



## Carmen Ida Giarratana

June 5, 2016

### Obituary of Carmen Giarratana

Mrs. Carmen Ida Giarratana died peacefully at her home in Mount Dora, Florida, surrounded by her loving family, on June 5, 2016. Carmen was 88 years old.

Carmen is survived by daughter Tanina (husband, Richard) Singeltary, of Leesburg, Florida and sons Harry (wife, Sharon) Giarratana of Kennesaw, Georgia, Anthony (wife, Lisa) Giarratana of Franklin, Tennessee, and Charles (wife, Connie) Giarratana of Englewood, Colorado. She leaves behind three granddaughters and five grandsons, George (wife, Cara) and Charles Singeltary (Florida), Sarah Giarratana (Georgia), Sam and Kate Giarratana (Tennessee), and David, Ellen and Tom Giarratana (Colorado). She was also blessed with two great grandsons, George Henry and Jack Warren Singeltary (Florida). She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Ettore "Harry" Giarratana. She is survived by her brother, Anthony D'Ambrosio, Sr. of Mount Kisco, New York, and her sister, Theresa Toscano of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and ten nieces and nephews. Carmen was born in Manhattan, in New York City, New York to Antonio and Ida D'Ambrosio. She met her husband, Harry, while a student at the Art Student's League of New York in New York City. The two were married in 1949 and, for five years, lived in Saddle River Township, New Jersey, where Tanina and Harry were born. In

1954 they moved to Clearwater, Florida where Tony and Charles were born.

After raising her children, Carmen entered the workforce, working first as a Loan Officer in Fortune Federal's commercial real estate department in Clearwater, Florida, eventually becoming an Assistant Vice President. Carmen studied the piano as a child and became an accomplished classical pianist. She was also a gifted painter and a passionate gardener. She loved to read and was interested in current events and politics. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at St. James Episcopal Church, 204 Lee Street, Leesburg, Florida. Friends are invited to attend to celebrate Carmen's life. The family would like to thank Hospice and, especially, Nurses Next Door, for their loving care and kindness during our mother's final days. Memorial donations may be made to Mount Dora Christian Academy at [www.mdcacademy.org](http://www.mdcacademy.org).

# Tribute Wall

HS

“ *We Love You, Mom*



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**Harry Giarratana, Son** - February 16, 2018 at 11:08 AM

HG

“ *We love you, Mom.*

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**Harry Giarratana** - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *So Sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time. May God be with you all to help you through these hard times. Judy*

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**Judy Judson - Nashville, TN** - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Carmen with her son Harry at a function honoring her son Tony.*

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**Harry Giarratana** - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am standing on the seashore while a ship at my side spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. An object of beauty and strength, I stand and watch her until she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other. Then I hear someone say "She is gone!" Gone where? The loss of sight is in me, not in her. Just at the moment when someone says, "She is gone!" there are others who are watching her coming. Other voices take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!" That is dying. ~ Henry Van Dyke

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**Harry Giarratana** - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ *Carmen Ida Giarratana*

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**Irene Chandler** - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I knew Carmen from the Second Tuesday Book club. She was such a kind and gentle person. It was a privilege to get to know her, and to spend some time with her. I am sorry that the family has lost her physical presence. I know your wonderful memories will comfort you.*

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**Irene Chandler** - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Carmen with her Granddaughter Sarah Giarratana.*

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**Harry Giarratana** - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Irene Chandler** - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *God Bless you, Momma. We love you.###GESTURE###*

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**Harry Giarratana** - June 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Harry Giarratana** - June 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“*Death is nothing at all Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner. All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before, only better, infinitely happier and we will all be one together with Christ forever.”*  
~ Henry Scott Holland

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**Harry Giarratana** - June 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VG

“*To the Giarratana family, I knew Carmen from our art lessons at Nan Reinking's years ago. She was a talented artist. She painted beautiful pictures of flowers in muted colors. We kept in touch through the years when I was living in Georgia, calling from time to time. I last called her about a month ago, to tell her that I was living back in Mount Dora, and she mentioned getting together sometime soon. I was so sad to see her obituary in the newspaper. She was a lovely lady with a sunny smile and a sweet disposition. I'm so sorry that she is no longer with us. Please accept my sincere sympathy.*  
Valerie Greaves

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**Valerie Greaves** - June 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carmen Ida Giarratana*

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June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM