



Mrs. Martha E. (Towne) Kolarits

August 1, 1920 - April 26, 2016

Mrs. Martha E. (Towne) Kolarits, age 95, passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Utica on August 1, 1920, Martha was the daughter of the late Warren E. and Margaret (Eck) Towne. She was a graduate of Sauquoit Valley High School and the Utica School of Commerce. She was married to Francis Kolarits and shared with him a blessed union of 57 years.

Martha was employed in secretarial positions during World War II in Utica and then at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Silver Springs, MD. Afterwards, she worked in secretarial positions at Eastman Kodak in Rochester, NY and at Bendix in Utica. She later worked from 1977-1988 at the New York State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in Utica. Martha was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where she especially enjoyed singing in the church choir. She was also active in the parish as a member of the Perpetual Adoration Society and the St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Society. She belonged to the National Secretaries Association, St. Elizabeth Medical Guild, and the Antiquer's Society. Her interests also included reading and travel.

Martha is survived by her husband, Francis; her son and daughter-in-law, Francis M. and Rhonda Kolarits, of Canton, Ohio; her grandchildren, Andrew Kolarits, and Rachel Kolarits, both of Canton; her sister, Ella Mae Pero of Lancaster, NY; and her brother and sister-in-law, Warren S. and Lotte Towne of Sauquoit. Her extended family includes her two nieces, and a nephew.

In keeping with the family's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Martha's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. In lieu of floral offerings, please consider memorial contributions in Martha's honor to the Alzheimer's Association online at http://www.alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp; envelopes will be available at the service. Interment will take place in Sauquoit Valley Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ I recall working with Martha at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and must say she was one of the sweetest and kindest women I knew. I have thought about her often over the years, and it saddens me at this time to send my sympathy, condolences and thoughts to you, Francis and Francis, and your family. May her love live on in your hearts.

Thinking of you all - Sharon H. Sobolewski

Sharon H, Sobolewski - May 06, 2016 at 10:56 AM

CP

“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of such a beautiful woman. A woman of faith, a wonderful wife and mother. Only God can know what you are feeling in your heart now, and only He can restore your spirit.

Garry, Carol and Michael Purcell

carol purcell - May 02, 2016 at 07:44 AM

JH

“ It was an honor and a pleasure to have known Martha. She was an inspiration to many people.

Jill

Jill Howe - May 01, 2016 at 09:05 PM

DN

“ Aunt Marty – a true lady and a special person. Remembering the Thanksgivings that we shared together in Rochester. She is now watching over us. She is Home.

Dennis and Nancy Pawlowicz

Dennis & Nancy - May 01, 2016 at 08:32 PM

JP

“ Rest in peace, Aunt Marty. You are, and always will be, present in my memory and in my heart. Jeff

Jeff Pero - May 01, 2016 at 07:06 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Martha E. (Towne) Kolarits.



April 29, 2016 at 04:48 PM