



## Virginia Cecil "Jinny" Montague

January 8, 2007

Conway, SC.....Virginia "Jinny" Montague, age 68, of Lalton Drive, died suddenly Monday, January 8, 2007 at Conway Medical Center. Mrs. Montague was born August 23, 1938 in Hempstead, New York, a daughter of the late Lloyd Morgan and Cecil Violet Springsteen Flint. She was a graduate of Hempstead High School in Hempstead, NY and S.U.N.Y. in Albany, NY. Mrs. Montague taught business at Wheelerville Union Free School in Wheelerville, NY and Gloversville High School in Gloversville, NY where she was technical director for the theater dept. She was a tutor at Mayfield High School in Mayfield, NY and was a member of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Gloversville, NY. Mrs. Montague worked with the Miss New York State Pageant for 30 years and was director of field operations with her husband, David for several years.. She lived in Mayfield, NY for 40 years prior to moving to Conway in 2004. Surviving are her husband of 46 years, David A, Montague of Conway, two daughters, Carol Desmond and her husband, Mark of Shallotte, NC and Barbara Slingerland and her husband, Michael of Rockwell, NC, three grandchildren, Eric, Matt and Sara. Memorial services will be held at 7:00 PM Thursday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 7:00 PM Thursday at the funeral home before the service. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Montague and family, I was so very sad to see this. Mrs. Montague was such a sweet lady. I have always remembered how kind and patient she was trying to put together shows and pageants with so many teenagers to deal with. It is because of her that I am now a teacher. I often remind myself on tough days that if the Montagues could put up with us during "Charlotte's Web", I can be patient with my students for one more lesson. Her influence has passed through me to my daughter who is now the stage manager for Canajoharie High School. My family thanks all of your family for all the inspiration you have showered on us. Even though my children have never met you, you have been a great influence in thier lives. You have touched more lives than you will ever know.*

*Tammy Boles-Jones###imported-begin##Tammy Boles-Jones###imported-end##*

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January 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *David, Please know that I am thinking of you. Always remember all the wonderful fun we had for all those years! Ginny holds a firm place in my heart and memory. Love, Kerry###imported-begin##Kerry Christiano Molina###imported-end##*

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January 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David and Family, My deepest sympathy to you. I was very sorry to read about the loss of Jinny in the Leader-Herald. I will always have fond memories of our pageant days together...How we laughed so hard during our ride to Watertown one year...and how special to have a surprise visit from Jinny backstage at the S.I. Pageant. Jinny was a fun person and a very dear lady.May you heal gently. Love, Barbara Sperry###imported-begin##Barbara Sperry###imported-end##

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January 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave- I am so terribly sorry to hear of Jinny's passing. I lost my mother-in-law last week also and know the grief and loss you must be feeling. I hope you find comfort in knowing how much you and Jinny meant to me and so many others. She will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Dione###imported-begin##Dione Robinson Ramsdill###imported-end##

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January 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Carol, I dont have your e-mail anymore or I would have written right away, I am so sorry to hear this news. You and Mark are in my prayers and heart. love and hugs, linda###imported-begin##Linda Mendetta###imported-end##

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January 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol and Barb, I'm so sorry to hear of your mom. I too lost my mom suddenly two years ago in a car accident and it was so comforting to me to hear from old classmates. My thought go out to you all.###imported-begin##Kim Tweer Walker###imported-end##

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January 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol: I was sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. It has been many years since I have seen or spoken with you. I'm sorry it has to be under these circumstances. There is no greater loss in this world than losing a loved one and I'm sorry you are going thru this. Please know that you are remembered fondly at this time and all times. You are missed by myself and other members of the Oppenheim-Ephratah Central School staff. Please know that I will hold you and your family in my prayers. Please take care and God Bless. Carla Miles###imported-begin##Carla Miles###imported-end##

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January 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David & Family, words escape me as to your loss of Jinny who was a devoted wife, and mother. To say that as a friend I was shocked and at a loss for words only bring thoughts of you to mind and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you and keep you in comfort.###imported-begin##Stephen McArthur###imported-end##

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January 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David, We wish to extend our deepest sympathy at your sudden loss. We were just talking about the great Christmas parties you both hosted for the High School. Those were such good times. Jinny was such a warm, welcoming person and we will always remember how welcome we felt as new teachers to the Gloversville District when we were at your house. Our sympathies also go out to your daughters and their families. May God be with you in this very difficult time. Sincerely, Phyllis and Angelo Finateri###imported-begin##Phyllis & Angelo Finateri###imported-end##

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January 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave, Barb, Carol, Hearing about Jinny brought back a flood of memories from Mayfield Central School, and a special home you made me feel welcome in on Paradise Point Rd. Sharing those teen years with you and Jinny are my best memories of my high school days. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Darryl and family###imported-begin##Darryl White###imported-end##

