



Hildegard Klara Kruegel

October 5, 1916 - October 24, 2016

The Wernhammer family wishes to announce the passing of Hildegard (Klara) Kruegel 10/5/1916 -10/24/2016

Hildegard (Klara) Kruegel, aka "Omi" beloved mother and grandmother to the Wernhammer Family, who just celebrated her 100th Birthday on October 5, 2016, passed away on October 24, 2016, at Columbia Memorial Hospital, Hudson.

Klara was born in Germany, she later moved to the United States in 1951.

Survivors include her son Eberhard Kadler, and her daughter Elvira Wernhammer, grandchildren Monika Fabiano, Erika Gangi, Tanja Sirago and Erik Kadler, six great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

In her earlier years, Klara was employed as a seamstress at Brother's. She moved from Brooklyn, NY to upstate NY in 1972 to be close to her daughter and family. She enjoyed spending every Monday evening known as "family night" a 34 year tradition. She also enjoyed treating her family to Hartmann's Kaffeehaus in Round Top on Sunday's another family tradition.

Memorial services to celebrate her life will be held on Thursday November 3rd at Gallagher's Banquet Hall 513 Main St Cairo NY from 4p.m .7p.m.

Should family and friends desire, for memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers the family has designated Community Hospice, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill, N.Y. 12414.

Arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, Cairo, N.Y. Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gallagher's Banquet Hall
513 Main Street
Cairo, NY 12413

Tribute Wall

HW

“ *Holly Weed lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Klara Kruegel*



Holly Weed - November 04, 2016 at 05:22 AM

LS

“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort knowing that she is at peace now.*

Liz Stapchuk



Liz Stapchuk - November 03, 2016 at 03:57 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Busch lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Klara Kruegel*



Barbara Busch - October 28, 2016 at 06:59 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Omi's 100th birthday celebration



Erika Wernhammer-Gangi - October 27, 2016 at 08:38 PM



“ Monika Fabiano lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Klara Kruegel



Monika Fabiano - October 27, 2016 at 08:32 PM



“ Elizabeth Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Klara Kruegel



Elizabeth Mitchell - October 27, 2016 at 08:15 PM



“ *Erika Wernhammer-Gangi lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Klara Kruegel*



Erika Wernhammer-Gangi - October 27, 2016 at 07:25 PM



“ *Omi. Our Matriarch. Blessed are we... she's been a great role model of how we should be better children, teenagers and adults. She has loved us and contributed so many important things in life. Omi was very wise, strong willed, eloquent and intelligent. I feel that I got much of my drive from her. Likely we all did.*

It's been easy to look up to Omi. She's been a class act, right to the end. She's been our guide, loving and wise, able to see beyond what we were doing and what we could be (as children and adults). She taught us through experiences with her, and I appreciate those lessons.

Her word was 'THE' word. Things we learned: do what you're told, don't be sneaky, don't look down at the ground, show respect, don't talk back, don't ask why and for gods sake, don't ever, ever laugh behind her back! (even if she only has 1 black lens in her sunglasses - but is still wearing them obliviously - c'mon now, that was funny).

Anyway, thoughts I pondered while I rested there with this perfect angel ❤️

I miss you Omi. Your life was a gift, you left us with a legacy of love and respect which will live on in us forever ❤️

Erika Wernhammer-Gangi - October 27, 2016 at 06:56 PM