



Carolann Denkewicz

May 10, 2020

DENKEWICZ, CAROLANN (GOODNOW)

57, of East Greenwich passed away peacefully at home on Mother's Day, May 10, 2020, surrounded by her husband, two sons and sister-in-law, after losing her courageous battle against breast cancer.

Born on April 21, 1963 in Fitchburg, MA, Carolann was the daughter and only child of the late Angela and Robert Goodnow of Leominster, MA. She attended St. Anthony's Elementary School, Holy Family High School, and St. Bernard's Catholic High School, all in Fitchburg. She went on to graduate from St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester, MA in 1984. She met the love of her life on September 21, 1981, and they were married on June 29, 1985.

Carolann leaves behind her husband of 35 years, Raymond P. Denkewicz, and her two sons, Ryan and Andrew, along with many family members, friends and neighbors, all who loved her dearly.

During the early years of marriage, Carolann worked as a registered nurse until her focus became raising her two sons. Ryan and Drew were her life's mission and were her greatest source of pride, watching them mature into polite and compassionate young men. She will be remembered for the graceful, beautiful way in which she lived and devoted her life to her family

and others in need. Her life was truly a life well lived.

Carolann loved gardening, tennis, picking blueberries, entertaining, playing board games with her sons and cherished summer vacations in Ogunquit, Maine. She will be remembered for her elegance, grace and beauty (both inside and out), especially when bringing family and friends together to enjoy her fabulous cooking and genuine hospitality. All were touched by her thoughtful generosity, including special pies, treats and gifts. She loved her church (St. Gregory the Great Church) where she was a Eucharistic Minister, taught religious education and participated in the Childrens' Liturgy of the Word program, and was a perennial volunteer at the Parish Festival. After the boys were grown, Carolann enjoyed working again as a registered nurse, serving her patients with compassion and love.

Carolann was also very active for many years at Bishop Hendricken High School, chairing their Annual Calendar Drive and chairing various committees for The Fund for Hendricken. In recognition of these efforts, Carolann was inducted into the Bishop Hendricken Hall of Fame (Volunteer Service Award) in 2016.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the church funeral service will be private, but will be live streamed from St. Gregory the Great Church (www.stgregorychurchri.com) at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 23rd.

In lieu of flowers, a Scholarship Fund in Carolann's name is being established for high school seniors intending on pursuing a nursing career. Contributions may be made to The Carolann Denkewicz Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 651, East Greenwich, RI 02818.

Tribute Wall

AT

“ Growing up next to Carolann’s parents was so much fun. I would get to see Carolann and Peter come visit with their boys. Carolann was beyond graceful and beautiful! I loved her so much! Carolann’s mom was in love with her two grandkids. I will never forget the memories we had. Please Rest In Peace, I’m comforted knowing that your parents welcomed you along with my sister. Peter, I’m so sorry. I know how much in love you are with Carolann. My heart breaks for you and the boys. Sending all the hugs and prayers always ❤️

Alison Tamaro - November 09, 2020 at 09:03 AM

SN

“ Pete,
Marybeth and I are shocked at the news of Caroann's passing. I'll always remember Carolann from college days, beautiful & fun - with so many St Vincent's friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you the boys and your wider family. -- Scott

Scott & Marybeth Nacey - May 21, 2020 at 08:43 PM

LA

“ Ray, Ryan and Andrew,
I am so sorry for your devastating loss. Carolann was an amazing host and a joy to spend time with. You're in my heart and prayers.
Lynne

Lynne Amato - May 18, 2020 at 12:23 PM

RS

“ Ray, hope you and the family are doing well during this very difficult time!

When we met during the boating trip Carolann was very courteous and attentive to make sure everyone had a great time, and we did. Her helpful disposition and grace shined!

Condolences to the family and may she Rest in Peace!

