



CARA ANN ROCZNIK

OBITUARY

Cara Ann (Czajka) Roczniaak, 70, of Lewisburg, West Virginia, formerly of Cocoa Beach, Florida, died after complications from a brief illness at CAMC in Charleston, WV on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Cara was born in Middletown, CT and was raised and attended school in Cocoa Beach, FL. In 1977 she moved to WV where she remained for the rest of her life. She raised two children and established a homestead on Miller Mountain with her former husband Joseph Roczniaak, also of Lewisburg. Although she loved the mountains, she always considered FL to be her home and traveled back and forth extensively to be with family.

She was very proud of her Florida ancestry and loved to tell stories about her family, Swedish immigrants, who were among the first settlers in Sanford, FL. Her great-grandfather Nels Stenstrom established the first dairy farm in central Florida in 1877, and scouted land for General Henry Sanford to establish citrus groves along the St. Johns River.

Cara was a preschool teacher at Ronceverte Presbyterian Church for many years where she was affectionately known as “Mrs. R”. Her love for children continued after her teaching years with roles at the Children’s Home Society of WV, the Girl Scouts, and with her two grandsons, Moses and Sebastian. Cara provided many years of love and generous support to her family both near and far.

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Over the past several years, Cara took it upon herself to keep the roads along Rt.60 in the Richlands community clean. Despite being partially disabled from a back injury, she managed to collect over 4,000 pounds of litter for the Department of Highways and was awarded numerous volunteer awards from the WV Adopt-A-Highway program.

Cara was an adventurous antique collector and dealer for many years in the Lewisburg area. She always enjoyed her flea market family where she made many lasting friendships throughout the years. She was also an avid gardener and plant enthusiast, and kept her yard in impeccable condition, interests that she instilled into her two children.

Working up until the day she was hospitalized, Cara was fiercely independent. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a huge heart.

She is survived by her son Jacob Roczniaak, his wife Julie, and their son Sebastian of Princeton, Massachusetts, and her daughter Jessica Roczniaak-Grist, her husband Paul, and their son Thomas Moses of Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Also survived by brother David Czajka and wife Tracy of Merritt Island, FL; sister Mary Kay Odio, Beth Clack and husband Lomar of Satellite Beach, FL, and Jackie Golden of Brevard, NC.

She was preceded in death by her brother Peter Czajka, sister Nancy Czajka, bother-in-law Cesar Odio, and her parents Edward Peter Czajka and Ruth Adelaide (Stenstrom) Czajka.

The family will receive visitors for a memorial reception March 11, 2023 from 5-8 p.m. in the Old Stone Room at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg, West Virginia. There will be a family Mass at 11 a.m. on March 11, 2023 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs, WV.

In lieu of flowers please keep the earth clean and the animals fed.

Donations may be made in Cara’s honor and sent to the Greenbrier County Humane society or a wildlife charity of your choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home at www.wallaceandwallacefh.com



MEMORIAL MASS

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 11, 2023 AT 11 A.M.

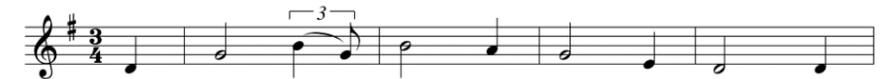
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JULY 12, 1952 – FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Prelude

Opening Hymn: #700 Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5. When we've been there ten - thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: St. 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807; st 5 attr. to John Rees, fl. 1859
Tune: NEW BRITAIN, CM; Virginia Harmony, 1831; acc. by Diana Kodner, b.1957

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11b

Responsorial Psalm: *All say the following after each verse:*
“**The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**”

Second reading I Corinthians 13: 1-13

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father, except through me.
Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel, according to John.
People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel John 14: 1-6

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily (Please be seated)

General Intercessions (Please stand)
After each petition, all say:
“**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn: #665 **The Gift of Finest Wheat**

**Chorus: You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.**



Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right and just.**
Priest: It is truly right and just.... we proclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation

Priest: The mystery of faith.
People: **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

People: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us Lord, we pray from every evil.... and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Please offer each other the sign of peace.

Breaking of Bread

People: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion
(Catholics receiving Communion will please come forward.)

Holy Communion – On Eagle's Wings (harp solo)



Prayer after Communion

A Time of Remembrance - Eulogy

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Music: **Sing to the Mountains**

**Chorus: Sing to the mountains, sing to the Sea;
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made,
Let all the earth rejoice.**

The family of Cara Ann Rocznik thanks you for your presence and your prayers.

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