



## Louise M. Upshaw

May 16, 1950 - October 28, 2013

Louise Mary Upshaw, died Monday October 28, 2013 at home with her loving family by her side. She was born in Brooklyn, NY to her late parents Charlotte and Francis Chonko. She grew up in Manville, NJ and lived most of her life in Hillsborough, NJ. Louise was a Graduate of Manville High School class of 1968 and then attended Trenton State College. She was employed by the Manville Public Library as a clerk for many years. She then was employed by the Manville Board of Education where she served as secretary to the principal of Roosevelt School and later for the principal of Manville High School. Most recently she was the secretary to the Board Administrator until her retirement. Louise was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Manville where she was actively involved with the preparations for the annual festival. She also volunteered as a Eucharistic Minister. Louise was an excellent cook and shared many of her recipes with friends and family members. When not working she could be seen working in her perennial garden which she loved very much. The most important thing to Louise was her family. She loved the holidays where she would get all family members together to have a joyous time. She would always include the family in summer vacations at Wildwood where she has been going for the past 35 years. Louise was a very loving person. Her wonderful smile and good nature will be truly missed by many, many friends and family. She is survived by her husband of 42 years Thomas Upshaw of Hillsborough, NJ, sons Jeffrey Upshaw of Silver Springs, Maryland, Scott Upshaw and his companion Jenna of Bridgewater, NJ and Kurt Upshaw

and his wife Leigh Ann of Millville, NJ, her brother Robert Chonko and his wife Nancy of Martinsburg, Pa. and sisters Elizabeth Menzie and her husband Walter of Erwinna, Pa. and Cathy Walker and her husband James of Easton, Pa.. She is also survived by three grandchildren which she loved very much Kyle, Madison and Mia Upshaw. The viewing will be on Friday November 1, 2013 from 6 to 9 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ. The Funeral will be on Saturday November 2, 2013 8:15 AM from the Ketusky Funeral Home followed by a 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Manville, NJ. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Hillsborough, NJ. For additional information please visit our website at [www.ketusky.com](http://www.ketusky.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

1096 Millstone River Road  
Hillsborough, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home  
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747  
Manville, NJ 08835  
(908) 575-8512  
info@ketusky.com  
<https://www.ketusky.com>

## Service

NOV 2. 9:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church  
98 South Second Ave.  
Manville, NJ 08835

# Tribute Wall

CE

“ Louise and I were Pen Pals since Junior High School days. We wrote letters to one another for so many years. The last time we spoke, she was telling me of her ordeal with her eye. I remember years ago, I had a surgery, and Louise called me up to make sure I was ok. That is my Pen Pal Louise. She was so committed to our friendship, she thought we should try to get on Oprah's show when we hit 40 years of correspondence. I discovered her death when I was trying to see why she hadn't contacted me this fall. I feel a wonderful Christian, person, mother and wife has departed this life and is living in Paradise with our Lord and Master. God Bless Tom and the boys. Please remember her spirit is with you on a daily basis. I will never forget her. She was the best friend ever! Love you Louie!

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**Carolyn Earsom** - December 16, 2013 at 01:55 AM

JW

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**Jim Walker** - November 24, 2013 at 09:52 AM

NK

“ Nancy Kiss Kurdyla lit a candle in memory of Louise M. Upshaw



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**Nancy Kiss Kurdyla** - November 10, 2013 at 05:45 PM

DG

“ Daniel Glezman lit a candle in memory of Louise M. Upshaw



Daniel Glezman - November 10, 2013 at 09:16 AM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Louise's family. I haven't seen Louise since high school, but have been kept up-to-date on her family by my sister. She always reminded me a lot of Chris. I think they were very much alike. I am sure she will be greatly missed. With high regard and deep sympathy, John Murphy.

