



## Phyllis Colturi Rubera

January 21, 2013

Phyllis Colturi Rubera, 82, passed away peacefully on Monday morning after several days of visits with loving family members. In life her many lessons of love, family and faith were shared with all. In death the lesson was one of optimism, courage and gratitude for the gift of a wonderful life. Phyllis was proud to be a graduate of St. Joseph's College in West Hartford and spent her entire career in education as a teacher at Fred D. Wish Elementary School in Hartford's North End. She loved opera, poetry and to her husband's great satisfaction, sports, especially the Boston Red Sox. In retirement she spent time with her beloved husband Joseph, surrounded by family and friends at their dream home at Black Point Beach, in Niantic. After his passing she devoted her time to her church, St. Agnes, where she became a Eucharistic Minister bringing communion to shut-ins. She leaves behind a devoted and loving family whose lives were richer because of her. She is survived by her children; Joseph and his wife Merilou Rubera of Canton, Marc Rubera of Hebron, and Theresa Giannitti of Niantic. Her grandchildren; Peter, Laura and Marc Giannitti. As well as a sister Patricia Kenney, and a sister in law Isabella Russo, and many nieces, nephews and friends. Her calling hours will be held on Friday, January 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. Funeral services will be Saturday, January 26 at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home with the celebration of a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Burial will be in Mount St. Benedict

Cemetery, Bloomfield.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd  
Bloomfield, CT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

## Service

JAN 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
872 Farmington Ave.  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 233-8269

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *To the Rubera Family:*

*Jocelyn and I are always behind in reading the newspapers so did not learn of your mother's passing until yesterday.*

*Phyllis is through with the trial and tribulations of this world and has arrived in Heaven just in time to watch the Super Bowl with the gang--Joe, Geno, Irv, and Bob.*

*She will be sadly missed by us, but we look forward to seeing her again in the after life.*

*The Rose Beyond the Wall*

*A rose once grew where all could see, sheltered beside a garden wall, and as the days passed swiftly by, it spread its branches, straight and tall...*

*One day, a beam of light shone through a crevice that had opened wide--The rose bent gently toward its warmth, then passed beyond to the other side...*

*Now, you who deeply feel its loss, be comforted--the rose blooms there--Its beauty ever greater now, nurtured by God's own loving care.*

*Expressing heartfelt sympathy in the loss that you must bear. May you find some comfort in the thought that others care.*

*With warm wishes -- Doris and Jocelyn Johnson*

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**Jocelyn Johnson** - January 30, 2013 at 10:08 AM

JJ

“ *Jocelyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Colturi Rubera*



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**Jocelyn Johnson** - January 30, 2013 at 10:02 AM

JW

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Phyllis's passing. Just heard the news today. She was a 'later in life' good friend of my Mom, Peg Jusyk whom I lost in June. They sure enjoyed each others company over a glass of wine at the beach. I had the pleasure of meeting her and she was so kind to me after my Mom passed away. I was so appreciative of their friendship, she was a great comfort to my Mother after my Dad passed away a few yr's ago. They had great conversations, my Mother's career was in education as well and she was involved at St. Agnes too. My heart goes out to you all. You had a wonderful Mother and she'll always be with you in spirit and in all of those life lessons she taught you. Take good care of yourselves. Sincerely, Jacy Worth*

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**Jacy Worth** - January 28, 2013 at 04:23 PM

SW

“ *Condolences to the Rubera family. May loving memories fill your heart with comfort and joy. Be assured of God's love. (1 Peter 5:7)*

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**Shannon Williams** - January 25, 2013 at 11:29 AM

ML

“ I am so sorry for your loss of mother and grandmother, a person who made a great impact on the lives of those around her. Peter, Merilou and Joe, you are on my heart during this time of grief and sorrow.

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**Marcia LaReau** - January 25, 2013 at 10:22 AM

MK

“ The family of Arline and Mark Kalagidis of Lexington, SC, in-laws of Joe Rubera who is married to their daughter Merilou, wish to express their sincere condolences to all the family members and friends of dear Phyllis who we came to know very well along with her predeceased husband Joe. We experienced their warm and loving invitation, fellowship, hospitality and to be a part of her extended family over the many past years. God Has richly blessed all of us with the privilege of being related to them through our daughter and her husband Joe Bill Rubera. We will miss her ,but are comforted to know she is with her Lord and all who have gone before her.

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**Memorial (Mark) Kalagidis** - January 25, 2013 at 08:59 AM

EG

“ Elisa Giannitti purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Phyllis Colturi Rubera.



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**Elisa Giannitti** - January 25, 2013 at 07:46 AM

EG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and the family.

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**Elisa Giannitti** - January 25, 2013 at 07:36 AM

BH

“ *My love and prayers to a very special family at this most difficult time.,  
Fondly,  
Barbara Heneghan*

Barbara Heneghan - January 24, 2013 at 08:36 PM



“ *We are so deeply saddened to here of the passing of Aunt Phyllis. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of grief for the loss of one so loved by so many. Your Mother, Grand Mother and Mother in law will always remain in our hearts and will forever be etched in our memories as a women of great character, who shall truly be missed. The Russo, Neale and Zila Families.*

Kathleen Russo - January 24, 2013 at 07:10 PM

PS

“ *Pupil Services at Hall High School purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Phyllis Colturi Rubera.*



Pupil Services at Hall High School - January 24, 2013 at 04:07 PM

VG

“ *We are deeply sorry to hear about your loss. Our hearts & thoughts are with you in this time. And may the peace that comes from the memories of her love, comfort you now and in the days ahead.*



Vickie Giannitti - January 23, 2013 at 09:31 PM

KT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Phyllis was a grand woman with such vitality, passion, and love of life and family. She always made me smile. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Kathy Tremblay** - January 23, 2013 at 08:12 AM

SG

“ Rubera & Giannitti Family - I am sorry for the loss of such a wonderful woman. I thought of her as my own grandmother and was very grateful to know her. She always welcomed me to her home and made me feel like one of her own. She will be greatly missed by all, but she is now in a better place. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Steven Giannitti** - January 23, 2013 at 07:21 AM

DG

“ Marc- We are so sorry for your loss. Know your mom is now resting peacefully in heaven's clouds as she watches down on her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*The Greenwood's*

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**Dan Greenwood** - January 22, 2013 at 11:36 PM

PM

So sorry for for the loss of cousin Phyllis. She will be missed Ida Margolfo and family

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**paul @ ida margolfo** - January 23, 2013 at 07:08 PM