



## Marita Vercellotti

August 31, 2005

Marita Vercellotti of Pawleys Island formerly of Oakmont, PA went home to the Lord on Wednesday, August 31, 2005. Born in Brookline section of Pittsburgh, PA, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Agnes Smith Horrell. Mrs. Vercellotti was a 1958 graduate of the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, she worked as a nurse at Mercy Hospital for 38 years until her retirement in 1996. She was active in the Christian Family Movement and the Penn Hills PA., Assoc. for Racial Equality in the 1960's and became active in the pro-life movement in the 1970s. Since 2002, she had served as co-director of Birthright of Georgetown, a crisis pregnancy center. She was also an avid golfer, cyclist, boater, and bridge-player. But she will be remember most for her generosity, lively wit and the incomparable cinnamon bread that she baked for family and friends at Christmastime for more than 40 years. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen. Surviving are her beloved husband Leonard Vercellotti and children, Barbara Bill Jordan, Veronica Vercellotti, Tim Barbara Vercellotti and Jim Mary Vercellotti; grandchildren, Billy and Michael Jordan, Jason, Victoria, James and Samuel Vercellotti; brothers, Laird Horrell and Robert EileenHorrell; sister, Miriam Andre Giroux and numerous nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 10:00 AM, Saturday at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00, Friday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys Chapel with a prayer service at 7:00 PM. As an alternative to flowers, memorials may be

made to Birthright of Georgetown, PO Box 3455, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

# Tribute Wall



“ To the family of Marita, You have my most heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your mother and wife. Marita was one of my closest friends and confidants during our high school and nurses' training days, and remained a true friend throughout our lives. She was one of the smartest and level-headed people that I know, and always had an optimistic outlook for the future. I never hesitated to ask her opinion, and was certain that I would receive an honest, straight-forward, and un-sugarcoated answer. She was immensely proud of her family. May your happy memories of her sustain you during this most trying time. Margie Kablach Knorr###imported-begin###Margie Knorr###imported-end##

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October 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello Vercellotti Family, So sorry to hear about your loss. We have many fond memories of Marita. My most memorable, although unpleasant, was when your mother came to my aid when I punched my arm through the glass door. She was always such a caring compassionate woman. We miss all of you. Please e-mail me or call me at 412 551 6743. Love Anita###imported-begin###anita angelo###imported-end##

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September 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Good by Marita. It was wonderful to be touched by you. I know that now you are in peace. To the Vercellotti Family, my deepest sympathy. Marita and I were high schoolers together and she added much to our fun loving and learning. Meem###imported-begin###Miriam###imported-end##

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September 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Family of Leonard Vercellotti, Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, may the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.##imported-begin##Jim & Marilyn Theobald##imported-end##

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September 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I was very saddened to read about Marita's death. I worked with Marita as a brand new nurse on the Adolescent floor at Mercy and she became a good friend and was like a second mother. I worked the evening shift with her and she was a wonderful mentor to me. I remember that on my 21st birthday, she brought in Lasagna, a cake and some sparkling cider to celebrate!!! I wasn't much older than Tim and Barb but we were peers and she made me feel like an adult and helped me grow in confidence in my nursing career. We would run into each other throughout the hospital after our floor closed and she always updated me on the kids and grandkids status. My daughter just graduated from Clemson in May and Marita had always told me to stop while I was in South Carolina and I'm sorry now that I never did. She was a special person and I always enjoyed her sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in your time of sadness! Kathy Corcoran Rice Morouse##imported-begin##Kathy Morouse##imported-end##

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September 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Our dear friend and colleague in this vast Vercellotti family, shared the joys and the sorrows ever since she became a member upon marrying Len in 1958. We recall lots of happy times and adventures. Some of these occurred even on the golf course. We also shared by witnessing her last 100 days of terrible suffering. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Joe and June Vercellotti##imported-end##

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September 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Vercellotti Family I was so sorry to hear of Jason's grandmother's death. I extend my sympathy to Veronica, Jason and the whole family. I remember her fondly from the days when Ben and Jason used to be involved in the same activities. Ben Jones' mom, Pat Laughlin##imported-begin##Pat Laughlin##imported-end##

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September 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We were saddened to learn of Marita's death. Please accept our sympathy. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Diane & Tom Schorr##imported-begin##Diane & Tom Schorr##imported-end##

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September 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family of Marita, I was so shocked to hear of Marita's death from another Mercy nurse. My contact with Marita began as we began our high school days at Our Lady of Mercy Academy. For four years, as the class of 1955, we shared life as teenagers and students. My memories are of fun, challenge, hard work, homework, tormenting some of the Sisters and joking. She always reminded me how mad she was at me when I "reported" her for smoking in the bathroom. Our lives intertwined again at Mercy Hospital when I was then Sister Joanne Marie and she was a faithful, skilled, compassionate and still fun filled staff member. As one of the other notes said --- she was so committed to all of you as family. She used to update me on the "children." We talked only once in a while at Mercy. She never hesitated to share ways that I could make Mercy a better place to work and I appreciated that. I recall that staff was always glad when she was "on duty." There was never a doubt that she cared for those who were in her care. I know your hearts must be very sad but I also know that your memories will bring you laughter and gratitude that this special wife and mother shared her life, love, integrity and hope with all of you. She is probably starting some great program in her heavenly territory! What she was doing in her retirement was evidence that she never stopped. My prayers are for you as she is at peace. What a legacy she has left each of you. God bless you all --- she will guide you even now. Her strength never knew any boundaries!###imported-begin##Joanne Marie Andiorio###imported-end##

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September 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb, Ronnie and Tim: Please accept my condolences on the death of your mother. Her life was short but a good one. You were all the "light" of her life and I know you will miss her. She is, of course, remembered with love by all the Sisters of Mercy. Our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Susan Welsh, RSM##imported-end##

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September 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Vercellotti family: Our sincere condolences on the death of Marita. Our prayers are with you during this trying time. With hope and love, Nick & Joan##imported-begin##Nick & Joan Kuhn##imported-end##

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September 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ What a wonderful memory of a generous and giving woman in the Pittsburg Post Gazette. Thank you for sharing your memories with us. Our condolences on your loss of Marita. Patrick and Laura Regis##imported-begin##Patrick and Laura Regis##imported-end##

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September 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Len, I just learned about Your Recent Loss. Please accept my belated, but nethertheless sincere words of sympathy. Michael Feilchenfeld##imported-begin##MICHAEL FEILCHENFELFELD##imported-end##

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September 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Len, We are Glad to have visited you all when Marita was her Happy self. I know her soul is at rest in peace. God Bless you and your family, we will keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Kevin & Anne Moran##imported-end##

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September 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM