



Mary S. Paakkonen

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Mary S. Paakkonen, 94, of Stafford Springs, CT, wife of the late Viljo E. Paakkonen, passed away on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at Vernon Manor, Vernon, CT. She was born in Holyoke, MA on October 26, 1925, daughter of the late Enos Francis, Sr. and Anna Ruth (Walsh) Smith. Mary grew up in the Flats section of Holyoke, and had many fond memories of times spent with special Aunts Gert, Kate, Loretta, and Dorothy Walsh. Mary went to work for Southern New England Telephone for several years, then leaving to raise her young family. She returned to SNET and retired in 1980 with 25 years of employment. She enjoyed playing the organ, Christmas, giving gifts, her cats, and singing, especially with the Golden Tones. Mary was a kind soul who will be missed by many. Mary is survived by her son, Robert Paakkonen and his wife Brenda (the daughter Mary always wanted); two grandchildren, Jamie Paakkonen and her partner Michael Heikkila, and Brian Paakkonen and his wife Julia; sisters-in-law, Shirley Smith and Mary Smith; and several nieces and nephews she was very close to. She was predeceased by her son, Keith B. Paakkonen; two brothers, Enos Francis Smith, Jr. and Robert P. Smith; and sister-in-law, Lempi L. Paakkonen. The family would like to give special thanks to the many home health aides and nurses who helped care for Mary over the past several years. Funeral services with burial in St. Edward Cemetery, Stafford Springs, CT, will be held privately. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT, has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit:

www.introvignefuneralhome.com



Tribute Wall

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Bob Smith posted:

Mary will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her... she was my aunt and godmother and one of my all time favorite people to hear from... she always had a funny story to tell about her latest misadventure that kept us all entertained. She is most likely the source of my sense of humor, gift of gab (especially with total strangers) and my love of a good story. I hope and pray she is up there with the angels right now making them smile!

December 2 at 4:37 AM



Harrier Levesque lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Bob, Brenda, and family. So sorry for you loss, Mary was a great neighbor. Will keep you all in my prayers.

December 1 at 3:19 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Paakkonen family.

November 29 at 6:48 PM



Edward, Laurie, Amanda And Kristina Smith sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Paakkonen family.

November 27 at 5:03 AM



Terry G Edberg posted:

Keeping you and your family in my prayers Bob. I'm so very happy you had your mom as long as you did.

November 26 at 4:01 PM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Paakkonen family.

November 26 at 6:22 AM





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Becky Zelonka Nash lit a candle in honor of Mary.

November 26 at 3:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Paakkonen family.

November 26 at 3:07 AM



Chrisitne Depellegrini posted:

Dear Bob, Brenda and family, We're very sorry for your loss. Your mom was always so cheerful and always had a kind word. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Fondly,Dino & Chris DePellegrini

November 25 at 6:52 AM



Judy Ambrosi posted:

Mary, my dear, dear friend. She was such a sweet and loyal person. We shared so much fun along the way and some terrible sadness. We were always there for one another. My sincere condolences to you, Bob, Brenda and family, for Mary was truly one of a kind who will be missed.

November 24 at 8:26 PM



Lisa Greene Everett lit a candle in honor of Mary.

November 24 at 2:24 PM



Colleen Heitson lit a candle in honor of Mary.

November 24 at 2:17 PM





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Stafford Dental Associates Llc lit a candle in honor of Mary.

November 24 at 6:37 AM



Lynnet Greene/Pierce lit a candle in honor of Mary.

November 24 at 4:39 AM



Cindy Casagrande posted:

So many great memories I have with Mrs. P. From her taking me to the beach when I was young to craft nights at her house! My favorite craft was making my bird puppet she bought for me. She will be missed by many and we were blessed to have her in our lives. Rest easy Mrs. P ♥

November 23 at 5:31 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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