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January 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David, Barb, and Carol, When you moved south, it was a loss for Mayfield, now, it's a much larger loss. We remember, with gratitude, Jinny's involvement at Mayfield Central and especially, in our case, with her involvement with Miss Fulton Co. and our daughter, Terri. A person with joy in their life spills over to those whose lives they touch and their encouragement supports those who need assurance. This was Jinny. We extend to you our deepest sympathy and prayers on your loss. We are thankful that 3 years ago our paths crossed at Broadway on the Beach. God Bless###imported-begin##Barrie and Nancy Hampton###imported-end##

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January 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Wanting you to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Wayne Babcock###imported-end##

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January 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I wanted to share a fond memory of my time working with Jinny. I was producing the Pageant and needed hundreds of yards of velvet sewn. Jinny was not only willing to take the job on but did so with such a happy spirit! Thank you, Jinny.##imported-begin##Wayne Babcock##imported-end##

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January 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your lost. My prayers will be with you.##imported-begin##becky walker##imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Montague Family-I wish my deepest condolences for your loss. Ginny and I got acquainted via several email and phone conversations last summer and she was a joyful spirit! I know that she loved the Miss America Organization and the young ladies that she encountered through the years. I was blessed by her thoughtfulness and kindness, and I pray that God keep you and comfort you.##imported-begin##Ericka Dunlap-Miss America 2004##imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dave: I am deeply sorry. The schock is devastating. Jinny was a beautiful woman. I will miss her warm smile and tender heart. She was a staple to Miss America. God Bless you and Stay well.##imported-begin##Barbara Thompson##imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David and Family, I was shocked and saddened to hear of Ginny's passing. Just know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. In my mind I will always see you and Ginny in a booth at The Manor House, together...forever. Take Care,  
Rose###imported-begin###Rosemary McCabe###imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I will never forget the love and support that Jinny always showed. She was a joy to be around and will forever be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.###imported-begin###Sarah Carr###imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am just devastated by this news. Jinny was such a delight to me, and always an inspiration. David, my prayers are with you and your family. Thank you for sharing Jinny with all of us. God bless you.###imported-begin###Laura Lawless###imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ my thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###darlene morgan###imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David, Carol and Barb, Today, arrangements have begun to establish the Jinny Montague Miss New York Archive at either the Jefferson County Historical Society or the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library, both on Washington Street, Watertown, within spitting distance of the State Office Building. The former archivist of the MNYSSP, Mary Sanford, has meticulously documented the memorabilia re: all things Miss New York from 1979 to the present. Further, an honorary steering committee has been named to see this project through to completion: Kenn Berry Chris Keiffer Bonita Krull Ed Thompson and Barbara Webber Those of us all across The Empire State who love you hope to have a reception to dedicate the Jinny Montague Miss New York Archive in Watertown at a time convenient to you.##imported-begin##Jack Carr##imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David and Family: My deepest condolences on the loss of a wonderful lady and a great friend. You and Jinny were so helpful to me when I became the State Field Director for Massachusetts. Your kindness, guidance, and expertise helped me more than you know. Although I just recently gave up that position, I will never forget everything you both did for me. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Donna Klamkin, Miss MA PR Director##imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We will always remember Jinny as the wonderful and beautiful woman she was. We will miss her and remember her fondly. We pray for the family.##imported-begin##April & Ralph Clobridge##imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mr. Montague and Family, You are in my prayers at this very sad time. Fondly, Anna Cerasia Lanphere##imported-begin##Anna Lanphere##imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I send condolences to the family. Jinny helped me with my homeroom register my 1st yr. at Estee, and we enjoyed some banana splits at the Manor House. She was always ready to help and always had a sweet disposition. I was very sorry to hear that she had passed on. My best to David and their daughters and families.##imported-begin##Phyllis Johnston##imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy for your great loss. May you find comfort in one another during this time. Your family is in my prayers. Much Love, Brandi##imported-begin##Brandi Burkhardt##imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David, Carol, and Barb, I sit here with such sadness and I am still in shock as I find it so hard to believe a person as wonderful and as good a friend as Jinny was to everyone, is gone. We used to talk on the phone and solve the problems of the world but it was especially fun when she'd deliver my Avon order. The money was always a joke between us. She'd come in with change and I'd have the exact amount and when she didn't bring in her wallet, I'd need change. It always caused us to laugh and I missed that when she gave up selling it. But it was so much more than that. It was a good friendship with a sincere and and wonderful person who had a great smile and a very happy laugh which I will never forget. Please know our thoughts are with all of you. Take care.##imported-begin##Joyce & Neil Ammerall##imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David, Carol and Barbara, We send our deepest sympathy, and our hearts ache for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts will be with you. Tom and Toni Russo##imported-begin##Tom and Toni Russo##imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave, Carol and Barb and families The days working with Jiny at Mayfield School are fondly remembered. Her understanding of kids in need was always a driving force. She always encouraged, helped and listened. Barb, I remember the homeroom mother days in you and Trina's elementary school days. Great times. Don't throw away her receipts!!! My sincere wishes you will find peace and comfort in your memories. Fondly Marilyn Mrs. Johnson.##imported-begin##Marilyn Johnson##imported-end##

