



Joyce I. Cass

December 22, 1937 - August 26, 2009

TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS – Mrs. Joyce I. (Houghtaling) Cass, 71, of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, formerly of Colebrook, New Hampshire, passed away to join the love of her life on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at the Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Joyce was born December 22, 1937, in Athens, NY, a daughter of the late Carl and Jessie (Teator) Houghtaling.

Joyce was a graduate of Coxsackie Athens High School in New York. She married her husband of 34 years, Morris Cass, right out of high school. Joyce and Morris spent the beginning years of their marriage in Athens, NY, then resided in Woburn, Mass., for a number of years before moving to Colebrook, where she spent most of her adult life. Joyce worked for the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital as a billing clerk for 13 years until her retirement. Her many interests included bowling, crocheting, reading, dancing and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was more recently active at the Senior Center in Tewksbury. The courage and strength that she demonstrated during her illness is a testament to her character, and she will be dearly missed by her family members and many friends.

Joyce is survived by her five children, Kathleen Cass and Steve Berry of Colebrook, NH, Karen Cass of Manchester, NH, Kelley Gonsalves of

Tewksbury, MA, Kristin Robinson of Colebrook, NH, and Kevin Cass of Penacook, NH; three brothers, Robert Houghtaling of Sacramento, CA, Arnold Houghtaling of Southwick, MA, and Eugene Houghtaling of Athens, NY; her sister, Doris Carrick of Athens, NY; nine grandchildren, Michelle and husband, Jason, Scott, Joseph, Erin, Jennifer and friend, Brian, James, Jessica and fiancé, Kevin, Tyler and Cody; five great-grandchildren, Anthony, Aiden, Kyla, Arianna and Kaelyn.

Joyce is preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband, Morris Cass in 1994; and three brothers, Frank, Donald and Stanley Houghtaling.

At Joyce's request, there will be no calling hours. A graveside service will be conducted on Saturday, September 5, 2009, at 2 p.m., at the Colebrook Village Cemetery with The Reverend Marlyn Neary officiating. A memorial service will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Woburn, Mass., at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy in Joyce's memory may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer Fund, c/o Rosemary Mulliken, First Colebrook Bank, 132 Main Street, Colebrook, NH 03576; or to the Kiwanis Club of Colebrook, P.O. Box 241, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ Joyce, thinking of you on your birthday.
always, Pam###imported-begin###Pam Frizzell###imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 07:11 AM



“ Aunt Joyce will always be remembered as being the coolest yet toughest - what an amazing person. I am proud to have called her my aunt. I will miss her with all of my heart.###imported-begin###Kimberlee Jaszek###imported-end##

September 10, 2009 at 01:17 PM



“ I'm so sorry you lost your mom. It SUCKS to lose such a BIG part of your life. I know you are all feeling lost right now because she was the center of your family. Hang on to each other tight and to all your friends/partners and each day will be a little easier to get through. Hang on to all your memories of her and her strength and LOVE for all of you will get you through. She was such a cool mom and she touched A LOT of lives. I'm thinking of you all.###imported-begin###vicky riley and family###imported-end##

September 04, 2009 at 12:48 AM



“ Dear Kathy, Karen, Kelley, Kristin & Kevin and all of your families, Words alone can not express how deeply sorry I am for the loss of your Mom. She was a truly beautiful lady and will be missed forever. Although God takes the ones we love, he never takes our beautiful memories. Please find comfort in those precious memories at this most difficult time. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Ann###imported-begin###Ann Champagne###imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 03:14 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Joyce's family. We were High School classmates and remember her spunkiness and joyful demeanor. It must have been these characteristics that carried her through the last three years. We admired her attitude throughout her illness - never complaining and always hopeful. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###George & Rosemarie (Hofmann) Gates###imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 10:31 AM



“ We send our deepest sympathy on the passing of Joyce to her family. May God give you the strength you need to get through these difficult days. Joyce will surely be missed. We enjoyed her company and friendship at the bowling alley in Colebrook. She will truly be missed.

