



Olive C. Rudd

September 2, 2020

UTICA – Olive C. Rudd passed away peacefully on September 2, 2020, in the comfort of her own home.

She was born to the late William Joseph and Elizabeth Agnes (Cavanaugh) Croneiser in Constableville, NY.

Salutatorian of her graduating class at Port Leyden High School, Ollie excelled in sports and dramatics and was a cheerleader. She continued her education at SUNY Potsdam, graduating with an elementary and junior high teaching certificate, K-9. Ollie earned a Master's Degree in Supervision and Administration from SUNY Albany and a second Master's Degree in Business Administration from SUNY Binghamton. She continued working on a Doctorate in higher education.

Ollie's teaching career started in the Schenectady public schools, teaching both at the elementary and middle school level where she also served as a curriculum specialist and elementary school principal. She taught early childhood and elementary education courses at both SUNY Plattsburgh and SUNY Oswego, where she supervised student teachers from seventeen different school districts. Ollie designed many innovative educational techniques and programs. Among her creations is an instrument for teacher evaluation through videotaping and an inner-city teacher aide program. At one time she was an adjunct professor at Long Island University.

Ollie's memberships in professional organizations are broad and numerous including the National and NYS Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, Alpha Delta Honorary Society, State and National Association of Teacher Educators, State Reading council, NYS Council for Exceptional Children, NYS Council for Gifted and Talented, in addition to many other professional involvements, academic awards and citations, including a graduate fellowship to Teacher's College, Columbia University.

Following retirement, Ollie continued to work with the NYS Education Department in

several capacities; as written response scorer for the NYS certification exams and teacher evaluator of instructors teaching graduate courses. She became more involved in the community, volunteering with Meals on Wheels, Whitesboro Council for Hot Meals, Catholic Women's Club, St. Elizabeth Hospital, former St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Historic Old St. John's Church, Nocturnal Adoration Society, outreach programs at St. Francis de Sales, Ministry of the sick and homebound and assisted in funeral ministry.

In her spare time, Ollie could be found enjoying the game she loved most, golf. She belonged to various golf clubs in the area and was known for excelling at the game. Her greatest joy was time spent with her nieces, nephews and extended family. Ollie was at every family event and especially at every holiday; her presence will be missed.

Ollie is survived by her sister, Jane Axtell; brother, Willis (Sharon Baker) Croneiser; nieces and nephews, Bonnie (Jim) Easton, Janette (John) Carpenter, Bethany Axtell, Jean (Dean) Bissell, Mary (Joe) Legnetto, Peter (Ann) Croneiser, Rita Myers, Patrick (Hope) Croneiser, Dollie (Peter) Kaido, Sheila Croneiser and Jim Trombley, William (Terri) Croneiser; Ramona Croneiser and Mike Ely and her nephew's wife, Lori Croneiser. She is also survived by many great-nieces, great-nephews and one great-great-nephew who she adored.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Earl, Bert, Alvin and Raymond Croneiser; sisters, Marion and Sr. Agnes William; husband, Daniel Rudd; brother-in-law, Earl Axtell; nephew, Michael Croneiser; niece, Charlene and Larry Kirk; great-niece, Lindsey Legnetto, and her niece's husband, Peter Myers.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call on Tuesday from 9-10 am at McGrath, Myslinski, Karboski & Nunn Funeral Directors 470 French Rd., Utica. Funeral services will commence at 10 a.m. from the funeral home and at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 16 Park Ave, Whitesboro, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Private interment will be in her family plot in St. Mary's Cemetery, Constableville.

Remembrances in Ollie's name may be made to St. Mary's Cemetery, P.O. Box 382 Constableville, NY, 13325. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Cemetery

Events

St. Mary's Cemetery Constableville, NY,	SEP 8	Visitation	09:00AM - 10:00AM
		McGrath, Myslinski, Karboski & Nunn Funeral Directors 470 French Road, Utica, NY, US, 13502	
	SEP 8	Mass of Christian Burial	11:00AM
		St. Paul's Catholic Church 16 Park Ave, Whitesboro, NY, US, 13492	

Comments



“ I worked closely with Ollie at Hospice for many years where she was a volunteer. She was a delightful woman. She was very responsible and dedicated, and she had the best handwriting ever! We became friends and would go out to dinner occasionally, and of course, we would run into each other at various church-related events. We shared a mutual love of international travel that was always one of our main topics of conversation. She was a lovely woman and will be missed by many. She always remembered my birthday. I guess I'll be getting one less birthday card this year!! May she rest in peace. My condolences to her family. We have lost someone special.

