



Mrs. Claudia Ellen Whalen

August 17, 1947 - October 27, 2018

On Saturday, October 27, 2018, Claudia Ellen Whalen passed away peacefully with the love and support of the family she deeply cherished.

Claudia was born August 17, 1947 in Long Island, NY. She was the daughter of the late Claus (Joe) Sprenger and the late Mary Ann Sprenger. She was the loving wife of Kenneth A. Whalen, Jr. of Sykesville.

Claudia maintained a varied and robust career through the many years she dedicated to partnering with her husband Kenneth on their family's home improvement business. Prior to this, she enjoyed working as a travel agent, an occupation that continued to serve her family years after she formerly resigned.

Claudia was passionate about helping others and was able to dedicate a great portion of her life pursuing volunteer work. Her most recent contribution was in partnership with her husband volunteering for the Freedom Area Recreation Council and its many programs. Claudia had many unique interests and talents: architecture, interior design, sewing, gardening, cooking, crafting, history, geography and research. She dedicated her life to sharing these gifts with those she loved. She had a special way with people. She was loved by all who had the opportunity to meet or work with her. She was smart, compassionate, sensitive, and had a great sense of humor. She was greatly admired for her intellect and took pride in sharing her wisdom with those who sought guidance. Her selflessness was unmatched.

Claudia and her husband equally valued time with family and shared a mutual love of the Adirondack Mountains where they spent many summers at their cabin on Silver Lake with their grown children and their families. Here Claudia enjoyed early morning coffee on the deck overlooking the water, listening to the loons, watching grandkids play in the lake, family dinners at sunset, board games, cards, puzzles, and darts. These Adirondack traditions made her heart so happy. Claudia's family is determined to continue this legacy and will forever miss her presence at the camp.

Ultimately her legacy is the connectedness she created within her family. The traditions she lovingly maintained and passed on. The love she had for her children and the value she placed on the special bond they all shared. She will forever be remembered by each of them and especially her grandchildren, whose lives were individually and uniquely

impacted because she shared her time, her talents, her wisdom and values, and most importantly her love.

She forever lives within the hearts of those she touched. Surviving in addition to her husband are son Thomas Cast and his wife Maricela; daughters: Jennifer Cast Galán and her husband Manny, Jennifer Metz-Walsch and her husband Michael, Amy Lynn Whalen Metz; brother Eric Sprenger and his wife Barbara LeVan; sister Cyndi Sprenger; nieces: Brie, Tyne, Yustine, Emma Rose; nephew Duncan; grandchildren: Tyler, Carter, Jacen, Logan, Penny, Dylan, Peyton, Noah and Fia.

The family will receive friends on November 10th from 12-2pm at Haight Funeral Home & Chapel, 6416 Sykesville Road, Sykesville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Carroll Hospital Foundation in her name. <http://www.carrollhospitalcenter.org/Giving>

Events

NOV **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Haight Funeral Home & Chapel P.A.
6416 Sykesville Road P.O. Box 195, Sykesville, MD, US, 21784

Comments



“ Lavender Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. Claudia Ellen Whalen.



November 10, 2018 at 07:38 AM



“ Losing a loved one is never easy, especially one so special to many. Please know others share your pain. Keeping all who loved and miss her in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy. Love Edna & Gary Naill



Edna & Gary Naill - November 10, 2018 at 07:12 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Claudia Ellen Whalen.



November 09, 2018 at 02:00 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Claudia Ellen Whalen.



November 09, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ I have only known Claudia for the last few years. We had the opportunity to spend time together, and I really cherished our conversations. Claudia was so loving and generous to all living things. She dearly loved her family, dogs, outside animals and flowers. She told me many stories of her childhood, ancestors, the cabin, the Southwest, and family. I even learned a few travel tips. I will miss her greatly. My sincere condolences to her family, including cousin Bar. I hope your many wonderful memories bring comfort to you during this sad time. We celebrate Claudia and know that her legacy of love and service will continue with her children and grandchildren.
Lynn Breeding

Lynn Breeding - November 08, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ JoeyDCares Rock Orchestra and Awesome Kids Program purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mrs. Claudia Ellen Whalen.



JoeyDCares Rock Orchestra and Awesome Kids Program - November 08, 2018 at 07:53 AM



“ Brittney Stafford & Andrea Ream purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Mrs. Claudia Ellen Whalen.



Brittney Stafford & Andrea Ream - November 07, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Claudia Ellen Whalen.



November 07, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ Mr & Mrs Ron Cast purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mrs. Claudia Ellen Whalen.



Mr & Mrs Ron Cast - November 06, 2018 at 05:14 PM



“ Ken and family, I am SO sorry to hear of Claudia's passing. My experiences with Claudia were always pleasant, she was a real lady and a loving and supportive partner and mother. I particularly love how supportive she was of the rec council and everything you have done for South Carroll, Ken. I don't know if I can be there for the celebration of life, but I can assure you that you all are in Vivian and my prayers. We love you all! Jed and Vivian Davis

Jed Davis - November 05, 2018 at 03:23 PM



“ Cousin Bar purchased the Red Leaf Japanese Maple for the family of Mrs. Claudia Ellen Whalen.



Cousin Bar - November 04, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ It has been my great joy, honor & privilege to have worked closely with Claudia's dear husband, Ken for approximately 10 years. Whenever my paths crossed with Claudia, I always viewed it as an important opportunity to speak with her about the high gratitude that I had for the entire Whalen family. Claudia always responded with much graciousness. Certainly Claudia's life of consistent love, solidarity, and ministry to others will live on in the lives of her precious children and grandchildren. They will always remember, with much joy & gratitude, the years that they shared with this remarkable husband & wife team.

Loren Lustig

Loren Lustig - November 02, 2018 at 07:54 PM



“ Grace purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Claudia Ellen Whalen.



Grace - November 02, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ For the family of Claudia Whalen;

It has been an amazing joy, honor and privilege to have worked over the past 10 years with Claudia's dear husband, Ken. I always appreciated the opportunity to speak to Claudia about how truly grateful I was for his leadership role in my life. Claudia always responded with much graciousness. Her love for Ken and the entire Whalen family always blessed my heart. Despite her medical burden, she consistently encouraged those (including me) who crossed her path. Her living and ongoing legacy will be seen for years in the lives of her children and grand children.

Loren Lustig
Carroll Co. Rec. & Parks

Loren Lustig - November 02, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ Kristin has such a special friendship with the Whalen-Cast family. Our two families have been united in a special friendship for over 30 years. I am honored to have know Claudia and her family. I will always cherish the times she and I sat in a corner at family gatherings and talked mostly about our children and later in life her grandchildren. Her sense of humor and love of life will be missed by all who knew her. Fly high Claudia! We will miss you dearly, but know we have another angel watching over us !



Christine Kindilien - November 02, 2018 at 08:33 AM