



Mary Putnam

April 30, 1920 - October 30, 2008

Mary L. Putnam, 88, of Kankakee, passed away Oct. 30, 2008, in her home in west Kankakee, with her family and Hospice by her bedside. Cremation rites were accorded by the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Crematory in west Kankakee. By the request of Mrs. Putnam, graveside services were held in Limestone Cemetery. Please make donations in her name to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, Bourbonnais. Mary Louise was born April 30, 1920, to James and Priscilla (Gagnon) Toohey. Mary married Roy H. Putnam on Jan. 6, 1936, in Davenport, Iowa. Mary is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Victoria L. and David R. Mazza of Kankakee; son Jack Putnam and his wife Shelby of Essex; and four grandchildren, Susan O'Lena of Bourbonnais, Lisa Mazza of Madison, Wis., Thomas Putnam of Dwight, and Robin O'Connor of Bourbonnais. She also left behind four great-grandchildren; and her best four-legged friend, dog Zoey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy H. Putnam; father and mother, James and Priscilla Toohey; stepfather, Lloyd Poudier; two brothers, James and Woodrow Toohey; and a granddaughter, Nicole Mazza. Mary was a homemaker. She loved to sew and crochet as a hobby. She liked her word puzzle books in the evening. She was an avid White Sox fan. Most of all, she loved to go camping and be surrounded by friends. Of those, she had many and was always helping and caring for the elderly. Mary and Roy had a campsite along the river on Route 113, where friends would gather on the weekends for Mary's great country cooking of fried chicken, vegetable soup or big pots of butter beans and cornbread. Her

homemade lemon meringue pie was unreal! Mary and her husband were one of the two couples that ran airboats on the Kankakee River back in the 1950s and traveled the river on "The Vicky Lynn," the airboat her husband Roy had built by hand. Mary had a magnetic personality and to meet her was to love her. She cared about everyone. She was a dedicated mother and grandmother. She will be dearly missed by the people who truly loved her and who were there for her until she passed away.

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