



## Caroline D. Rodonis

April 26, 2008

Caroline Pugliese Rodonis was called home on April 26th, after a noble battle. Carol leaves behind her adoring husband Stephen, and two children, Eric age 8 and Sara age 5. She also leaves her loving family which includes her mother and father Antoinette and Augustino Pugliese, her sister and brother-in-law Teresa and Ross Suber, and her brother Joseph. Throughout her 44 years, Carol touched many lives and leaves behind a long legacy of love. She taught kindergarten, first and second grades for 13 years in the Windsor Public School system before settling down to raise a family. She was an exceptionally devoted mother, wife, daughter, and sister who did her best to please those she loved most. We would like to thank the West Hartford community for its outpouring of love, the staff at Sage Park Middle School of Windsor, and all the wonderful doctors, nurses, and staff of the 6th floor of John Dempsey Medical Center who provided the best medical care with compassion. All are invited to join in the celebration of her life at her Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. on Friday May 2nd in the Church of St. Peter Claver 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Donations in her memory may be directed to the Rodonis Children's Educational Fund, Sovereign Bank, Attention Mary S. Chase, 1010 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT 06107. Online messages of remembrance may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Carol. I just heard about it today. Carol and I were best friends growing up in EH. She lived down the street from me. She is a beautiful person!! The last time I saw Carol was when Teresa was playing at the Community Center in EH. I would love to e-mail Teresa. Could you please e-mail me her e-mail and address. Thank you!!!! Cindy Egan(Fries)  
cegan1962@sbcglobal.net  
God Bless you and your beautiful family

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Cindy Egan - September 11, 2012 at 08:30 PM



“ To the family, I knew Mrs. Rodonis when she was still Ms. Pugliese and she was my kindergarten teacher, which was 12 years ago. She was a wonderful person and always had the best outlook on things. I am very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Lizzy Sanborn##imported-end##

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June 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Rodonis Family-

I am so sorry for your terrible loss. I remember Ms. Pugliese very well from Clover Street School. She taught my sister in kindergarten. She was the kindest and most loving teacher. I will always remember her warm smile and her hugs.##imported-begin##Lorah Kowal##imported-end##

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June 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Steve and Family,  
Our hearts are with you. Remember, as Barklay and Eve always say, "We can get through ANYTHING with the love and support of our family and friends!"  
Feel free to call anytime 563-5677. I'd love to hear from you.  
Warmly,  
Karen Carney and "Barklay and Eve"##imported-begin##Karen Carney##imported-end##

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May 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To all the Pugliese family and extensions:  
  
I am saddened by the loss of a beautiful smile, and by the temporary loss of your own. With love and respect,  
  
Payton W Havard##imported-begin##Payton Havard##imported-end##

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May 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve, It was an awe inspiring experience to be entrusted with caring for your family. Through daily miracles and the love of your friends, we were able to walk with you through this tough time. Our kids have grown up together and our families will always be intertwined. Caroline was a devoted friend who taught me the meaning of generosity and selfless love.##imported-begin##Susan T. Keller##imported-end##

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May 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve: If you remember the Holby's kids now 22,24 & 26 I can assure you they all remember Caroline and all the love, kindness and passion she shared with them. You have our prayers and thoughts...we remember what a wonderful person she was and what a teacher. When she shared her sisters music...we knew her heart was with her family first. Peace. Rita & Mark Holby###imported-begin##Rlta & Mark Holby###imported-end##

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May 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Rodonis was a wonderful teacher and loving human being. My children Julianne and Christopher Romanstill remember their time spent with Ms Pugliese at Clover Street School. Peace and strength to her family. The Roman Family###imported-begin##Susan Roman###imported-end##

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May 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We were very saddened to hear about your loss. Mrs. Rodonis was a wonderful teacher and lovely person. We have thought of her fondly throughout the years as we have watched our children grow. She helped make them the great kids there are. We shall always remember her sweet smile and gentle manner.###imported-begin##William, Susan, Christopher and Julianne Roman###imported-end##

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May 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Rodonis Family,

*I was a student of Clover Street Elem. from '91-'95. During my free periods I would spend time "assisting" in Ms. Pugliese's at the timeclass. I will always remember weekend pizza parties, watching Man in the Moon with her, and shining the spotlight on her sister during her concerts.*

*Her kindness towards myself and all of the students of that school will never be forgotten.*

*I'm beyond words, and could never express the sadness and pain I feel for you.*

*She will be forever missed, but never forgotten.##imported-begin##Amanda Moschetto##imported-end##*

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May 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *It is with a heavy heart I write this message. Although I have not seen Carol in many years I will never forget her kindness when Carol and I were just teenagers and I was mourning the death of my mom, there was a knock at the door and it was to my surprise Carol had stopped by with her smiling face to cheer me up. It is with that memory and many others of a loving and caring person that I will carry with me forever. I was deeply saddened to hear of her loss. My deepest sympathy goes out to her family. She will be greatly missed by all.##imported-begin##Joe Modugno##imported-end##*

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May 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Peace to our friend Carol who gave so much love. Gratitude to Steve who endured so much and has been a rock for his family. And love to Eric and Sara.