Frank Calaprice - September 17 at 11:29 AM



“ My condolences to Olive's family and friends. I didn't know her as "Ollie", but I can tell you that would have been a title I would attribute to her. Fun, exciting, smart, a lady, and a good person are how I remember her. My time with Ms. Rudd was short. Ready for this? She was my supervisor when I was student teaching in Utica in 1972! I couldn't have had a better mentor. She insured all of us were placed in a teaching position. She was able to do this because districts knew that if Olive was our guide, we would be good enough to work in the school. I moved to Long Island in 1973, and unfortunately lost touch, but I never forget the impact Olive had on my life and so very many others. Once we finished student teaching, Ms. Rudd became our friend. We'd go out for dinners together and talk about our jobs and life. She continued to guide us. She was a bubble! She had a smile that lit her up. What a tremendous woman. The obituary summed up so much of what she accomplished, but along with those accomplishments was the impact she had on educators. May she continue to live on through our memories. Vera Kelly Wurst Veff1995@aol.com

Vera Wurst - September 11 at 10:25 AM



“ To Ollie's family.....we met Ollie many years ago through our church. She had the most beautiful smile, warm heart and was always happy to see her friends! We shared many hugs and will remember her fondly forever!

Barb & Ed Paparella

Barb & Ed Paparella - September 08 at 05:19 PM



“ To Ollies Family, I am so very saddened of her death. She was a great friend of my late parents Jane & Jim Kellmurray. She was also noted to have a great Happy Hour at times!! She administered communion to both my parents & the care & friendship she had I will forever hold in my heart.

Susan Kellmurray - September 08 at 11:42 AM



“ Kathleen Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Olive C. Rudd



Kathleen Fitzgerald - September 07 at 06:48 PM



“ Ollie, My Friend Always,
My golfing partner and all the tips to a farm girl beginner.
Many, many, fun times, and always offering encouragement to our family.
Rest In Peace, Ollie
Joanie Barnes

Joan Barnes - September 07 at 11:07 AM



“ Just to share a few words, about Olive, known to many as Ollie. Yes, I read that she was a faithful woman, when it came time for the Mt. Carmel Church Novena, we would share our moments of the past, and always wish the other a safe and pleasant journey until we met again. And then tho and behold, we shared the same hairstylist, another plus for both of us. She was so pleasant, never a rude word, and always offering encouragement to others. What a gal! Ollie, I know you saw Barb a few days before Our Lord called you home. You will be missed by all the lives you touched. May Our Lord and His dear Mother Mary, cradle you in their arms. God Bless you
Fiora Wilson





“ Ollie was my theater partner. We shared the love of the arts. I would drive us to the shows at The Stanley or to attend the High School Productions. We shared many "pre-theater" meals too. We shared the same spiritual events. To name a few: the Rosary Crusade, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Novena from May to July and Divine Mercy Sunday. We went to Fr. David's camp July 26th. We last spoke beginning of August due to my busy nursing schedule. When I worked at the Presbyterian Home, Ollie would fill me in on the Catholic residents and that's how I got to know and love Nancy Kratzert too. May you rest in peace my friend. I was blessed to share many wonderful conversations with you. May your soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

Susan Januszewski - September 04 at 09:50 PM



“ Ollie was basically a member of our family. She delivered communion to our parents Stan and Nancy both at home and at the Presbyterian home. She provided that bridge between the family and God that was hard to have after the parish closed at St. Anne's in Whitesboro.
She was an invaluable friend to our parents in dark times. We are saddened to hear of her death but hope she is sitting with her family and our parents and brother rejoicing in eternal rest.
Kristen Kratzert, MD

Kristen Kratzert - September 04 at 08:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Olive C. Rudd.



September 04 at 05:41 PM