Roberto Sablon

Roberto Sablon - May 18, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ CarolAnn - Her beautiful eyes her beautiful smile her elegance her poise her beautiful soul and oh yes her sense of humor - and so so many more qualities made for a beautiful woman and friend Love you, The Appolonias💕💕

Marisa Appolonia - May 16, 2020 at 11:22 AM

AV

“ Ray,

My heart goes out to you and your family. My sincere condolences on the passing of Carolann. Prayers and peace, Dina Veiga

Aurendina Veiga - May 15, 2020 at 02:00 PM

RY

“ Ray, Ryan and Andrew,

May the memories of the rich, caring and wonderful life Carolann lived bring you solace and strength. She can now continue her compassion and love in the presence of our Lord! Our deepest condolences to you and may Carolann's soul Rest In Peace. Hugs and wishes, Sunita and Ryan Lobo

Ryan - May 14, 2020 at 10:14 PM

JB

To Ray, Ryan and Andrew. Knowing Carol Ann from a family and age distance I can't genuinely attest to her grace and charm, but I'm sure like my Angels and Dana she had them in spades. What I can attest to is that you will have a rough next two years. So stay close together and honor her memory. John & Dana

John Bourque - May 17, 2020 at 08:08 AM

LR

“ Ray, Ryan, and Andrew, our deepest condolences to your family. Carolann was a beautiful person - inside and out! She was always a joy to be around and I loved our time during the BH Calendar drive and soccer games!! Prayers and love to your family !
Love, the Roy family

lisa roy - May 14, 2020 at 02:12 PM

KD

“ *Ray, Andrew and Ryan,
We want to express our devastation and sincere condolences over the news of Carolann's passing. She was such a kind, vibrant and giving woman. She will be so greatly missed! Sending love and prayers, for Carolann's peaceful repose and for the healing of your hearts.*

*Much love,
Kelli, Robb, Jack, Ryan and Grace Dobrzynski*

Kelli Dobrzynski - May 14, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ *Carolann,
I did not have the chance to meet you personally, but I got to meet you through your son Ryan. He would always talk about you. He said you are his best friend, the best cook, a brave person with a great faith in God and an amazing mother. I will miss sending you pictures and messages about our children. Rest in Peace.
Love.
Derly Bardales.*



Derly Bardales - May 14, 2020 at 12:42 PM

DQ

“ Ray,,Ryan and Andrew, She will be forever etched in our hearts. Keep the memories alive always! I will keep you all in my prayers 🙏 She was my friend. She was an angel on earth. Now she is an angel watching over all of us. She gave me this angel a long time ago and it's with me every day! I love you all! XO Dawn Quillen



Dawn Quillen - May 14, 2020 at 12:21 PM

LD

“ It was such a joy and honor to have known her! Helen Keller said it so well - "What we have enjoyed in life, we can never lose... All that we have loved deeply, becomes a part of us". We thoroughly enjoyed all of our time with Carolann & Ray ~ especially our perfect night at Castle Hill Inn this past August. She's definitely a part of us and we are so much better for it!

Paul & LouAnne Decker

LouAnne Decker - May 14, 2020 at 12:20 PM

MH

“ I have found memories of Carolann and Ray coming to Ryan's tennis matches when I coached at Hendricken. Such a nice beautiful woman on the inside and outside . My thoughts and prayers go out to Ray, Ryan and Andrew . May the fond memories help you through this difficult time .

Michael Haxton

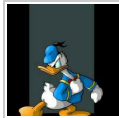
michael haxton - May 14, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Carolann, you were one of the sweetest people I had ever known. I feel so lucky that I got to meet you. Heaven has gained an angel. I cherish the beautiful memories we shared with a smile. You did an amazing job in raising Ryan and I will always be there for him and your family. Te amo! -Lilia F.



Lilia Falcon - May 14, 2020 at 12:00 PM



I knew Carolann by Ray comments, never had the opportunity to know her in person but I'm pretty sure that she was a great person. Ray your blessed by a big Angel that will be supporting you and pushing you to be a great person like you been since I know you, I wish the best for you and your sons and always have the best memory of Carolann in your heart Full of happiness because she will be always in you. God bless you Ray and your family.

Israel Sánchez

Israel Sanchez - May 14, 2020 at 12:13 PM

VC

*Ryan and Andrew,
I am so sorry for your loss. I spoke to your mom many times in the halls at BHHS as she gave so much of herself to our school. She was an incredibly kind, generous and thoughtful person. Above all she LOVED her kids, that shined through every conversation I had with her. My deepest sympathies to you and your family. My prayers are with you all.*

Vanessa Cardillo (Ms. C)

Vanessa Cardillo - May 15, 2020 at 09:22 AM