



Joyce Yeske

February 9, 1941 - September 29, 2009

YESKE, Joyce

Joyce Yeske, 68, a former chaplin for Hospice at Masonic Care in Wallingford, died Tuesday, Sept. 28 in West Hartford. Joyce was known in hospice as "The lady with the Harp". Born in New Britain, she was the daughter of the late William and Lillian Brause Yeske, she had lived in West Hartford the past five years, moving here from New Haven. Joyce earned her Bachelor's Degree from St. Joseph College in West Hartford and her Masters of Divinity Degree from Yale University. She was an accomplished musician having mastered the Viola, Violin and the Harp which she had the distinct honor of playing in the Governors Mansion. She had played with the State Philharmonic Orchestra. She was an Associate of the Sisters of Mercy for over 20 years, Connecticut Council Hospice, and Connecticut Harp Association. She golfed and played in several state tournament s during the time she resided in Florida. Joyce was a strong advocate for anyone in need. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Darlene Rose Yeske of West Hartford, a sister Ruth Kurtz and her husband Michael of Southington, a brother David Yeske of West Hartford, her Aunt Dorothy Czarnota and her husband Larry of Southington, her cousin Cynthia Miller and her husband Bob of New Britain, her nephews Peter Kurtz and wife Debby of Southington, Matthew Kurtz and wife Sara of Middlebury, VT, Tim Kritz and wife Karen of Southington, and John Jake Kritz and wife Sandy of Burlington, Mark Yeske and wife Holly of Bristol, Daniel Yeske of Bristol, William Yeske and wife Darlene of Torrington, Nieces Sarah Kritz of Cromwell,

Susan Yeske Bermonte of Goshen, their mother Dorilda. Special great nieces Rachael and Leah Kurtz of Southington, Michael, Abby , Jim, Kelly Kritz also survive her. She will be missed by all who knew her and whose presence she has touched. "Aunt Joyce, keep your fork in your right hand!" The family would like to extend sincere thanks to Father Cody and Maureen Brouillard of the Church of St Timothy, the Hebrew Home in West Hartford, Rabbi Gary Lavit, The Hebrew Health Hospice team especially Christine, Kat, Kate, Lia, Jill and Chris, Sr. Grace of the Sisters of Mercy, and her devoted friend Shirley Gamble-Cordes. Friends may call Saturday October 3, 2009 at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Famington Ave, West Hartford beginning at 8:30 am followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in the Church of St.Timothy, 1116 North Main St, West Hartford at 10 AM . There will be a private burial at the family discretion at a later date. A Scholarship fund in Joyce's memory has been established at the Hartt School of Music for string instruments. Contributions can be sent to; University of Hartford – Hartt School 200 Bloomfield Ave. West Hartford, CT 06117. To leave an online message of sympathy or for directions please visit.www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ I will always remember Joyce for her kindness, her love of music and the joy that she brought to all she came in contact with. I mostly will remember how she enjoyed going to the flower shows with her friend Shirley. How they both enjoyed that!##imported-begin##Linda Hill##imported-end##

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“ Joyce is, of course, known as a kind and gentle soul to all of us- but I also remember her as very tenacious, a adventurous, and with a great sense of humor! Joyce also played the harp at my wedding, so she will always be remembered as a part of the best day of my life!##imported-begin##Megan Dahl-Hartenstein##imported-end##

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“ I only worked with Joyce for a couple of years, and she was a lovely lady who always had time to say hello to me and ask how I was. On my first day on the job, Joyce made me feel so welcome. She had a big smile on her face and just made me feel at ease. She was a loving, gentle soul who always cared about everyone. I will miss her smile and the wonderful talks that we had and I am so grateful to have had the honor and privilege of knowing and working with Joyce. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Jeanne Grillo##imported-end##

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“ Dear Darlene,

My thoughts and prayers go out to you and other members of your family on the death of your mother Joyce. She was an important part of my chaplaincy program at Gaylord Hospital several years ago, and we have had other professional contacts since. At her request, she had been on my prayer list for the last many months. She brought music and hope to the many people who were touched by her ministry.

John A. Carr

Former Chaplain at Gaylord Hospital###imported-begin##The Rev. John A. Carr###imported-end##

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“ *I worked with Joyce for 9 years at Masonic Home Health and Hospice. Joyce touched so many peoples lives with her gifts of prayer and music. She brought healing to so many at a difficult time of loss and grief. Joyce was admired and respected by her colleagues as well. It was a pleasure and an honor to work so closely with her and to witness her gifts in action. She is sorely missed and will never be forgotten. May her family find peace in knowing that she is at peace now. I am sure she was greeted with " Well done my good and faithful servant." Peace be with her family especially Rose whom she loved so dearly. Jacqueline Whitehead Hospice Social Worker###imported-begin##Jacqueline Whitehead###imported-end##*

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“Joyce was a loving, wonderful, spiritual person who loved God and Family and especially, Rose. Her physical presence will be missed by those of us who remain on earth. She is at peace and rest now with God in Heaven. She remains near to us in our hearts and minds and souls. Peace and Love to her family and friends...”
##imported-begin##Maureen Brouillard##imported-end##

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“Besides being my treasured friend, Joyce's contributions to the Masonicare Health Center's Celebration of Memories Services touched many lives in their time of need. Her skilled playing of the harp and her creative poetry on the service theme were meaningful to all. She was God's blessing to all who knew her.”
##imported-begin##Chaplain Anne P. Baltzell##imported-end##

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“Darlene,
It has been many years since I have seen you and your mom, and have thought of you two over the years. Your mom always had the smile on her face and always welcomed your friends into her home. She always made me feel like part of your family. She will be truly missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love
Diane Tetro Kennedy##imported-begin##Diane Tetro Kennedy##imported-end##

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“Joyce was beautiful, inside and out. Her music and her gentle way will always be an inspiration. She contributed so much to her work at Masonicare and cared deeply for her hospice clients. She never turned down a request and would help if it was within her power.
##imported-begin##Pat Kalinauskas##imported-end##

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