



## Barbara Caraceni

January 7, 1938 - August 8, 2012

Barbara (Bruno) Caraceni, 74, beloved wife of Joseph Caraceni of West Hartford, died on August 8, 2012. Born in Bronx, NY, the daughter of the late Raymond and Aurora (Silvagni) Bruno, she made her home in West Hartford for almost 40 years. Barbara graduated from Mt. St. Ursula, Bronx, NY, attended Our Lady of Mercy College, NY. She worked as a real estate agent in the West Hartford area for over 30 years. Her passion for music led her to become a founding member and president of the West Hartford Symphony Orchestra and a loyal patron of The Hartford Opera. She was an avid bridge player, playing with numerous groups, a member of the Hartford Bridge Club reaching the rank of Regional Master. She was dedicated to her Catholic faith and became a Eucharistic Minister. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she will be missed by all. Besides her husband of 54 years, she is survived by her two children, Thomas Caraceni and his wife Leslie of Framingham, MA, Cynthia Retallick and her husband Richard of West Hartford; her grandchildren, Amanda, Joseph, Andrew, Elizabeth, Tristan and Jake; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Adrian and Roberta Caraceni, Barbara and Ron Hawes, Rosanna Caraceni and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her sister Joanne Marra and her brother Raymond Bruno. The funeral will be Saturday, August 11, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St., West Hartford. A reception will follow in the parish center. Burial will be private and there are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made Palliative Care at Hartford

Hospital, 80 Seymour St., Hartford, CT 06102.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Claver Church  
47 Pleasant St.  
West Hartford, CT 06107

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ *My condolences to the Caracenis and Retallicks. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mary Lawlor*

**Mary Lawlor** - August 25, 2012 at 08:39 PM

NC

“ *Nancy C. sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Caraceni*



**Nancy C.** - August 11, 2012 at 03:49 PM

SZ

“ *Dear Cynthia, Richard, Andrew and Libby,  
I was so shocked to see this news, and very much saddened.  
Barbara always made me feel special, welcome and someone she wanted to be around - I bet she did that for everyone she met. The rest of the family and I send you our best thoughts and hope that this time is one of fond memories and love more than sorrow.  
Stevie, Chris, Kit and Maya Z*

**Stevie Zimmerman** - August 11, 2012 at 11:13 AM

ME

“ *We join with you in prayers of Thanksgiving for Barbara's life and loving spirit. With much love from all the Estills*

**Madeline Estill** - August 10, 2012 at 09:33 PM

ES

“ Dear Joseph, Cynthia, and Thomas - God's peace be with you at this difficult and sad time. Joseph, I still remember your taking Barbara to see my grandmother on Bainbridge Ave., before you were married. To this day, I remember thinking how pretty she was. It is so obvious that her beauty wasn't simply outward, but came from within. You will remain in my prayers. With love, Eileen & Joe Smith

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**Eileen Bentz Smith** - August 10, 2012 at 12:39 PM

IS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Barbara's family and friends. I previously volunteered with Barbara on the West Hartford Symphony Orchestra...she was so kind, generous, compassionate and always with a smile on her face. She will be missed by many.

~Isa Squicciarini

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**Isa Squicciarini** - August 10, 2012 at 11:05 AM

MM

“ Cindy,

Words cannot express my sorrow at the news of your mom's passing. She was a generous lady, always a "Welcome" on her lips, a gracious hostess. My deepest sympathy to you and your family, especially your dad and brother.

Mark Molloy

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**Mark Molloy** - August 10, 2012 at 10:41 AM



“ *Exotic Grace was purchased for the family of Barbara Caraceni.*



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August 10, 2012 at 08:59 AM



“ *"No more shall quiver down the days  
The flowing wonder of her ways..."*

*Our deep sorrow for all who knew and loved Barbara -*

*Fracentese Family*

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**Anthony Fracentese** - August 09, 2012 at 07:07 PM



“ *Dear Tom, Cynthia, Mr Caraceni, and the rest of the famiy: Your mom was a wonderful woman who will be deary missed. Our thoughts ad prayers are with you during this most difficult time. With sincere sympathy, Lynn (Corsini) & Bill Volpe*

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**lynn corsini** - August 09, 2012 at 07:03 PM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy on the loss of your Mother. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Barbara and Bill Rafferty*

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**Barbara Rafferty** - August 09, 2012 at 02:42 PM

TS

“ *Mr. Caraceni, Tom and Cynthia,  
Keeping this lovely lady, and you all, in my prayers.  
With sincerest sympathy,  
Terri-Ann (Trifari) Sands*

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**Terri-Ann Sands** - August 09, 2012 at 02:22 PM

TB

“ *The Men Of Bushido purchased the Basket of Me  
mories for the family of Barbara Caraceni.*



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**The Men Of Bushido** - August 09, 2012 at 12:50 PM

KS

“ *We are very sorry for your family's loss. Your mom was a beautiful  
vibrant lady who we always enjoyed seeing. We hope your many  
happy memories bring comfort during these difficult days.*

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**Kathy and Bob Scanlon** - August 09, 2012 at 12:34 PM

RP

“ *Our deepest sympathy. You will be missed. The West Hartford  
Symphony Orchestra*

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**Ron Reisner, President** - August 09, 2012 at 10:12 AM

TB

“ Thank you for being kind to me Aunty  
Barbara. Tommy



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**Tommy Blanco** - August 09, 2012 at 10:07 AM

TC

“ God bless you mom! I love you and miss you! Your son

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**Thomas Caraceni** - August 09, 2012 at 09:43 AM