



## Maureen Happer

March 14, 1938 - November 6, 2013

Maureen Happer passed away on November 6, 2013 after a relatively brief illness with cancer. She was born in the Village of Cedarhurst, New York, one of 8 children to Anna and George Bogas. She married Basil B Happer Jr on July 13, 1956 who passed on September 28, 2011. Soon after their marriage their first son was born, Scott Alan who was soon followed by son Brad Philip, daughter Merrill Linn and then son Adam Mitchell. They soon moved to Holbrook, NY onto a small street called Raft Avenue. It didn't take long for Maureen and the Happer's to attract friends on this block. Soon thereafter the memories started to pile up for all of us who grew up there. You all know who you are. Maureen was a very giving person. No one can dispute her generosity especially while she was employed at Billy Blakes, where just about everyone on Raft Ave benefited from her employment there. LOL. She soon thereafter started her career as a Beautician in Setauket, NY and in her home where she once again formed many friendships over the years. More commonly known as "Mert", or "Mo" to her friends, Maureen was a kind and loving person to anyone who came into her life. In 2000 Maureen and Basil relocated to the warmer climate of Raleigh, North Carolina following Merrill and her family who made that move in 1992. Soon thereafter Adam and his family followed in 2004. Scott and his family had previously relocated to Omaha, Nebraska and Brad remained with his family in Bohemia, Long Island. Although Maureen and Basil lived in Raleigh, NC it is on Raft Ave in Holbrook where their lives were defined and their souls will remain. A piece of Raft Avenue died when these two beautiful people passed on. Maureen and Basil are survived by their 4 children and 13 grandchildren: Scott and daughter in-law Lori who reside in Omaha, Nebraska; Grandchildren Connor and Amanda. Brad and daughter in-law Kathleen who reside in Bohemia, NY; Grandchildren Kathleen, Brad Jr, Steven, Michael and Meghan. Merrill and son in-law Thomas Smith who reside in Wake Forest, NC; Grandchildren Tyler, Travis and Kyle. Adam and daughter in-law Kelly who reside in Raleigh, NC; Grandchildren Ryan, Alex and Addison.

# Comments

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“ I am sorry for your loss; please accept my sincere condolences. I hope you will find some comfort in Jesus' promise of the resurrection(Acts 24:15)for those who have fallen asleep in death.-John 5:28,29. Until then may Jehovah God grant you peace and comfort, during this time of sorrow.- Matthew 5:4.

**M Jones** - December 06, 2013 at 12:25 PM

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“ Oh, Maureenie, I am so sad that I didn 't have a chance to say goodbye. You were so good to my family, welcomed us so warmly to the neighborhood that we called home for over thirty years. We kind of all grew up together on Raft Ave. What with us and all our children being there together, sharing everything from strapless bras to the best recipes ever. Food Network had nothing on us. How many hours did we spend balling melons, and frying chicken, preparing for Fourth of July parties, Communions, Graduations, etc.

You gave me the best ever recipe for homemade pizza. I never make it that I don't think of you. All the laughs and craziness we experienced going to beauty school. Pots and pots of coffee shared playing cards. I love you, dear Friend. May God bless you and keep you close. You were everything that we, as humans, are charged to be---a loving and giving woman, always there for all who needed anything. May God grant your beautiful family strength and peace and love always. See you on the other side.

Love,

Diana and John

Greg, Jenn, and Sharon



**Diana Fitzpatrick** - November 18, 2013 at 10:01 AM

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**Adam Happer** - November 17, 2013 at 06:22 AM