



Mary T. Puccini

March 27, 1929 - June 2, 2012

Mary T. Puccini, 83, of Kankakee, died Saturday (June 2, 2012) at her home. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Thursday, June 7, at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Entombment will be in Mount Calvary Mausoleum, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Vitas Hospice or Americo Vespucci Lodge 1722/Order Sons of Italy.

Mrs. Puccini was born March 27, 1929, in Kankakee, the daughter of Joseph and Lena Nuzzo (Dickman) Pepe. She married Paul "Pooch" Puccini in 1963; he preceded her in death in 1995. She was the owner and operator of Puccini's Beauty Salon in Kankakee.

A former Woman of the Year, she was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, the Ladies of St. Anne, Order Sons of Italy and the Tuesday Book Review. She was an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan and enjoyed traveling. Her grandchildren were her life and joy.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Dennis Mathew, of Kankakee; two stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Dennis and Judy Beach, of Bradley, and Dean and Pat Beach, of Tulsa, Okla.; two grandchildren,

Jennifer (Lenny) Wooten and Matt (Michelle) Mathew Sr.; nine great-grandchildren, Alexandria, Paul and G. Vaughn Stevenson, Isaiah, Matt Jr., Caleb, Katelyn and Anthony Mathew, and Sophia Falta; one stepgrandchild, Eric (Christin) Beach; one stepgreat-grandchild, Sydney Beach; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Fred and Paula Beach, of Texas; and special friends who helped with her care, Carmella, Shirley, Rosemary, Ann, Inez and Fr. Wheeler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Phillip Pepe; her former husband, Bob Allie; and special friend, John Beach.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Church
486 W. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL
(815) 933-9391
<http://www.strosekankakee.com/index.htm>

Tribute Wall



“ Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary T. Puccini



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Mary was like a second Mom when I was in grade school. She was a friend of our family, neighbor and a wonderful person. My love and prayers to Carol and her family. A Mom is so precious and I know she will be missed. My deepest sympathies, Wendy Overacker Hillier

Wendy " Overacker" Hillier - June 09, 2012 at 11:47 AM

RS

“ Dear Mimi, We had a ball throughout the years when we were all family. I never stopped loving you then, and i wont stop loving you now. Rest my sweet butterfly. Love always, Reggie Stevenson Sr.

Reggie Stevenson Sr. - June 07, 2012 at 09:51 AM

LO

“ *My family and I would like to offer you our thought and prayers. Mary was a sweet lady she was always smiling. We lived next to the beauty shop for years. Mary was a remarkable person and will be missed greatly.*

Leslie and Michael Olson (Dustin, Andrew, Ethan) Betty Crayton and Karen Bartruff

Leslie Olson - June 07, 2012 at 09:01 AM

PZ

“ *Carol and Family...*

I worked for Paul P. at United Sales in the late 70s with Ralph. Each Friday afternoon, Paul would have me make the bank deposits for both businesses and stop by beauty Shop to drop off the deposit slips. I liked going to the Beauty Shop as I enjoyed seeing and visiting with your Mom as I waited for Paul. The shop was always busy and "a -buzz" with the latest happenings in Kankakee. I will always treasure those days. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this most difficult time.



Paul and Cheryl Ziemer, WA State

Paul Ziemer - June 06, 2012 at 01:51 PM

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“ Dear Carol Anne,
I dont know if you will remember me, my name is Lisa Turrell (Evans).I worked for you Mom at Puccinis in the 80's when I first came out of Beauty School. I was so sorry to hear of her passing, you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers! She was a one of a kind lady..she taught me so much and was so good to me and my husband Steve. I will cherish all my memories I have of her and your Dad! God Bless you and your family.
Your in our prayers,
Steve and Lisa Turrell

Lisa Turrell (Evans) - June 05, 2012 at 06:03 PM



“ I will miss you and will alwaysw love you from my heart to you and your family, i .will always keep you in our hearts. Evelyn&Smokey Stevenson & Family



Tommy Jr. [Smokey] - June 05, 2012 at 04:47 PM

RL

“ Carol, my prayers are with all of you. Ralph Lustik



Ralph Lustik - June 05, 2012 at 01:52 PM

RF

“ *Mary's Family:*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Mary was a great person, she styled my hair for many years. She was a wonderful friend, I always looked forward to seeing her, Georgia and the few other customers who had their hair styled early Friday mornings. Ralph and I enjoyed the parties at her and Paul's home. She will be missed by many.

Sorry we can't express our sympathy in person.

NAT/RALPH FERRARI

Ralph/Natalene Ferrari - June 05, 2012 at 08:55 AM

RF

“ *Ralph/Natalene Ferrari lit a candle in memory of Mary T. Puccini*



Ralph/Natalene Ferrari - June 05, 2012 at 08:50 AM

DS

On behalf of Fr. Mario Quejadas and the parishioners of St. Martin Kankakee. We would like to express our sincerest condolences to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

May God's blessings of love and peace be upon you.

D. Sheehan - June 07, 2012 at 11:03 AM

AM

“ Many of my fondest childhood memories are of my neighbors in Gracefield. When I think of Mary, I think of a beautiful woman that enjoyed her job and family. She always looked her best even when she was handing out popsicles. Becky, Sissy and I would make May baskets of flowers, hang them on her front door, ring the bell, and then hide. She always played along. Her concern for others was so strong. She would be sure to ask about my family, and that meant a lot.

There will certainly be an empty spot in the neighborhood, but I know she has gone to a better place. My thoughts and prayers are with Carol Ann and her family. You have my sincerest condolences.

Amy (Witt) Mange - June 04, 2012 at 08:32 PM

AF

Carol Ann, I am so sorry for your families loss. Mary was a wonderful person. I have so many memories of you, your mother, the beauty shop, all the good she did. She always made time for all, and truly cared. We have lost a wonderful person. My prayers to you and yours. Mary I love you and will truly miss you... RIP Angela Mazzuchi Fry

angela fry - June 05, 2012 at 09:42 PM

BF

“ *I had the pleasure of growing up next to Mary and Paul and was so sad to hear of her passing away. She was always so friendly and caring, loved her family. I hope she has found peace. Becky (Witt) Feige*

Becky (Witt) Feige - June 04, 2012 at 08:53 AM

PG

Carol Ann, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a very sweet lady and my mom thought the world of her. Mom enjoyed going and getting her hair done even when she was sick it was a pick me up for her to visit with Mary. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. I wish I could attend the wake but can't get off work but will be thinking of you.

Paulette Giardina

Paulette Giardina - June 05, 2012 at 12:51 PM