



Mrs. Rebecca S. Chast

April 6, 1952 - October 9, 2017

Rebecca S. Chast of Athens, NY, passed away the evening of October 9th, 2017 after battling a brief illness.

Rebecca (Becky) was born on April 6th of 1952 in Albany, NY to Kenneth W. Payne Sr and Patricia A. Payne. Becky grew up in Cocksackie, NY as the oldest of three children, leading the way for her sister Deborah and brother Kenneth Jr. She graduated from Cocksackie-Athens High School in 1970 and then went to Austin Beauty School to become a licensed beautician. On May 12th, 1973 she married Peter M. Chast and they had two children, Stephen (1974) and Mark (1977). As her children got older she decided to continue her education and eventually became a Teacher's Assistant at Athens Elementary and later at Cocksackie-Athens Middle School where she retired from. She always enjoyed learning and even started studying Judo with both of her sons, eventually earning a 2nd degree black belt at Athens Judo Club before turning to other pursuits.

Later in life Becky enjoyed many hobbies. She met regularly with her Saturday morning knitting group at the local library. She also started woodworking with the Northeastern Woodworkers Association and entered many shows in the past few years. She learned to ride a motorcycle shortly before her retirement and later even took up target shooting with her pink handled pistol. Probably her greatest joy later in life were her two granddaughters.

Becky is survived by her mother Patricia, husband Peter, sons Stephen and Mark, granddaughters Abigail and Natalie, sister Deborah and brother Kenneth Jr and many nieces and nephews.

Friends and Family are cordially invited to a viewing at Richards Funeral Home, 28 N. Vernon St., Athens, NY 12015 on Monday evening, October 16th 2017 from 4-7PM with services at 6:30PM for Family. The cremation will happen Tuesday and ashes will be distributed among the family.

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Athens
28 North Vernon Street
Athens, NY 12015
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Service

OCT 16. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VE

“ *Veronica lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rebecca S. Chast*



Veronica - August 12, 2019 at 12:43 PM

KH

“ *Karen Hillyard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rebecca S. Chast*



Karen Hillyard - October 15, 2017 at 10:06 PM

KH

Becky, your cousin Karen loves you and misses you...we had so many good times, growing up together. I miss you.

Karen Hillyard - October 15, 2017 at 10:13 PM

KH

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Karen Hillyard - October 15, 2017 at 09:01 PM

TM

“ *Becky gave me the greatest gift in her son, Stephen, and for that I'll be forever grateful. She had a big heart, a great sense of humor, and she always made me feel like we were in it together. I loved having a MIL who was also a crafter, and some of the best memories I have of her were our occasional crafting days at her mom's house with her sister and SIL. I take comfort in the fact that she's not suffering anymore.*



- Tina Martinez, Wife of Stephen Chast

Tina Martinez - October 15, 2017 at 07:56 PM

LB

“ *Dear Peter and family, My prayers are with you. I have so many wonderful memories of Becky. She will remain in my heart. Her knitting buddy, Laura*

Laura Best-Macia - October 15, 2017 at 06:09 PM

SD

“ *May God Bless you , Pete , and give you the strength to deal with this.. I believe we are all spirits having a human experience, and when we are done here, the spirit travels on , we can call it Heaven or Hell, if you want , but this isnt the end. Its only the beginning of a new experience.....God Bless. Rebecca , she is finally free of her earthly restraints and on to another adventure....*

Steve Dollerd - October 15, 2017 at 04:57 PM

ED

“ *Peter,*

Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your wife, Rebecca. I pray she rests in eternal peace.

Ed Dalland

Ed Dalland - October 15, 2017 at 01:58 PM

PV

“ *To Peter and family, my deepest sympathy to all of you on your great loss. I pray you find strength and comfort in your memories.*
Patricia Cook Vieira, class of 67



Patricia Vieira - October 14, 2017 at 07:52 PM

DK

“ To Peter and family....I am so heartbroken over the passing of Becky. She was a great person and one of the first friends I had at CA. I was the first friend to take a ride in her convertible. We had such fun that day. We tried to get together as much as we could and if we didn't I would see her out and about. She was a one of a kind, best friend that I will never forget. R.I.P Becky. I love and miss you.
Diana Kardum

diana kardum - October 14, 2017 at 01:15 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rebecca S. Chast.*



October 13, 2017 at 11:50 AM

DE

“ *Becky you will be forever missed. We used to have such fun in the computer lab here at C-A. You were an amazing person and friend. I will miss my "birthday buddy" forever. I know you are up in heaven and will forever be watching over your family that you talked about and cared for so dearly. Miss you forever my friend.- Debbie*

Debbie - October 13, 2017 at 09:02 AM

LW

“ *Becky and I Shared Our Children and Grand Daughters. Becky adored her sons and was a fiercely Loving GrandMother. I Know she will continue to watch over them, She was taken from us too soon.May God Bless her and keep her.She will Remain in our hearts Always- With love Leslie and Neal Weill*

Leslie Weill - October 12, 2017 at 04:10 PM

JB

Pete, sorry for your loss, Will pray for you and your family

Jim Beebe - October 12, 2017 at 05:51 PM

AP

*Peter,
sorry for your loss. praying that you have peace and many happy
memories to comfort you.*

April - October 15, 2017 at 01:55 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Memories of Rebecca S. Chast*



Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - October 12, 2017 at 03:42 PM