*Jill, Jim, Aminah and Tammer##imported-begin##Jill McNulty##imported-end##*

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May 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Steve

*Where do I begin with the memories. I remember her wonderful smile and loving ways at Wolcott and I remember the notes you would give me to pass to Caroline when you first met her at Clover Street school . I remember how great it was to work in her room and learn from her. She was so loving and wonderful to the children. I remember your wonderful wedding day. My heart is saddened that you have lost such a loving wife, mother and true friend. My prayers are with you and your children. Know that she is in a better place and will always be watching over you and her beloved children.##imported-begin##Mary Johnson##imported-end##*

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April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Steve & Family,*  
*I first met Carol when I was working as a parish secretary at St. Peter Claver Church. At that time, Eric was in a stroller and she came in to register in the parish. What a lovely woman she was and what an impression she made upon me! Over the years I would see her out in her yard with the children when I took my noon-time walk. She always had a friendly word to say to me. I was so saddened when I learned about her illness several years ago, but tried to keep up with the news of her recovery. I was deeply saddened to read of her passing in the paper. Please know that my prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Linda Wowak##imported-end##*

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April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Caroline's Family,*  
  
*Caroline was a beautiful person inside and out. I met her at Wolcott School many years ago. We hit it off immediately and had many laughs together. I got an email from her last December telling me how she loved Christmas with Eric and Sara. You are all in my thoughts and prayers and I hope that your happy memories will sustain you in your loss and bring you peace. Pat Wahlberg##imported-begin##Pat Wahlberg##imported-end##*

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April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve And Family,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. May you find strength and comfort in the days ahead. God bless you all.*

*My Deepest Sympathy.*

*Ed Sherman*

*MSS.##imported-begin##ED SHERMAN##imported-end##*

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April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Rodonis and Pugliese Families: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of Carol. Carol and I were classmates at EHHS and I have fond memories of her kind heart, warm smile and gentle spirit. You are all in my prayers for Gods comfort, peace and loving care. She will be your special angel...always watching, loving and caring for you all from heaven. God bless you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sharon Russell Klose##imported-end##*

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April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the entire Rodonis/Pugliese family,

*In ways big and small, Carol's life changed our world and left it a better place, and touched too many hearts to ever be forgotten.*

*I met Carol while she was teaching 1st grade at Clover St and I was in 5th grade. She was an amazing friend and taught me so much about friendship, love and family. I feel so blessed to have had her in my life.*

*May you find comfort in knowing how many people share your sadness.##imported-begin##Kate Yohe Zysk##imported-end##*

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April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To Steve and family I am so sorry for your loss if there is any thing you need please call and let me know Caroline will always be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##James Ransom##imported-end##

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April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My friendship with Caroline began on the kindergarten playground at Braeburn and flourished as we shared sending our sons off on their journey into the world. In just a short time, Caroline felt like a best girlfriend that I could sit and talk with so comfortably. We loved sharing stories about the kids, our families and traditions, and even our faith that God has a plan for all of us. Her loving, caring and compassionate soul will certainly be missed by all she touched during her life. When I see Eric and Sara at Braeburn, I see the light of her soul through their eyes and their smiles, and it will shine forever. Steve, please know that you and the children are always in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jeannine Stimson##imported-end##

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April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We were very sad and shocked to see Caroline's Obituary in todays newspaper. We are very sorry we have not been in better contact with you both. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Eric, Sara and the rest of the family.

Our deepest sympathy,  
Bill & Shannon Ransom##imported-begin##William & Shannon Ransom##imported-end##

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April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Caroline's untimely passing. She was a warm and wonderful person who touched so many children's lives. When my daughter Emma went to kindergarten the first year Roger Wolcott was open, Caroline always had a smile on her face and made all the students feel happy to be at school. Emma developed a special penpal relationship with Caroline and was so thrilled when she would get a note from "Mrs. Rodonis". I have many fond memories of my children's time at Wolcott and Caroline was one of the main reasons.

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time and please know Caroline will always remain in our hearts.##imported-begin##Nancy Dulz##imported-end##

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April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ What a bright light we have lost. Caroline impacted so many lives in such a brief time. I knew her as a teacher at Clover Street, and as a friend and colleague of my Mother's at Wolcott. My prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Find peace in knowing that she will be remembered fondly always.##imported-begin##Heather Wilson##imported-end##

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April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gus, Antoinette, Teresa, Ross, Joe, Stephen and children, Words cannot convey the sadness our family shares. Childhood memories of Sundays in East Hartford have been flooding thru our minds, the wonderful times we shared as kids, Carol's infectious laugh and her beauty. Time will never fade those images. May God give you strength to cope with such a terrible loss. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Another precious soul has entered God's kindom. Pray for us Carol, rest in peace.....  
Love,##imported-begin##Teresa Chirico Thornton##imported-end##

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April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Steve, I was so sorry to hear about Caroline. I met her when I first started working at the Wolcott school. She really stood out as a friendly and warm person that always had a smile. I really enjoyed knowing her and will remember your family in my prayers. I believe the memories of your beautiful wife and mother will help you through this sorrowful time. God Bless, Marilyn##imported-begin##Marilyn Bachand-Schneider##imported-end##

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April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve and family and Mr. and Mrs. Pugliese, Teresa and Joe;

*I am heartbroken to hear the news of Carol's illness and her passing. I am so sad for Steve, Eric and Sara to have lost a wife, best friend and mother. I hope Carole is at peace now and will forever be looking down at you and keeping you safe and feeling loved. She will always hold a special place in my heart and I will forever remember the sparkle in her eye. I will keep all of you in my prayers and hope that her beautiful smiling face will help you feel her presence always around you.*

*Love always, Michelle, Ed, Benjamin and Rachel##imported-begin##Michelle Walters Fournier##imported-end##*

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April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Stephen,

*I am sadden to learn of Caroline's passing as we just talked not too long ago about her coming back to CT. I hope you had some time at home here in CT with her. My prayers are with you and your children. Caroline was always a pleasure to meet when she came to the Board office. Fondly, Bonnie Orzechowski##imported-begin##Bonnie Orzechowski##imported-end##*

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April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Teresa*

*We were saddened to read of Caroline's untimely death. We remember her as a beautiful and vivacious young woman who always had a smile on her face. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*

*Love, Barb and Howard##imported-begin##Barbara & Howard Werner##imported-end##*

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April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM