loved and You will be missed but praise God we will meet again!

Darlene & Bob Pickle

Darlene Pickle - October 15, 2016 at 10:29 AM

JB

“ We will sorely miss her, but our fondest memories will not fade. She was often a spiritual inspiration to us even though we had too few opportunities to get together and chat. Our condolences go to the family, especially Joe.

There are no words to express how our hearts ache for everyone who is left with a missing piece of their life due to her absence. We share in the sorrow of her family and friends, but our hope based upon our shared faith is that one day there will be a reunion with her and her loves ones.

Jerry & Margaret Benson

Jerry & Margaret Benson - October 14, 2016 at 01:36 PM

BS

“ *Carole has always been a very special sister in law and I will really miss her. I remember the first time I met her, when she and Joe were dating and they invited Lee and I to go on a double date and they took us to Greenwich Village in NY, I thought she was such a hippie back then. We've had so many special times since then and I know I will see her again and the fun will continue.*



I love you Carole, Barbara Spinella

Barbara Spinella - October 14, 2016 at 01:02 PM