John Murphy - November 02, 2013 at 09:14 AM

DJ

“ Donna Sabatura Jansen lit a candle in memory of Louise M. Upshaw



Donna Sabatura Jansen - November 01, 2013 at 07:40 PM

LN

“ Linda Newport lit a candle in memory of Louise M. Upshaw



Linda Newport - November 01, 2013 at 07:20 PM

AD

“ *Ann Barone Donnelly lit a candle in memory of Louise M. Upshaw*



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**Ann Barone Donnelly** - November 01, 2013 at 04:30 PM

DK

“ *I was so very sorry to hear about Louise. I am sure she will be sadly missed by all her family.*  
*Debbie Tyburski Krueger*

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**Debbie Tyburski Krueger** - November 01, 2013 at 11:16 AM

AB

“ *Alan Baranowski purchased the Sweet Tenderne ss for the family of Louise M. Upshaw.*



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**Alan Baranowski** - November 01, 2013 at 10:07 AM

TR

“ *Our friendship was short, it came about because of my husband's and Louise's horrible cancer. It was more than a year ago we first met on the computer, from than it just grew, a week didn't go by without us talking, many times three times a week. We had so much in common , our youth, our families, our thoughts, and mesothelioma. We helped each other, for that I am thankful, and will miss her.*

*My sympathy to you Tom and your entire family. Terri Rzepka*

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**Theresa Rzepka** - November 01, 2013 at 09:43 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louise M. Upshaw.*



October 31, 2013 at 03:53 PM



“ *SUE ZAMORSKI BASISTA lit a candle in memory of Louise M. Upshaw*



**SUE ZAMORSKI BASISTA** - October 30, 2013 at 07:23 PM



“ *Glorious Memories Garland was purchased for the family of Louise M. Upshaw.*



October 30, 2013 at 01:07 PM



“ *Marlene S. purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Louise M. Upshaw.*



**Marlene S.** - October 30, 2013 at 01:03 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Louise M. Upshaw.*



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October 30, 2013 at 12:39 PM



“ *Dear Chonko and Upshaw families,  
I am saddened to hear of Louise's passing. She was a beautiful person and someone I always looked up to and admired with the Sacred Heart Crusaders. She was indeed a beautiful person.  
Carol Michaels Thomas  
Long Valley, NJ*

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**Carol Michaels Thomas** - October 30, 2013 at 11:39 AM



“ *Tommy and family.....Our sincere sympathy in this time of loss. Louise was a very special person and will be remembered fondly by us. May God be with you and the entire family and may Louise rest in peace.*



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**Mike, Deb and Michael Knitowski** - October 30, 2013 at 11:32 AM



“ *Dear Tom and the Upshaw and Chonko families,  
Our heartfelt condolences on the loss of a truly wonderful person. I can still remember Louise's great smile and positive outlook.  
Bill and Paula Petrone*

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**Bill Petrone** - October 30, 2013 at 11:28 AM

AL

“ Dear Tom and family,  
Please accept our most sincere and heartfelt condolences....  
Art & Elsa Lisciandro

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**Art Lisciandro** - October 30, 2013 at 09:15 AM

MH

“ Tom,  
  
My sincerest condolences to you and your family on your loss. Stay strong and always keep Louise and the good memories in your heart.

Mick Huddock

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**Michael Huddock** - October 30, 2013 at 08:20 AM

RH

“ To Louise's family,  
  
My sincere condolences to the Upshaw/Chonko family. I am saddened to hear of the loss of a childhood friend. Louie and I were friends during our high school years when we marched in the Sacred Heart Crusaders. She was a joy to be around and her smile was contagious. May she rest in peace.

Rosemarie Vivalo Hamilton  
Pottstown, PA

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**Rosemarie Vivalo Hamilton** - October 30, 2013 at 08:11 AM

RV

“ Tommy and family,

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember Louise very well as she and her sister were close to my sister Rosemarie and I with the Sacred Heart Crusaders drum corps back in the early to mid 60's. She was a wonderful person and always smiling and very positive. She was an inspiration to many people. May she be now in the Hands of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*Bobby Vivalo  
Sparta, Georgia*

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**Robert Vivalo** - October 30, 2013 at 07:03 AM

FO

“ Dear Jeff and Family,

*I am truly sorry for your loss. I cannot begin to imagine what you are feeling right now but I am certain that you realize that God gifted you generously when He put her into your lives. That same God will continue to bless you and care for the lovely person that your wife and mother is.*

*I fondly remember meeting her when Jeff arrived in Wilmington and the conversations I had with her on the telephone. She was a "bright light", smiling, positive, hopeful and sharing her wonderful attitude with all of those around her, a beautiful person in every respect. As I often remembered her in prayer during her illness so now I pray for all of you; your wife and mother is with God, may that same God grant you healing and peace.*

*Fr. Ron Pecci, OFM*

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**Fr. Ron Pecci, OFM** - October 29, 2013 at 08:21 PM