



Catherine Mary Schoonmaker Crow

May 7, 2025

Catherine Mary Shear Schoonmaker Crow, of Argyle New York, Canandaigua New York and Chili New York died peacefully on May 7, 2025. She loved to laugh, and her laughter was contagious! Baking for you was her way of saying "I love you." Flowers delighted her. Gardening and playing the piano brought her joy. She trained generations of nurses as a founding faculty member at the Community College of the Finger Lakes (now FLCC).

She was predeceased by two husbands, Jack Schoonmaker (1973) and Bill Crow (2024); and two siblings, John Shear and Joan Shear Johnson. ("But I'm the oldest-- I was supposed to go first!") Left to grieve her death are her brother, Les Shear and his wife, Marie; and her in-laws Paul Johnson and Sandy Shear; her four beloved children, John Schoonmaker and his wife, Arlene, Jennifer Schoonmaker Hitt and her husband Gerry, David Schoonmaker, and Marla Schoonmaker Wagersreiter and her husband, Thomas. She adored her grandchildren, Elisa Hitt Davis and her husband, Lee, Jason Hitt and his wife, Raquel, Emily Schoonmaker (Bryant Sinski), Kendra Rodriguez and her husband, Carlos and Mandi Marcano and her husband, Manny and Artesia Lynette Schoonmaker Wagersreiter. Great grandchildren, Noah (Bella), Caleb, Luke, and Chloe Rodriguez, Hannah Sofia Hitt and Benjamin Davis won't have her to teach them to bake pies and cookies, but we will pass along her legacy! Also left behind are her step-children, Jim (MaryAnn) Crow, Ed (Selena) Crow and Ruth (Ken) Michaels; step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Additionally, there are nieces,

nephews and scores of friends...

Catherine's celebration of life will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 2:30pm at Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 761 Elmgrove Rd. Rochester, NY.

Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Canandaigua at the convenience of the family. Donations in her memory may be made to Food Link of Rochester (foodlinkny.org) or Sonnenberg Gardens (sonnenberg.org).

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

Canandaigua, NY

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 12. 2:30 PM (ET)

Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church
761 Elmgrove Road
Rochester, NY 14624

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Absolutely loved Mrs Schoonmaker as my nursing instructor. She was my favorite! So sorry for her family’s loss

Annette Hoban - May 15, 2025 at 10:33 AM

AD

“ Angela Distefano lit a candle in memory of Catherine Mary Schoonmaker Craw



Angela Distefano - May 14, 2025 at 12:41 PM

PM

“ We remember Cathy and Jack from our teaching days at CCFL (now FLCC). She was interesting and full of fun. After she left the college, we lost all contact and it is good to know that she continued to live a wonderful life beyond Canandaigua. Pat & Henry Maus

patricia maus - May 12, 2025 at 06:25 PM

VI

“ I remembe her happy face in the garden club with my mom. She loved flowers and was always interested in learning about them. She and my mom are resting in peace.

Valerie A Imburgia - May 11, 2025 at 12:25 PM

VV

“ Jennifer and Gerry So sorry to read of Mom's passing Vito Valenzano

Vito J Valenzano - May 11, 2025 at 08:05 AM

DW

“ *We will miss our beautiful and beloved friend Cathy. She was always the most kind and cheerful person. Her molasses cookies were the best!* ”

David Wingrove - May 08, 2025 at 03:02 PM