Bob and Pauline Charest,
Spare Time Pizza & Sims Bowling Lane###imported-begin###Bob and Pauline Charest, Sr.###imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 09:33 PM



“ To the Cass Family,
My prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I have so many fond and happy memories of your mother when I was young, and even as a child I could see the love between your parents. May her memory help to ease the loss.
With sincere sympathy,
Robin Rizzi##imported-begin##Robin M. Rizzi -
Minshell##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 06:46 PM



“ So sorry Kathy that you lost your Mom.##imported-begin##Barbara
J. Angst##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 11:58 AM



“ Remembering how our families grew up on Court St. My deepest sympathy to all of you. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Maureen Edwards##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 11:43 AM



“ Kathy, I read with sadness the passing of your mom. I lost my mom is 2003 and she left me with many photographs of her life. In those photos is a picture of your mom sitting on your dad's lap. It's a very nice picture and I will email to you when I find it. In the meantime, please know time DOES make it easier. It's just getting through this tough period right now. My prayers are with you and your family.
Take Care, Linda##imported-begin##Linda Hyla (Bass)##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 09:15 AM



“ Kathy, Karen, Kelly, Kristin, and Kevin,
We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your WONDERFUL MOTHER!!! I personally will never forget all the good times I had with Joyce working with her at the Wilderness. She was always a fun person to be around. She and Krippy also use to come to my basketball games in high school and they always had advice for me. In fact, I think the last time I saw your Mom was at a varsity basketball game in Colebrook. Hold on to all your wonderful memories of your Mom. She is finally with Krippy and is not suffering anymore. If you need anything please give us a call. You are all in our thoughts and prayers!###imported-begin##Kathi & Kerry Haynes###imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 06:56 PM



“ Kathy, Karen, Kelley, Kristen, and Kevin: You all know what your Mom meant to me and that was the world. I don't know what I will do without her e-mails everyday, she always brightened my day, but now I have yet another beautiful guardian angel to watch over me. I am glad she is with Crippy, that is where she wanted to be.

All my love,

Heidi

H###imported-begin##Heidi Lawton###imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 05:32 PM



“ I always knew Joyce to be such a special caring lady and it is no wonder, she shares her birth year and month with my own father having been born just 8 days before he was. I wish her godspeed to her resting place in Heaven with her husband "Krippy" and I know her strength and courage will live on in her family. My deepest Sympathies to everyone grieving the loss of this beautiful person.... It is not goodbye, it is wait for us at the gates where we look forward to seeing you again!

GOD BLESS##imported-begin##Stephanie Hughes-Cross##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 02:57 PM



“ To all of Joyce's family: Please accept our most heartfelt condolences on the loss of Joyce. Kathy, Karen, Kelly, Kevin, and Kristin...and the whole family....may you find comfort in sharing wonderful memories of your times together, and in just being with each other. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Lori and James MacDonald, and family, Melyssa and Derrick, and Lindsay and Brian.##imported-begin##Lori Berry MacDonald##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 12:22 PM



“ Her light will be missed!! Our deepest sympathy's to Joyces family. She was a wonderful lady and such a gift. She will always be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Dan "Panther" & Kim Lynch##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 11:58 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the whole Cass family. Joyce was like a second mom to me while in High School with daughter, Kristin. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Jane (Gifford) Murch##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 11:56 AM



“ Dear Kathy, Kelly, Karen, Kristen, Kevin and families:
My hear goes out to all of you. You are fortunate to have known such an amazing woman as you mother. She will never be forgotten.
Lisa Allard, Jessica, Emily and Amanda Cass.##imported-begin##Lisa##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 08:55 AM



“ Kathy and family: Sorry to hear about your mom she was a great person.I remember all the laughs and talks we had a UCVH for many years we started work there the same year. Now she is with your dad that she has always talked about she missed him so much.
If you need anything give me a call

Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie Boivin##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 07:10 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. She was a wonderful person and a fighter. My prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Sue##imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 08:02 PM



“ *I'll miss you and never forget your visit to the cape with me and Meme.##imported-begin##Christina Dauphinais##imported-end##*

August 29, 2009 at 06:22 PM