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January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David, Carol, Barb & Families, Please accept our sincere sympathy. We will miss this special lady and friend. Sincerely, Joan & Ken###imported-begin##Joan & Ken Bruce###imported-end##

January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ New York's heart is broken. Jinny's loss is beyond words.###imported-begin##Jack Carr###imported-end##

January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Barbara, Mike and children, We are sorry to hear about the loss of your mother/grandmother. You are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Karen Cawley & Beverly Basinger###imported-end##

January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Barbara, Michael & Family, I just want you to know I am sad with you and you are in my thoughts and prayers. If I can do anything, please call. God be with you all.###imported-begin##Sandy Pardue###imported-end##

January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David and family, We were all very shocked and heart broken to hear about Jinny. Everyone that met her, loved her, for good reason. She was one of the kindest, caring and giving people I know. She always took the time to talk to anyone who needed her to listen or help out with a problem. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers will be with your family. Love Candy###imported-begin###Candy McIntyre###imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our very warmest and sincere condolences to David and the entire family; we all loved Jinny and will sadly miss her. She was always willing to help and shared her smile with everyone. Our prayers are with you. JoAnn & Gino###imported-begin###JoAnn & Gino Zando###imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ God has opened his arms to a truly wonderful lady and welcomes her into His home. Peter Engel###imported-begin###Peter Engel###imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Jinny was one of the nicest ladies we know. Our sympathy is with the family.###imported-begin###Jim and Pat Fox###imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David, Carol, Barb and family, You have my deepest condolences for your loss. I will always smile when I think of Jinny and all the laughs we had. I will cherish those memories. May God be with you all at this time. Prayers to all. Fondly.....Jack Spoor###imported-begin##Jack Spoor###imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David, Carol, Barb and Family, My deepest condolences go out to all of you at this very sad time. Jinny was a very special person and I will remember her fondly. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Judi###imported-begin##Judi Lomanto Burke###imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David, I'm so sorry to hear that Ginny has passed away. She was a lovely person and I so enjoyed working with both of you in the Miss Fulton County Pageant. She will be missed.###imported-begin##Cindy Galpin###imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David and family,My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Jinny was loved by all of us.she was especilly so dear and helpful to me as a member of THE MISS NYS Pageant Board. She will be missed.###imported-begin##Barbara Webber###imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David, Karen and I were shocked to hear about Jinny. We will truly miss seeing her. She was such a wonderful lady. If we can ever do anything for you, please let us know. Our thoughts and love are with you and your family. Dennis and Karen Hancock##imported-begin##Dennis & Karen Hancock##imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David and Family, I will remember Jinny's kindness always. I hope you can take comfort in knowing there are many young women whose lives she touched and will honor her memory.##imported-begin##Lindsey Jakiel##imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David, Carol, Barb, and family, Ginny was an angel on earth and now is an angel up above. Thank you for sharing her with all of us. I am so sorry. Patty##imported-begin##Patty Zanella##imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David & family: Jinny was an amazing person. Walking into any pageant, as a contestant or spectator, was always exciting because she was one face you were sure to see. Her energy, enthusiasm, and kindness will be remembered always. My sympathy and best wishes to you and your family.##imported-begin##Stacey Eger##imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David and Family, Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you during this sad time. Jinny was such a dear and amazing woman and I will remember her and miss her always. She touched so many lives, including mine, and I am truly grateful for that. She truly will be missed.##imported-begin##Missy Morrison##imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Barbara and family, I will think of you and pray for you in your time of grief. I know that this is a very difficult time. Focus on your good memories, those will never go away!##imported-begin##Pat Stuckey##imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David, Carol, Barbara and Families....We are so very sad about Jinny...and our hearts go out to you...As tearful as I am now, I have thought about all the wonderful and fun times we have shared...E-mails, phone calls, lunches and dinners,sitting in my box seats at Miss America and enjoying the week there together; parades; meetings;long talks in hotels;the Miss New York and Miss Finger Lakes Pageants and so many laughs....we will hold on to our memories,and cherish them and her always! Jinny's smile and her caring ways could always make you laugh or calm you down when needed! She loved her family and friends dearly....and she has left that love with all of us!!!!We wish we could be with you during this sad time.... Our love to you... Vicki and Joe Morrison##imported-begin##Vicki Morrison##imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb and family, We are shocked and saddened to hear the news of your mom passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. She was a wonderful person whom we truly enjoyed spending time with. With Sympathy, Jill, Matt, Anna & Karl Bush###imported-begin##Jill Bush###imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ VIRGINIA WAS ONE OF THE NICEST PEOPLE TO HAVE GRACED UPSTATE NEW YORK. WE WILL MISS HER DEARLY###imported-begin##GEORGE KLINE###imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dave and Family, Although it has been several years since we have been in one another's company, I still retain many fond recollections of when you and Jinny first met and along with the late Len Z. and my first mate, Phil, in our place sharing some wonderful times at the house, and attending other gatherings with you all, too. So saddened to read in the on-line version of the L-H of her passing. Your loss is shared by so many who knew her. Last summer my Colorado son, Frank,49, lost his 3 year battle with kidney cancer. I can empathize with your sorrow. You can be certain that I shall keep you all in my prayers. An old friend,  
Ginny###imported-begin##Virginia Vertucci Fyfe###imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David & Family, My sincere sympathy for your loss, please find comfort in the knowledge that during her short time with us Jinny touched many of our lives in so many different and wonderful ways. Jinny was one heck of a lady! My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Wayne Scherry##imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Montague, Carol and Barb, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. This was a big shock and I wish I could be there for you. You are in my prayers and I am thinking about all of you. Love, Lucy##imported-begin##Lucy Sandner##imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David and Family, I would like to pay my respects to you all on the death of Virginia "Jinny". I will miss her as a friend and loyal co-worker on the Miss Fulton County Scholarship Pageant. I know my prayers go out to each one of you. May the Good Lord be united with her. My memories of her will grow in my heart daily. I will never forget her. Love, Jim##imported-begin##James V. Sena Jr.##imported-end##

