



Mary Rose Henning

Mary Rose Henning, 89, of Jamestown, transitioned to her heavenly home on March 28, 2022, in Heritage Green Rehab Facility.

She was born on June 9, 1932, in Nanticoke, Pa., to Arthur F. and Mae Foux Perry. She moved to Jamestown as a teenager and attended Jamestown Public Schools.

She worked for National Worsted Mills in her late teens. She was a waitress at The House of Petillo for many years. Additionally, she especially loved serving as the producer and hostess of the WJTN Saturday Morning Breakfast Party for over 50 years.

Mary had a lifelong passion for roller skating. She became a nationally licensed professional roller skater with the Roller Skating Association of America achieving bronze, silver, and gold bars in dance competition. She taught skating throughout Western NY and PA making countless friends along the way.

In her later years, she applied her passion and talent for roller skating to developing and coaching a local chapter of Special Olympics Roller Skating. She always took special pride in relating how "her" athletes performed in local, national, and international competitions.

She also loved to play golf having picked up the game around the age of 65. She participated in the Special Olympic Golf Program through last summer at the age of 89.

Mary was a woman of faith who attended Celeron United Methodist Church and First Covenant Church. She was a member and past president of the Optimist Club. She also belonged to the local Zonta Club, and

Lakewood Rod and Gun Club Auxiliary. For many years, Grandma Mary was a blessing to students of the Jamestown Public School system as a Foster Grandparent volunteer.

Mary's compassion for and belief that adults and children with special needs could accomplish great things earned her the Special Olympics Special Friend Award in 1992; the T. Richard Parker Award for Social Justice from the Unitarian Church of Jamestown in 1995; the DeWitt Clinton Masonic Award for Community Service from Mount Moriah, No. 145, in 1996; and Jamestown Zonta Club Woman of the Year in 2002.

She is survived by her four children: Deborah (Eric) Bolling of Jamestown, Lawrence Nowell (Arlene Cieslewicz) of Buffalo, Margaret (George) Coulter of Frewsburg, and Darlene O'Connor of Jamestown; five grandchildren: Andrew (Suzanne) Bolling of Burnt Hills, N.Y., Lauren (Jared) Runkel and Meredith (Jordan) Obaker of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mathew Godfrey and Jamie O'Connor of Cape Coral, Fla.; eight great-grandchildren: Jackson, Nicholas and Timothy Bolling of Burnt Hills; Deborah Ruth, Hattie and Willa Obaker and August and Henry Runkel of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by three husbands: Lawrence Nowell, Frank Ceci and James Henning; a sister: Margaret LaPlaca; and three brothers: Harold, George and Arthur Perry.

Mary will be fondly remembered for her love of gathering family and friends for holiday and birthday parties. She greatly enjoyed spending time with her loved ones.

As a final act of generosity, Mary donated her remains to the University of Buffalo Anatomical Gift Program. In accordance with her wishes, there will be no memorial service or visitation hours.

Memorials may be made to the Evelyn D. Fisher, Jim E. and Mary R. Henning Fund (benefitting Special Olympics of Chautauqua County) c/o Chautauqua Region Community Foundation located at 418 Spring St., Jamestown, N Y 14701