



Esther Jean Galka

February 11, 1950 - November 27, 2012

Colonie-Esther Jean Galka entered into Eternal Life Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at the age of 62 with her family at her bedside. Born in Albany, she was a resident of Colonie all her life and a 1968 graduate of Colonie Central High School. She was the daughter of the late James and Jean Watson Herbst.

Esther Jean was the former owner of Imperial Hair Salon. After raising four children, she decided to go back to work for places such as the City of Albany Fire Department, Colonie Manor, and South Colonie School till becoming ill in 1995. Esther Jean was past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Albany Elks Lodge 49. She was also a former member of the Eastern Star.

Known to many of her dear friends and family as "Edith" or "E.J.", she will be remembered for the unconditional love and support she provided to everyone, and as a woman who fought and battled her way through illness the past 17 years of her life.

Esther Jean was the beloved wife of 32 years of Dennis E. Galka; cherished mother of Amy Jean Galka (Justin Gershon), Edward M. Galka, Lee D. Galka and the late Jane V. Galka; adored grandmother of and light of her life Michael R. Carlin III; sister-in-law of Josephine Galka; dear adopted mom of Sarah Kuhn Garelick; also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

E.J. enjoyed spending time with her family, but most of all enjoyed the time she got to spend with 'her baby Michael.' Whether it was playing hockey in the kitchen, monster trucks, or with his army men she cherished each of those moments. E.J. enjoyed baking, listening to Anne Murray, and the crafts of Ceramics.

Funeral services Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 9:15 am from the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, now located at 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to St. Pius X Church, Loudonville at 10:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Friday, November 30, 2012 3:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember Esther Jean Galka in a special way may send a contribution to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205

To leave the family a special message, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.LGFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Tribute Wall



“ Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther Jean Galka



Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors - November 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Denny, Amy, Eddie and Lee,

I love your Mom. She had such a strong spirit and has a heart of gold. There was always room in her heart to help another and truly care about another person no matter what she had going on. You were her life, her love, and her reason to get up every day. We had several conversations over many years regarding all of you. What amazed me was that you could see her love for you in her eyes without even saying a word. You all were her joy everyday.

Cyndi and Breezie have always looked forward to seeing her and miss her already. When they would get their school pictures, they always would cut out one for her as she had put them on her refrigerator every year. E.J. told me they were Michaels "girlfriends". Ohhhhh, we'll see in 20 years..... :)

It has been a true pleasure and honor to know all of you over the years. E.J. will always have a special place in my heart. I will be here anytime for anything.

Love, Sue

Sue Farrow - November 30, 2012 at 10:33 PM

SF

“ Sue Farrow lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Galka



Sue Farrow - November 30, 2012 at 09:29 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Galka lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Galka*



Kathy Galka - November 30, 2012 at 11:44 AM

TP

“ *I loved saying hello to your mother because she would always respond with a big, warm smile and a hello that most people would reserve for family. Jennifer and I are truly sorry for you loss. We are thinking of you and we love you.*



Tom and Jennifer Pratt - November 30, 2012 at 08:56 AM

SC

“ *Stephanie Coleman lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Galka*



Stephanie Coleman - November 29, 2012 at 10:46 AM

AW

“ *Aunt Kim Williams lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Galka*



Aunt Kim Williams - November 29, 2012 at 10:05 AM

AW

Denny, Amy, Eddie, and Lee ~ Another opportunity to be with your family is always a comfort and a time of good memories. We love you all and look forward to being with you all and giving you all big hugs. E.J., your Mom, was such a kind, loving soul. It is now our time to cry as she is leaving us, as she always did when we had to leave you all to return to Canada. Her goodness that she shared with us all will always remain within us! Love, Aunt Kim, Uncle Rick, Jeremy, Jamie and Lauren

Aunt Kim Williams - November 29, 2012 at 10:12 AM

MG

“ *Matt Galka lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Galka*



Matt Galka - November 29, 2012 at 07:12 AM