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mr. Montague, Carol, and Barbara, I was saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Montague. I would like to extend unto you my deepest sympathies at this time. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you now and always. Joel Marcellus John 11:25 Jesus said: ". . . I am the Resurrection and the Life. He/she who believes in Me, though he/she were dead, yet shall he/she live."###imported-begin###Joel Marcellus###imported-end###

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January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



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January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Jinny, I'll miss you more than words can express. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking me into yours. Your smile and laughter will ring on in my memory forever. Peace to you, my friend, Phyllis###imported-begin###Phyllis Pulver###imported-end###

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January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David, Barb and Carol: What a tremendous loss to your family and to those of us who were fortunate enough to have Jinny as a friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during these difficult hours. Love, Sally, Justin, Trevor and Erin###imported-begin###Sally McFee###imported-end###

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January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this time of loss. Stephen##imported-begin##Stephen Robarge##imported-end##

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January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David, Carol and Barbara, My heartfelt thoughts are with you. May you feel the comfort of others at this time. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Stuart Williams##imported-end##

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January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mr. Montague and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Mrs. Montague was a wonderful, kind and loving woman. She will be remembered always. Our deepest sympathy, Jennifer Couse, Shannon Helm and the Miss Apple ValleyUlster County Pageant Family##imported-begin##Jennifer Emery Couse##imported-end##

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January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David, Carol, Barbara and family, please remember we are always thinking about you and wishing we could be there to help you through this grief. Jinny was a wonderful lady and can't be replaced. Whenever we go out to eat we think of the many meals we shared and the laughs we had at the garage sales. We'll call soon. Love, Dona and Dick Tyler##imported-begin##Dona & Dick Tyler##imported-end##

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January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David, We will always remember Jinny's warmth, kindness, and love of life. Our thoughts are with you as you say goodbye to your loving, vibrant wife.##imported-begin##Tim and Paula Pope Webster##imported-end##

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January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ A wonderful lady with a bright, shiny, spirit. It was a pleasure to have known her. She'll always remain fondly in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Robin Griffin Fields##imported-end##

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January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb, Mike, & Family...my thoughts are with you during this time...I can empathize with you...Please accept my deepest sympathy, & let me know any way I can help you...LC##imported-begin##Lissa Cowan##imported-end##

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January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David, Barb, and Carol,My heart aches at the news of Jinny's passing. Please accept my deepest condolences and the assurance that she and all of you will have a remembrance in my Masses and prayers.Your cousin,Fr. Neil Kelly##imported-begin##Fr. Neil Kelly##imported-end##

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January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *David, Carol, and Barband Families, we will always hold fond memories of "Mom"...like I haven't raked anyone elses carpet or rescued their fingernails... Your Mom is a top notch act and no one can replace her wit! Know that our thoughts are with you all! Love, The Lakeside Drive Gang##imported-begin##DiAnne, John, Andy Mott and Carolyn Illsley##imported-end##*

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