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Katherine M. DiCristofalo was born in Brooklyn, New York on March 30, 1935. She was the daughter of Charles and Vincenza (Jenny) DiCristofalo. She attended Lafayette High School in Brooklyn, New York and upon graduating, went to work for Bell Telephone as a switchboard operator. In 1953, Katherine met her future husband, Anthony Olivieri. It was love at first sight. She married Anthony in 1956 and they were inseparable until Anthony's death in 2011. Katherine was a homemaker and mother to their three children, Louis Olivieri of New York City, Richard Olivieri of Ocoee, Florida and Janet Paolicelli of Orlando, Florida.

Although tiny in stature, Katherine's presence was larger than life. She was a revered matriarch, an enthusiastic participant in any gathering, trip, adventure and most especially pranks of any kind. She loved to laugh and frequently was the orchestrator and star of outlandish, hysterical pranks. Family and food were her passion. She was an incredible cook. In Katherine's world, there was no such thing as too much food or too many people to eat it. When it came to sports, she had one love: the New York Yankees!

Katherine is survived by her children Louis, Richard (Pam) and Janet (Rutledge); her grandchildren Anthony, Stephany, Madison, Jennifer and Anthony; and great- grandchildren Tiffany, Jada, Niniveh and Little Anthony. She is also survived by her former son in law, Emanuel (Manny) Paolicelli, who was like a son to her and remained close to her until her death. Katherine was a wonderful person. She was smart, savvy and generous to a fault. She was loved by all who had the good fortune to know her. May she rest in eternal peace.

Katherine's final wish was not to have a viewing or a funeral. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Katherine's name to:

Vitas Community Connection (the charitable arm of VITAS HOSPICE) online at VITASCommunityConnections@vitas.com or at PO BOX 645352 Cincinnati, OH 45264-5352.

Vitas team 199 provided loving, compassionate care and support to Katherine in the final months of her life.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Janet and family. I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your sweet mama. I know that she was loved by all was so special to everyone. We are sending lots of hugs and prayers your way for your special Angel that now watches over you from above. All our love. Dana McBroom

Dana McBroom - December 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM

SM

“ I remember when I met KK almost 11 years ago. She was a spitfire for sure! Whenever I visited I never knew what we would talk about but it was always interesting!! She loved to hang out with us and be “in the know”. So adorable! What a wonderful woman, friend, wife, , mom, grandmother and great grandmother! You will be missed sweet KK!

sara murphy - November 18, 2020 at 12:39 PM

JC

“ *My dear, sweet Aunt Kay,*

Thank you for being there for me during my parents' divorce. You gave me shelter, you gave me food, but most of all, you gave me love and a sense of family. I love you so much, and I will miss you. You were the mother we all wanted. A strong, beautiful, and loving mother who always put family first no matter what. Thank you for the conversations we had about Justine and trying to give me strength and support. I love you so much, and God is holding you in his hands now.

*Love,
Judy Cobrin*

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To Louis, Janet, and Richie,

Hold each other close and love each other for strength for that's what your mom would want! I am so sorry for your loss!

Judy Cobrin - November 17, 2020 at 07:29 PM

AM

“ *April May lit a candle in memory of Katherine M. Olivieri*



April May - November 16, 2020 at 11:30 PM

“ My sweet Aunt Kay was such a blessing to me. I loved her much, as she was like a mom to me for years after the passing of my mom. She was a strong woman and the Lord used her to strengthen me and give me an encouraging word, in weak areas of my life when I was young, now as I look back. She was loving, kind and cared for people. She was there to lend a helping hand, or a phone call away, just to listen.

One of my favorite memories of my aunt was spending a weekend with her, laughing and making honeyballs for Christmas! She was an awesome cook!

She was never idle, always working hard for her family.

My aunt was that PROVERB 31 woman in the Bible!

Who can find a virtuous and capable wife?

She is more precious than rubies.

Her husband can trust her,

and she will greatly enrich his life.

She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.

She finds wool and flax
and busily spins it.

She is like a merchant's ship,
bringing her food from afar.

She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household
and plan the day's work for her servant girls.

She goes to inspect a field and buys it;
with her earnings she plants a vineyard.

She is energetic and strong,
a hard worker.

She makes sure her dealings are profitable;
her lamp burns late into the night.

Her hands are busy spinning thread,
her fingers twisting fiber.

She extends a helping hand to the poor

*and opens her arms to the needy.
She has no fear of winter for her household,
for everyone has warm clothes.
She makes her own bedspreads.
She dresses in fine linen and purple gowns.
Her husband is well known at the city gates,
where he sits with the other civic leaders.
She makes belted linen garments
and sashes to sell to the merchants.
She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs without fear of the future.
When she speaks, her words are wise,
and she gives instructions with kindness.
She carefully watches everything in her household
and suffers nothing from laziness.
Her children stand and bless her.
Her husband praises her:
“There are many virtuous and capable women in the world,
but you surpass them all!”
Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last;
but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised.
Reward her for all she has done.
Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.*

*Yes Aunt Kay, I celebrate your life, and for all the lives you’ve
touched! I know you are in the presence of your Creator, the Lord
Jesus Christ, and your loved ones. Until we meet again!*

**WELCOME HOME, MY DEAR AUNT KAY, YOU HAVE FINISHED
THE RACE! (2 Timothy 4:7)**

Janine Cavallino - November 16, 2020 at 12:39 PM

EB

“ Kk was a great gal full of spirit and full of fun. We had some good times traveling with Rutledge and Janet in England attending the Chelsea Flower show and noteworthy gardens all over England. We shared some fun times in Janet and Rutledge’s cottage in Hopetown, Bahamas. Although her health was compromised, she never slowed down and never complained, but enjoyed each adventure. I loved her courage and feel blessed to have known her! She will be missed. Elise Bradord

Elise Rutledge Bradford - November 15, 2020 at 04:44 PM

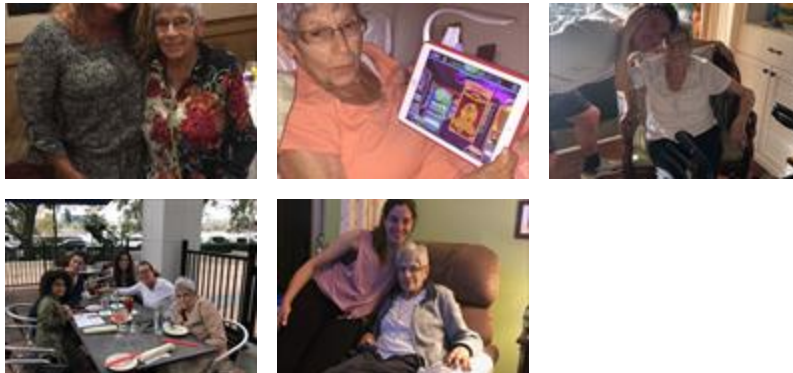
KS

“ K K was such a treasure! We enjoyed meeting her when she visited Elbow Cay. All our love to her family! Charlie and Kim Stoltz

kim stoltz - November 15, 2020 at 03:03 PM

RB

“ 57 files added to the tribute wall



Rutledge Bradford - November 15, 2020 at 02:29 PM

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janine Cavallino - November 16, 2020 at 10:47 AM