



Karilyn Ann Drago

March 4, 1962 - August 7, 2021

Retired Suffolk County police officer Karilyn Drago (formally McLoughlin), age 59 of Sayville, NY was called home on August 7, 2021 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She died peacefully at home in the arms of her husband William and daughter Caitrin. She is remembered with love by her parents Marilyn and Anthony Zurick, brother Anthony Zurick and his wife Laurie, sister Colleen Heppler and her husband Scott, niece and nephew Ashley and Ethan Zurick, and grandson Declan McLoughlin.

A Long Island native, Karilyn was a beach lover and spent a lot of time with her toes in the sand. The beaches and restaurants of Long Island's south shore and Fire Island were some of her favorite places. She loved to cook and prepared an impressive dinner including hors d'oeuvres every Saturday night.

Karilyn graduated from Connetquot High School in 1980 and planned a career in medicine. After earning a bachelor's degree in biology from State University of New York in New Paltz in 1985 her plans took an unexpected turn when at the suggestion of her father she took the Suffolk County police exam and became a police officer, a job she was very proud of. Karilyn retired in 2009 after 20 years on the job and with new found time on her hands took up knitting and became more active in her local parish at Saint John Nepomucene in Bohemia.

Knitting became a passion and after a few years of practice she was turning out gloves, scarfs, and sweaters that turned heads wherever she went. At

Saint John Karilyn was a lector and lay Eucharistic minister. After completing a three year course with the Pastoral Formation Institute she led the Women's Spiritual Growth group for two years following. Her work in that role was admired and touched many lives.

Karilyn continued to knit and remained active at St. John until moving to North Carolina in March of this year to be closer to family. Unfortunately it was about this time her cancer became untreatable and then ultimately took her from us. Karilyn was pure in heart and lived an honest life. Her depth of faith, kindness, and generosity is hard to match, yet inspiring. Although her place in heaven is untimely, it is well deserved. She will be missed by many.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 11 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 PM on Thursday, August 12 at St. Therese Catholic Church, Mooresville. The broadcast can be accessed LIVE from this page on our website: <https://www.sainttherese.net/mass-livestream> Livestream start time: 11:57am and Livestream end time: 1:20pm

Viewers should scroll down the page and click the arrow in the center of the StreamSpot viewer to start watching the stream (It will say "Live" in the upper left corner beginning at 11:57am).

To access the broadcast after the funeral: The broadcast can also be watched from the Mass Livestream page on our website for 1 week after the funeral has ended. Viewers will need to click in the StreamSpot viewer, then click the option for "Previous Broadcasts." From there, use the arrows to scroll through the broadcasts to get to the funeral and then click the picture to play the broadcast.

Burial will follow the service at Glenwood Memorial Park, Mooresville. For those who are unable to attend the graveside, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://www.facebook.com/CavinCookFuneralHomeServices/>

In lieu of flowers donations to Tunnel to Towers Foundation in Karilyn's name are appreciated.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Drago family.
Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

AUG 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Funeral Service

AUG 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Therese Catholic Church
217 Brawley School Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Graveside Service

AUG 12. 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM.

Glenwood Memorial Park

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. From our discussions at work, I know how special Karilyn was to you and will always be. I am thinking of you in this difficult time. Tom Marynowski*

Tom Marynowski - August 11, 2021 at 09:45 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Karilyn's family. My name is Helen Sidoti and I was in PFI with Karilyn. What a beautiful person Karilyn was. We spent every week together as a group and had the most wonderful spiritual journey. I admired her stories she shared when she was a police officer. She shared loving stories of her daughter and husband, she loved you both so much.*

helen - August 11, 2021 at 02:02 PM

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William Drago - August 11, 2021 at 08:35 AM

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“ *Saturday afternoons at Rummies, sitting at our back table (backs always to the wall), surrounded by our S&B peeps...good times that I will never forget my dearest friend. Until we meet again, save me a seat at heavens back table...Always your Sister in Blue, Donna*

Donna Schulze - August 10, 2021 at 07:21 PM



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Denise Thureau - August 10, 2021 at 04:20 PM



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Patrick Klos - August 10, 2021 at 10:22 AM



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Patrick Klos - August 10, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ The Campanelli Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Karilyn Ann Drago.



The Campanelli Family - August 09, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Karilyn Ann Drago*.



August 09, 2021 at 11:16 AM