



Mrs. Mary F. (Lukaszewicz) Synakowski Ballard

March 5, 1924 - October 13, 2014

Mrs. Mary F. (Lukaszewicz) Synakowski Ballard, age 90, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, October 13, 2014 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on March 5, 1924, Mary was the daughter of the late Francis and Stella (Duchnowski) Lukaszewicz. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1942 and the Utica School of Commerce. In 1946 she married Leo Synakowski with whom she shared 14 years until his passing in January of 1960; they were united in their common values and they cherished the blessings of their two children. Mary was blessed with a second union when she wed John Ballard in 1962; they admired one another from their youth, and as chance would have it, they rekindled their love and completed each of their lives through their matrimony. They had beautiful times together and were by each other's side to the very end.

During her working years, Mary was employed by O.W. Hubbell, Inc. as a Cost Accountant. She applied herself in her profession and was admired for her talents. She retired from her position in 1989. On the home front, Mary was a selfless caregiver and was so in tune with her husband, children, extended family, and friends. All who knew her were uplifted to be in her graces. Mary was very proud of her Polish heritage and was fluent in speaking, reading, and writing her ancestral native language. Her culinary skills included traditional Polish foods prepared with love and expertise. Mary

was a grand woman in many ways. She was always attired well, attended to her home with great pride, and she was an outstanding mom. She was an avid reader of non-fiction and historical fiction, and the day would not be complete until she solved the JUMBLE Puzzle. She enjoyed crafting and gardening and had a rock garden which she personalized with much foresight. Most treasured were her memories of her travels including four trips to Hawaii, winters spent in Florida, and weekend getaways spent in the serenity of the outdoors. Mary was also computer savvy engaging in e-mail, on-line research, and Facebook. She shared a special bond with her beloved cat, Cassie, who was her pride and joy. Her love for her feline companion was shared by her husband and much joy and affection abounded while they spoiled and played with her. Mary was a devout Catholic and a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. She was so proud of the works of Pope John Paul II and Mother Marianne Cope, and she prayed the Rosary to her beloved Blessed Virgin Mary. She served as a Eucharistic Minister and her humbling spirituality could be seen as she attended to those who were sick or in need of spiritual uplifting.

Mary is survived by her husband, Jack; her daughter, Linda Iannone of New Hartford; and her son and daughter-in-law, Leo and Judee Synakowski of Coxsackie, NY. Always close to her heart was the memory of her son-in-law, Anthony A. "Tony" Iannone, Sr., who preceded her in death on February 3, 2012. She also leaves her step-children, Keith Ballard, and Karen Jones; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her cousins; brother-in-law, Keith Ballard; and a host of friends who enriched her life. She was predeceased by her sisters, Sophie Lukaszewicz and Stephanie Root.

The family extends sincere appreciation to Dr. Samson Pachikara and Dr. Thomas Mathew for their many years of kind and devoted concern for Mary. Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of floral offerings and in accordance with her love of animals, donations in Mary's name may be considered to Forgotten Pets Rescue, Inc., Sharon Springs, NY; envelopes

will be available at the funeral home or may be directed to 6930 State Route 10, Sharon Springs, NY 13459 (yodelingyogi@aol.com). Mary's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. John the Evangelist Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Arthur Hapanowicz. Entombment will follow in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum in Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

Champlin Ave.
Utica, NY 13501

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

OCT **17**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church
60 Oxford Road
New Hartford, NY 13413
(315) 732-8521

Tribute Wall

JF

“*Mary was a friend since we attended St. Stanislaus Elementary School together on Nichols Street in Utica. Her family first lived upstairs from our common relation Stella Jasinski Gibbs' mother Appolonia Maciol on Elizabeth St. They then moved to Milgate St. which was a few blocks away. We Polish girls became closer when we attended Proctor High School . Although I moved out of the area, Mary was always friendly and we kept in touch by phone. After our children were grown, we had the pleasure of getting together to visit at least yearly with our other St. Stan's friends Irene Warchal Kwiecinski and Virginia Sawicka Sunheimer. I am sorry I could not attend the services for Mary, but appreciate her daughter Linda contacting me as we were hoping to plan another luncheon. My condolences to her husband John and family. I will keep Mary in my prayers.*

Jane Wszalek Furgal

Jane Wszalek Furgal - October 17, 2014 at 10:04 PM

PM

“*Mary loved to bowl,, and always wanted to know where I bought my shirts, which she loved. She was a classie dresser. Rest In Peace.*



paula mariano - October 15, 2014 at 07:45 PM

AW

“ Anne Waters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary F. (Lukaszewicz) Synakowski Ballard



Anne Waters - October 15, 2014 at 12:36 PM

AW

“ Linda and Family, Very sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. She will be a huge loss. Know that I have you all in my thoughts and Prayers.

Anne Waters - October 15, 2014 at 12:36 PM

SD

“ Uncle Jack we are so sorry for your loss of Aunt Mary. She was a woman full of life and always a smile on her face. We will always remember how sweet she was. Hold all the beautiful memories you shared together in your heart to get you through this difficult time.
Love,
Shirley (Ballard), Matt, & Madison Damico



Shirley Damico - October 15, 2014 at 09:18 AM

JL

“ Joe And Linnett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary F. (Lukaszewicz) Synakowski Ballard



Joe and Linnett - October 15, 2014 at 07:05 AM

NO

Linda and Family - many blessings to you during this difficult time.

Norma - October 15, 2014 at 03:35 PM