



Leona Palmateer

August 14, 1930 - December 29, 2023

It is with great sadness we announce that our Mother, Leona Dolan Palmateer, passed away on December 29, 2023 at the age of 93 from a brief illness.

Leona was born on August 14, 1930. She was the daughter of the late Philip and Gertrude Fitzgerald Dolan. "Onnie" as she was known to her family and friends grew up in Cocksackie with her 3 sisters; Gertrude Dolan Youmans, Agnes Dolan Roberts and Madeline Dolan.

Onnie graduated from Cocksackie High School where she had been a cheerleader and prom queen.

She went on to marry John S. Palmateer. She was happily married until his death in July 1997. Leona was later blessed with 5 children whom she loved dearly. Sadly she was predeceased by her son Philip Palmateer and Kathleen (Ronald) Daoust. She is survived by Joanne (Peter) Kraljevich of Cocksackie, John (Barbara) Palmateer and Michael (Dawn) Palmateer both of Athens.

Onnie had 13 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 1 great, great grandchild; all were the joy of her life.

Onnie was a stay at home mom and wife until her children were grown. She

then went on to work at Catskill Hospital, where she eventually retired from. In addition, she belonged to many civic and community organizations.

In her earlier years she enjoyed camping and bowling. Onnie had an unwavering faith in God. She attended church regularly at St. Patrick's in Athens. She was an avid Mets fan and could be found watching the games whenever she could find them on. Onnie also liked to write poetry and enjoyed Friday afternoon get togethers with her friends.

Onnie had a wonderful sense of humor and a warm smile. She had a mischievous nature at times. Although Onnie had never lived in Ireland, she was known to break out in an Irish brogue from time to time. We will forever keep her memories in our hearts and she will be truly missed.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit the family on Thursday January 4, 2024 from 3-5 pm at the Richards Funeral Home, 28 North Vernon St. Athens. Funeral Services for Onnie will take place on Friday January 5 at 11:00 am at St. Patrick's Church, 24 North Washington St. Athens.

Burial will take place in Athens Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Greene County Woman's League, Cancer Patient Aid, P.P. Box 341, Round Top, NY 12473

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Richards Funeral Home, Athens, New York

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 4. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Athens
28 North Vernon Street
Athens, NY 12015
(518) 945-1065
info@richardsbradysfh.com

Funeral

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick's Church
24 North Washington Street
Athens, NY 12015

Interment

JAN 5 (ET)

Old Athens Rural Cemetery
16 North Church Street
Athens, NY 12015

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family of a wonderful lady.

The Hyers

d. hyer - January 09, 2024 at 10:58 AM

JS

“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss 🙏 I can't even tell you how much your Mom helped me when I started working at the hospital. I was in my early 20's and she was such a fantastic mentor and cheerleader. She was always encouraging and had awesome work ethic of which she passed on to me and many others. RIP Leona and how fitting that your kind soul will now further God's work as an Angel. 💕🙏

Joanne Stickles - January 07, 2024 at 11:30 AM

GD

“ Gail Darling lit a candle in memory of Leona Palmateer



Gail Darling - January 04, 2024 at 10:41 PM

BD

“ Barbara & Don lit a candle in memory of Leona Palmateer



Barbara & Don - January 04, 2024 at 01:13 PM

BM

“ *Hard to share all our beautiful memories, my mom along with her sisters, and our cousins spent so many beautiful memories together. From the Cocksackie beach to clam bakes and reunions. So many beautiful happy and healthy fun times. Rest easy now be at peace with family gone too soon.* ❤️🙏❤️

Barbara Meier - January 03, 2024 at 06:55 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leona Palmateer.*



January 03, 2024 at 06:19 PM



“ *My most sincere condolences on your loss. Losing a mother is something you never get over. May your happy memories help you through this sad time.*

Linda Nickels - January 03, 2024 at 05:54 PM

LF

“ *Love, Jim, Colleen, Don and Families purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Leona Palmateer.*



Love, Jim, Colleen, Don and Families - January 03, 2024 at 01:44 PM

WC

“ *May The Road Rise Up To Meet You.
May the wind be always at your back.
. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the
rains fall soft upon your fields and until we
meet again, may God hold you in the palm of
His hands* 🍀
Thoughts and prayers to all of you 🙏
Wendi & Michael Carroll



Wendi & Michael Carroll - January 03, 2024 at 05:18 AM

JK

“ *She was a sweet lady and will be missed. Remember her love and
laughter.*

John and Paula Kalney - January 02, 2024 at 04:17 PM

JK

“ *John And Paula Kalney lit a candle in memory
of Leona Palmateer*



John and Paula Kalney - January 02, 2024 at 04:14 PM

TA

“ *She was a loving.caring person.Anthony andI are so sorry for loss.
Prayers for you and your family.* 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Tami - January 02, 2024 at 02:15 PM

RH

“ *Richard's Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Leona Palmateer*



Richard's Funeral Home - January 02, 2024 at 02:11 PM

DR

“ *So very sad for the loss of your mom. She was a very, very kind and caring lady. I will always remember her big smile and contagious laugh. May your memories help to comfort you all today and forever. God Bless.*



Dina Ross - January 02, 2024 at 02:09 PM