



Mary A. Murphy

June 28, 1932 - August 6, 2010

Mary A. Murphy, age 78, of Utica, passed away on Friday, August 6, 2010 at the St. Luke's Home with her loving family by her side.

Mary was born in Syracuse on June 28, 1932. She was raised and educated in Hamilton; after residing there for 44 years, she relocated to Utica in 1976.

Mary began her career as an operator for AT&T; as a respected and loyal employee of the company, she worked with conscientious and honorable diligence both in the workplace and also in union activities: in fact, she not only prized her union membership in the Telephone Traffic Union, but she also served as a member of its Executive Board for 15 years. In 1984 she retired from the company with 34 years of local and dedicated service to her credit. After her retirement from AT&T, she chose to continue her career, working for a number of years for several other companies, notably Met Life, then Montgomery Ward, and lastly, as a switchboard receptionist and clerical assistant for the Resource Center for Independent Living, finally retiring from that position in 1997 after 5 years of valued service.

In addition to her dedicated involvement in union matters, Mary was a member and communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and was a member of the parish's Altar Rosary Society and Women's Club. She enjoyed following and watching sporting events, her particular favorites being football and basketball. A woman with a strong sense of her heritage and culture, she was very proud of her Irish ancestry.

Mary is survived by her 3 nephews, Thomas and LaDonna Frawley of NE,

John Frawley of TN, and Steven and Tina Frawley of Hamilton; and a niece, Kathleen Anne Frawley of GA. She also leaves her very special friends, Carol Maloney of Whitesboro, Marcia Keeney of Clinton, Mary Bickel of Leonardsville, Peppy Vassallo, and Janet Wren, both of Utica. She was predeceased by her mother, Mollie Frawley with whom she shared a very special relationship; a brother, Patrick Frawley; a nephew, David Frawley; a niece, Cheryl Frawley; and a sister-in-law, Kathleen Frawley. God bless all those I loved so much.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4-6 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions to the American Heart Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Mary's funeral will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Graham Cemetery in Hubbardsville, NY.

Cemetery Details

Graham Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

AUG 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I worked at Montgomery Wards when Mary was there. She was always smiling and funny but didn't take anybodies guff. Wonderful person

Danny Lockard - May 18 at 03:40 PM



“ I met Mary when she was a resident at Lutheran Home. I was one of her caregivers and we became very close during her stay there, we even stayed in contact after she left. She always told the best stories and I was always the lucky one she would vent too when something was bothering her and vice versa :) she was an amazing woman and will never leave my heart. It was truly my pleasure to have known her....god bless her family and rest in peace "old lady".....love your "over worked, under paid princess"I will never forget the many times those words came out of our mouths xoxoxoxox.....Tami <3

Tami Sterling - August 09, 2010 at 11:53 PM

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“ We will miss getting her christmas card every year. John & Sandra Varin

John Varin - August 09, 2010 at 05:40 PM

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“ I met Mary thru work and we continued to share a wonderful time with friends and neighbors for more than 25 years. Her "sputtering" never replaced her joy of family and friends as she shared all that she had with the people she loved. For all the hard times of Mary's life, she always had a listening soul and love.

I don't think Mary ever believed she was one of the smartest people around. Computers weren't her thing but she could organize and remember more than most people. She went to court for a man being sued for medical bills and convinced the judge that the medical billing agencies and the insurance companies made the mistakes. She was right. Mary was part of the negotiation team for employees of ATT&T. Can't be an idiot for that committee.

Mary knew and remembered events, dates and appointments during the last days even though she wasn't feeling well. She would throw out the aide, the doctor, the nurse and remember that they were doing their jobs. Not to her liking at that moment but she knew and had the courage to make up.

Mary could make the oncology doctor laugh and Carol and I would shake our heads. Mary showed me courage. Mary gave me love and I told her many, many times that I loved her too. But I don't think I ever thanked her for that love. Thank you Mary. Love Marcia

Marcia Keeney - August 08, 2010 at 09:05 AM