



Mrs. Colleen C. Lofrese

October 27, 1928 - October 14, 2018

Colleen Cuddy Lofrese Middletown NY

With heavy hearts we remember Colleen Lofrese of Middletown, New York, who passed peacefully at the age of 89 on October 14, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in 1928 in Matamoros, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William Thomas Cuddy and Mildred Blackman.

In her early years, Colleen taught piano in the Middletown and Wurtsboro area. In childhood, she studied locally and later with teachers in New York City. She also studied keyboard harmony at the Juilliard school of music, later teaching several of her children to play the piano. Colleen emphasized education in the raising of her family, helping send 6 of her children through college.

Colleen was always interested in genealogy and in 1976 became certified by the Board for Certification of Genealogists in Washington D.C. She was a Certified Genealogical Record Specialist for 30 years until 2006. She was a member of the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, The Orange County Historical Society, the Minisink Valley Historical Society, the National Geological Society, and the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society. She loved to travel with her husband of 70 years, Louis A. Lofrese, Sr., visiting several places around the world, including China, Russia, Egypt and Europe.

Colleen is survived by her husband and 7 children; Claire Lofrese of Beacon, New York; Daniel Lofrese and his wife Helene, of Middletown, New York; April Bickmore of Santa Barbara California; Laurie Mitnick and her husband , Dan, of Bradenton, Florida; Douglas Lofrese of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey; Louis Lofrese , Jr. and his wife, Alexandra, of Danville, California; and James Lofrese and his wife, Wendy, of Wawayanda, New York.

She is also survived by 11 grandchildren: Daniel Jr. and wife Camellia of Reno , Nevada; Christopher and wife Ariana of Rye Brook, New York; Connor and Abigail of Wawayanda, New York; Jillian, Shea, and MacKenzie of Salt Lake City, Utah; Alexandra of Astoria, New York; and Nicholas, Joseph, and Jacob of Danville, California. Colleen is also survived by one great-grandchild, Colden Christopher of Rye Brook, New York.

She was predeceased by 2 brothers: James and William Cuddy.

Donations in lieu of flowers are requested by the family to be made to Orange County Genealogical Society 101 Main Street, Goshen, New York 10924- attention Treasurer or to the Middletown Historical Society P.O. Box 34 Middletown, New York 10940

There will be a visitation held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 from 4 to 8PM . A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Joseph Church Middletown, NY on Friday, October 19, 2018 at 11:00AM followed by burial at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of Martinez-Morse Funeral Home 33 Railroad Ave Middletown NY 10940 845-343-6918. Messages of Condolence can be left for the family at www.morsefuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

149 Cottage Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Previous Events

Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church
149 Cottage Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Tribute Wall



“ *Martinez Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Colleen C. Lofrese*



Martinez Funeral Homes - October 18, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ *117 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Martinez Funeral Homes - October 18, 2018 at 09:33 AM

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“ *I have many fond memories of your parents and mine sharing cocktails while we ran wild through the rest of the house and tossed footballs in the backyard. She was a great lady and her passing will be mourned by the Grifo family.*

Daniel Grifo - October 17, 2018 at 12:29 PM

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“ *Jean Rider (Marasco) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Colleen C. Lofrese*



Jean Rider (Marasco) - October 16, 2018 at 06:13 PM

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Love to all my cousins at a difficult time

Jean Rider (Marasco) - October 16, 2018 at 06:14 PM

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I shall always smile when thinking of our tailgate - the first one - at Met Life Stadium - and the great picture they took of three generations of the Lofrese Family. Our thoughts & prayers are with all.....Love, Mary Ellen & John Pilkington

Mary Ellen Pilkington - October 18, 2018 at 08:55 AM