



Katherine Hallinan Keehfus O'Ree

December 8, 2010

Katherine O'Ree, 89, of Fairmount and formerly of Jordan died Wednesday. Born in Syracuse she was a native of Split Rock and graduated from Split Rock HS in 1939, Powelson's Business Institute and I.B.M. Business School. She worked for Drs. Boudreau, Dyer and Boudreau at Twin Elms Psychiatric Hospital and later she worked as a secretary for the Onondaga County Sheriff Dept before retiring in 1982 after 18 years. Katherine was a communicant of Holy Family Church, a member of American Legion Post 1127 Auxiliary, Camillus Woman's Republican Club and AARP. She was predeceased by her husbands Robert W. Keehfus in 1953 and Lloyd O'Ree in 1996. Survived by two daughters Judith (Ed) Priest of Marcellus and Mary Jo Colello of Onondaga Hill; a son John (Mary Dee) Keehfus of Fayetteville; a stepson Vincent O'Ree; six grandchildren, Brian and Colleen Smiley, Tomlin and Madison Keehfus and Courtney and Lindsey Colello; several nieces and nephews; and her extended "family" Joseph and Diane Volcko and their sons Ryan and Joseph. Calling hours are 4 to 7 pm Friday at B.L. Bush & Sons, 10 Genesee St, Camillus. Services are 8:30 am Saturday at funeral home and 9 am at Holy Family Church, Fairmount. Burial will be private. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made CNY SPCA, 5878 E. Molloy Road, Syracuse, NY 13211 Please sign her guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com Deep peace of the running wave to you Deep peace of the flowing air to you Deep peace of the quiet earth to you Deep peace of the shining stars to you Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you An Olde

Gaelic blessing Safely Home I am home in heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light. All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, Safely home in heaven at last. There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand; Do it now while life remaineth- You shall rest in God's own land. When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home; Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!

Tribute Wall

LE

“ My family and I have fond memories of Katie. We were Chelsea's former owners. We could not have found a better home for Chelsea and we so enjoyed visiting. She was a lovely woman and my girls always loved to go see Chelsea and Katie and enjoy some cookies and juice. We were blessed to have her come into our lives and we are truly sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Linda, Brian, Haley and Marissa Everts

Linda Everts - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Judy and all: Kate was a great inspiration to me. She had a positive outlook on life and was a good friend to many.

Ron Cocciole - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I just found at 12:30 a.m. Saturday. I'm deeply saddened. I loved her very much and always wanted to see her again. Much love.

Lynn Hallinan - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Our sympathy to Judy, John and MaryJo on the death of your mother. We are so sorry we can't be there for services for Kate, we had made plans to go to Baltimore and it was too late to make changes. We have been best friends with Judy for 35 years, we have worked with MaryJo, and John has been instrumental in keeping our vehicles going. You are a great Irish family who is loved by so many. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Pat and Chuck McGowen - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ John, Judith and Mary Jo- My condolences to you and your families. I have many fond memories of your Mom from our childhood interactions. My thoughts are with you. Eddie

Eddie Lees - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dear Judith, Please accept the sympathy of Le Moyne College on the occasion of the death of your Mother. Be assured of our prayers for her, for you and for your family. ~Le Moyne College Office of Alumni & Parent Programs

Kim McAuliff - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ John, Our thoughts and especially our prayers go out to you and your family. The Marschall Family Peter, Mary, Ben and Annalisa

Peter Marschall - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I grew up with Kate as my best friend's (Judy) Mom. She always made me feel welcome in their home and she was like a second mom to me. I will remember her with fondness and love.

Kathy Palmer - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I grew up with Kate as my best friend's Mom and I will never forget her. She always made me feel like I was at home and a member of her family. She was a wonderful woman and will always be remembered fondly by me and my family.

Kathy Palmer - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *My deepest sympathy for the family. Kate's daughter, Judy, has been one of my best friends for most of my life. Her mom always included me as part of the family. She will be greatly missed.*

Margaret Nightingale - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM