



## Ellen P. Carmichael

December 21, 1961 - June 6, 2011

Ellen Petkaitis Carmichael, 49, beloved wife of Gordon Carmichael of West Hartford, died Monday, June 6, 2011, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born in Manchester, the daughter of Romualda Babaliauskas Petkaitis of West Hartford and the late Albin Petkaitis, she made her home in West Hartford for the past 20 years. Ellen graduated from Fairfield University with a Bachelors degree in Biology and received her PhD from the UConn Health Center in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry. Ellen was an avid sportsman who enjoyed golf, basketball and softball. In recent years her favorite pastime was camping and fishing and she was a friend of Bill W. She most recently established a Facebook page, "Our Moms' Lithuanian Recipes", which has brought people together from the Lithuanian community to share recipes of favorite dishes. She was very proud of how popular this page had become. Besides her husband and mother, she is survived by her two sons, Gregory and Jeffrey Carmichael of West Hartford; her brother Anthony Petkaitis of FL; two sisters, Rita Petkaitis of MA and Irene Cooper of VA; and a special friend Vytautas Zdanys. Celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, June 11 at 3:00 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Donations in her memory may be made to the Humane Society.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Carmichael Family, I was so sad to hear of Ellen's passing. As Gregory's teacher 4th or 5th grade at Norfeldt I came to know Ellen as a warm, caring, and devoted mother who encouraged excellence in her children. I wish I had known about her Lithuanian recipe project as I share that heritage. She is in my prayers as are you all. Mary Ellen Hussey##imported-begin##Mary Ellen Hussey##imported-end##

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June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen, her mother and I spent many afternoons together in high school. Mrs. Petkaitis treated me as a daughter and I have such fond memories of that time, and those delicious meals! I am so very sorry and want to express my sincere sympathy to Gordon, her sons, Mrs. Petkaitis and all her family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Margaret Peggy Laneri##imported-end##

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June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Gordon,  
We were so saddened by the news of this terrible tragedy. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.##imported-begin##Leo Lefrancois & Lynn Puddington##imported-end##

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June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sad to hear of Ellen's passing, She was such an incredibly bright person, a good and decent person with something interesting and positive to share always. She spoke highly of her two sons, I hope they know she will always be with them and give them the strength and guts it takes in this world. She sure knew her football too. Godspeed and keep an eye on all of us, Ellen.##imported-begin##Charley Whittaker##imported-end##

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June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Gordon: I'm deeply saddened by this terrible news. My thoughts are with you and your family. Jeff##imported-begin##Jeff Hoch##imported-end##

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June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss seeing Ellen, positive and smiling - another Ellen##imported-begin##EllenBent##imported-end##

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June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Having just met Ellen through the Facebook group she started, I can only imagine how hard it is for her family and friends! Clearly she was a generous person who enjoyed life!!! She will be remembered fondly by me and many others I'm sure! Amzina atilsi Ellen!##imported-begin##Laima Dambrauskas##imported-end##

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June 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Gordon,  
*While I have not seen Ellen in many years, I will always remember her as a member of the first really good, large class of graduate students, and how much she was involved in urging them to come to UCHC with her.*  
*You have all of Barbara's and my sympathy.*

*Peter##imported-begin##peter setlow##imported-end##*

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June 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Gordon, I am deeply saddened to hear of Ellen's passing. I have such fond memories of Ellen from her graduate school days with my brother David. She meant so much to him then and always. My thoughts are with all of you. With my condolences,*  
*Margi##imported-begin##Margi Goldstein##imported-end##*

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June 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our heart felt simpathy to Gorden her sons and her mother Roma.*  
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*k.zdanys##imported-end##*

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June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I want to provide condolences to Ellen's loved ones. I was saddened to read about Ellen's passing. Ellen was one of my first friends as she lived only a few houses away when we were little kids. I used to like playing in her backyard. She even gave me some of her clothes that did not fit and I remember I was wearing a pair of pants from her when I was stung by a bumblebee. We only hung around for a brief period of time and thus, I had no idea what she had been up to - but after reading her obituary, I noticed she was up to a LOT. She was quite an accomplished and intelligent person and it seems she had a lot to have been proud of. Again, I am sorry for the loss of your loved one.##imported-begin##Jeanne Brennan Coleman##imported-end##

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June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen and I were best friends growing up..I'm only sorry that we lost touch. My heart goes out to Gordon, Gregory and Jeffrey. Please accept my sincere condolences and prayers for her.##imported-begin##Kim Broughal Rutherford##imported-end##

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June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen had a kind smile and a helping hand for anyone who needed it. She never took on any airs although she had a keen mind and extensive education. I am truly sad to hear of her loss and I pray for strength and peace for her family to get through this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Charlie Basil##imported-end##

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June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Ellen in the rooms. I remember her sharing of her family and especially her boys. It was always a pleasure to hear her share. We'll miss her.##imported-begin##Larry Wild##imported-end##

June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen is one of those unforgettable women. Always smiling and forever positive, no matter the situation. I send prayers of comfort for Gordon and "the boys", as Ellen was fond of referring to them. Sad does not describe the loss. She was a great friend to all. xoxox##imported-begin##Marian Hewett##imported-end##

June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My dearest Elyte.... Rest In Peace... I knew you just a few wonderful months, but you will ALWAYS have a place in my heart. I miss you....##imported-begin##Milda##imported-end##

June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen was a gem, and her FB page will live on. God Bless##imported-begin##Kattie Tarvid##imported-end##

June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I "met" Ellen through FB and enjoyed her comments, pictures and Lithuanian recipes. She was a warm and welcoming woman and it's a great tragedy that she was taken from her family and friends. Please accept my sincere condolences and prayers for her.##imported-begin##Sandra Abramovich##imported-end##

June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear family and friends,  
I was honoured to meet Ellen through FB and am proud to say I was one of her first recruits. We spoke via email several times, and thought how I would love to meet her in person as we felt we were kindred spirits. My sincerest condolences to her husband, children and all the others who were lucky enough to touch her life.  
Irena Simanavicius###imported-begin###irene  
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June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences to your family for your loss. As a member of Ellen's Facebook group "Our Moms' Lithuanian Recipes" her passion, enthusiasm, and her friendship will be missed by all. We will work hard to make her proud of what she started and we will all contribute our family Lithuanian recipes to keep it going in her honour. Even though many of us never knew her personally, her loss has touched us all. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad time.###imported-begin###Ina  
Radziunas###imported-end###

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June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My Heartfelt Prayers for Gregory and Jeff for the loss of there Incredible MOM! I know I will Miss her BIG smile, and her uncanny way of always saying something Positive about anything! Ellen we Love You and we will never forget you!###imported-begin###Nancy  
OBrien###imported-end###

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