



Mary V. Hanley

December 5, 1922 - April 8, 2010

Guilderland, NY - Mary V. (nee Polsinello) Hanley, 87, died Thursday, April 8, 2010 at home.

She was predeceased by her parents, Maria (Lauri) and Luigi Polsinello, & her four older brothers : Angelo, Frank, James and Seely.. Widow of Albert V. Hanley, Sr and mother of the late James R. Hanley.

Mary was born in Rensselaer, NY and lived there until 1977. She was a varsity athlete in high school, married during WWII and moved to Brooklyn, NY while her husband served in the US Coast Guard Intelligence division.

While raising five children, Mary was an active member of many political, educational and religious organizations. She retired from the NYS Senate having been on staff to Albert Berkowitz, Bernard Gordon and John Dunne.

Always hardworking and gregarious, Mary founded a business in 1958 called Speedi-Letters which used IBM Flexowriter computers to generate letters. For years, she answered personal letters to then Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

Mary invested her profits in her children, stock and real estate ventures, and her husband's business. In 1963 they founded a tractor-trailer driving school

that is still operated by her sons and grandsons. She took great pride in her son, Al's, development of the school. He worked to make her later years comfortable and happy.

The Easter season was important to Mary and during the last week her family and friends spend loving time with her. The night before she died, Mary ordered take-out dinner from her favorite restaurant, and watched her Yankees defeat their arch rival. She lived her life on her own terms.

Survivors include her daughter, Diane Reilly and her husband, James M., who was a devoted son-in-law; another daughter, her first-born, Mary Agnes Smith and two sons, Albert (Joan) and John (Robin) Hanley.

Mary was a wonderful "Grammie" to ten grandchildren: Albert III (Andria), Michael (Lynn), Andrea, Patricia, Carly and Jay Hanley, Katie (Michael) Powers, USAF Major David (Kerry) Smith, Dr. William (Carly) Smith and Navy Lt. Commander Andrew (Kelley) Reilly. She always took an interest in their activities.

Mary was thankful to live long enough to know nine great-grandchildren: Katy, Kelly, Carolyn and Andrew Hanley, Marcus, Eliot, Luke and Russel Smith and Fletcher Reilly. They all brought their "GG" great joy.

Nightly Mary received a call from her beloved nephew Louis Polsinello, Sr. He and his wife, Priscilla, gave generously their time and care to Mary and she so appreciated them.

For her final years at home, the family wishes to thank : Mary Beth Fischer who was considered to be a daughter by Mary; Barbara and Ed Savoy were also more than good friends visiting weekly and pitching in with errands and chores.

Father R. Adam Forno, pastor of St. John's and St. Joseph's Church in Rensselaer saw Mary through her darkest life-experience in 2002 when her youngest child, Jimmy, died of a brain tumor. Fr. Forno remained by her side with spiritual counseling and prayers all these years.

On the day she died, 9 1 1 made three calls to Mary starting at 4 am. They all were the kindest and most respectful professionals and accepted her wish to die at home.

A celebration of Mary's life will be on Tuesday, April 13 at the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph's Church, Herrick Street, Rensselaer.

Family and friends are invited to call one hour before the 10:30 am Mass of Christian Burial. There will be no other calling hours.

Interment will be immediately following in the family plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

To leave the family a special message on their Guest Book; view her Cinematic Life Tribute; obtain a Prayer Card or directions; or share a photo or E-Card with them, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph
50 Herrick Street
Rensselaer, NY

Service

APR 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary V. Hanley*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary V. Hanley*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Al, My prayers are with you and all your family at this time.
Jeanne##imported-begin##Jeanne Breedlove Litt##imported-end##*

April 15, 2010 at 03:35 AM



“ *John and Family,*

So very sorry to hear of your loss. She is in my prayers.##imported-begin##Eileen Wishart Monteith##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 11:35 AM



“ AL,MY CONDOLENCES ON THE LOSS OF YOUR MOTHER.MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.##imported-begin##al scheibly##imported-end##

April 12, 2010 at 07:50 PM



“ Dear Al

I just want you to know that I am thinking of you and your family during this very sad time.##imported-begin##Kathy Maloney##imported-end##

April 12, 2010 at 04:10 PM



“ Al, I was very sad to hear about your Mom. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Please give my love to Joan. It was wonderful to see you both at the reunion. Your old friend,##imported-begin##Joan (Porter) Cosico##imported-end##

April 12, 2010 at 09:40 AM



“ Albert:

So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Our prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Joan and Charlie##imported-begin##Charlie Twiss##imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 08:50 PM



“ To the family, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Over the years I have often thought of Mary fondly, she was very good to me as a child on Columbia st.. I know she will be missed.
Brenda###imported-begin###Brenda Lepore Malone###imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 06:53 PM



“ AI, Sorry to learn that your Mom died. Wish there was something I could say or do to make things easier for you right now.
With sympathy.
Tom Lawrenson###imported-begin###Tom Lawrenson###imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 04:53 PM



“ AI,
Please accept my condolences on the loss of your mother. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time###imported-begin###Ed Signer###imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 02:04 PM



“ AI and family,
Sincere condolences to all of you on the loss of a cherished family member who was obviously a role model for her children and grandchildren.
Blessings,
Tom Wade###imported-begin###Tom Wade###imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 08:30 AM