



## Carol A. Ross

July 5, 1945 - May 9, 2013

Carol A. Ross, age 67 of Utica, passed away May 9, 2013 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Troy. Beloved wife of Richard K. Ross. Dear mother of Lisa Michael Rineer and the late Alan Ross. Loving grandmother of Tyler, Alexander, Charlotte and Nathaniel. Dear sister of Janet Gurin and Kathy Gurin. Friends may call at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. 3 blks. E. of Van Dyke Utica from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Saturday and 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sunday. Funeral service Monday at St. Luke Episcopal Church, 7700 22 Mile Rd., Shelby Twp. where she will lie in state from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. time of service. Interment Utica Cemetery. Memorials suggested to St. Luke's General Fund c/o Carol Ross. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

GS

“ Our love and best wishes to Richard and Lisa. Carol was also one of the best and most kind person I have known. She will be missed and we are just heartbroken over what has happen. Best wishes also to Jan and Kathy who we know will miss having their sister. Greg and Tanya

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**greg and tanya sudia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ my gosh, lisa, i'm in tears reading your beautiful words about your mom. i went on here to get the address to send my condolences and got to read this lovely message also. thanks for sharing such lovely memories about your mom!

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**diana dyer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Lisa, I read every word of what you wrote about your mother and I feel like I know her a little better now. I can see so many of her qualities in you! The way you describe your mom is how all mothers should be. I'm so happy that you have so many great memories of your mother. I'm sure she was very proud of you and of the life that you and Michael have built together. Thank you for writing about your mom and letting everyone know what an amazing woman she was. Love you xo

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**Sheri Gullion** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ So sorry about Carol, my prayers go out to Richard and Lisa

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**Jim Werner** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ In honor of my Mom on Mother’s Day I would like to share just a few of my thoughts about Carol Ann Ross, my Mom. First and foremost she was a caregiver. She always had breakfast ready for us kids when we came downstairs in the morning. She always did our laundry. I didn’t even know how to do my own laundry until I moved out of the house. She always did the dishes. I didn’t know how to use a dishwasher until I moved out either. In fact, the first time I ran a dishwasher I put regular dish soap in it and ended up with suds all over my kitchen floor. This past February, I had surgery and she stopped over every single day for three weeks just to check on me and keep me company. She brought me anything I needed and a hug, a warm smile, and bright conversation. When I was little I remember one night in particular when I got sick in the middle of the night I projectile vomited all over the wall in my bedroom. Before it happened I screamed “MOMMY!” She came running in, helped me to the bathroom, cleaned me up and then proceeded to clean up the mess all over the wall and change my sheets with the sweetest of demeanors. Being a mother, this sticks out to me because I am not sure I would handle the same situation with such patience, care, and grace at 2am. She loved children. She loved children so much so that she and my dad went through great pains to adopt my brother and I. She simply enjoyed being a Mom. I think this really shined through with my kids. She REALLY LOVED being a Grandmother. Four days a week for the last 9 years she had one or more of my three kids to care for while I was working. My daughter, Charlotte, told me the other day that she was “going to really miss Grandma.” I asked her why. She then said, “Grandma always made me feel better when I was sad that you were going to work.” My mom used to cuddle her and hold her and sing to her. With Nathan, helping him feel better meant letting him chase after my car like a puppy dog as I drove away down the street. No matter what the weather, she put her coat on and followed him, let him do his thing, and then made sure he came back inside safely. When the kids were with her she didn’t just occupy them with TV. She actually played with them. She had tea parties with Charlotte and they played with dolls. She played baseball with Nate and Alex.

*She took them for walks with the dog. She enjoyed them! This year, she just had Nate to watch, but when Mike came by with the other two to pick Nate up after school, all of the kids had to come in for cookies and lemonade. The kids really loved this little tradition. In fact, just last week Charlotte told my Dad that he needed to make the cookies now. She loved to spoil my kids with snacks and treats. She always had ice cream sandwiches and popsicles on hand and the kids knew where to find them. She was a push over and a soft touch with her grandkids and I loved that about her. Any time I wanted to go shopping and had the kids in tow I could call her up to tag along and she would eagerly accept the offer. I am sure she knew that not only did I want her company, I needed her help with crowd control and she was happy to oblige. She loved another little tradition and that was walking outside to say goodbye. Every day, no matter what the weather, she would escort all the kids and us out to the car, at drop off and pick up, as we were pulling away and stand in the driveway and wave until we were gone. I always thought of this as impractical, but now I see that she was just showing her love and creating a beautiful memory for us all. She and I would bake Christmas cookies together and this was a tradition that I enjoyed. When my life was too busy to make that happen she would bake them and let my kids help with decorating them. She also let my kids decorate her Christmas tree. They took such pride in it. She was an RN and was the first person I would call if I had a sick child or wanted an opinion on whether or not we should be making a trip to the doctor. She was also the first person my husband would call if one of my*

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**Lisa Rineer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ To me Carol was the perfect example of kindness and love, courage and compassion, humor and inspiration, joy and faith. She was an amazing nurse, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, niece, cousin, friend, neighbor and in my opinion one of the kindest people in the world. I will miss her great sense of humor, her sharing of books with me, all the birthday, anniversary and Christmas cards, her wisdom and most of all her spunk. Memory eternal.

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**Cousin Diane Zaidan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Lisa, My deepest of sympathy. Please know you are in my thoughts.

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**Jeanne Piscopo** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ You were a wonderful sister-in-law, always pleasant with a nice sense of humor and a great laugh, and a very proud wife, mother and grandmother, but also important, you were the only relative I had who was shorter than me! I will really miss you.

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**Jane Ross** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM