



## Madeline E. Oravec

February 27, 1929 - May 25, 2017

Madeline Ethel (Mahar) Oravec, 88, of Cairo, NY passed away peacefully at CMH on Thursday, May 25th surrounded by her family & friends. Born in Broadalbin, NY on February 27, 1929, the daughter of Ray L. & Ruth Mahar. She moved to Stottville, NY at age 11 where she resided for 58 years before moving to Cairo, NY in 1998.

Madeline was once the subject of “Kramer’s Corner” a neighborhood profile section of the Register Star in the early 1970s. This article asked the local community “Who’s your favorite neighbor?” This was absolutely perfect to describe Madeline. Her front door was never locked to make it easier for anyone who needed to talk, laugh, share a meal, or seek advice. She always had room at her table or a bed to call your own for as long as you needed, whether as a boarder or a foster child, no one felt unloved.

Madeline held many jobs that brought her joy throughout her life. From her early work at the Cedar Park Cemetery, The Canada Dry soda factory, and the Pocketbook factory to being a teacher’s aide at the Stottville Union Free School, Madeline was always smiling. She performed many times in various productions to support the local community. Her performing nature and love of life and laughter was never more evident than when she adopted her beloved persona—TICKLE the Clown. Tickle could be seen performing at her local church’s VBS and at many birthday parties or at local nursing homes. She brought joy to anyone she encountered.

Madeline’s love of her Lord was also a large part of her life. She was integral in starting Faith Christian Academy, a private Christian school run by her church at the time Calvary Assembly of God. It was through this that Madeline also received the moniker “Mrs. O”. As an active member of both Calvary Assembly and her most recent church home, where she became an Elder, New Day Fellowship in Cairo, NY, Madeline was often the first to volunteer to serve her community whenever the need arose.

Madeline’s greatest joy was her family. She is lovingly remembered by her children, Terry (Patti) Oravec, Catskill, NY; Lou Anne (George) Fleury, Cairo, NY; Tim Oravec, Catskill, NY; and Marty (Karen) Oravec, Rio Rancho, NM; Her 19 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren, Her sister Carolyn and numerous nieces and nephews. There are also so many more that fall into this category, simply because if she knew you, she loved you and you became her family. She is predeceased by her

husband John; both her parents; her sister Virginia and her brothers, Charles, Ken, Ray (Jack), Terry and Larry.

A Celebration of her life will be held for Madeline on June 3rd, 2017 at Calvary Assembly of God in Hudson (Stottville), NY. A time of fellowship and sharing will begin at 2:00 pm with a formal service led by her pastor, Anthony Saturnini of New Day Fellowship at 4:00 pm. An additional time of fellowship and sharing will continue following the service. At the request of family, there will not be a viewing and a private interment will be held at a later date.

# Events

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**JUN** **Funeral Service** 04:00AM

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Calvary Assembly of God

2813 Atlantic Ave, Hudson, NY, US, 12534

# Comments

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“ Love you Madeline. Youre in a happy place now.

Love, Diane and Rudy

**Diane Keeler** - June 01, 2017 at 10:31 PM

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“ Donna Demarest lit a candle in memory of Madeline E. Oravec



**Donna Demarest** - May 31, 2017 at 10:25 AM

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“ Mema was an ideal spirit the number of lives she touched and the souls she has saved is beyond countable. She was a living example of an Angel. She was always the first one to help and the last one to do anything for herself. She would give you the shirt off her back and never ask for anything. She is the kind of person I want to be. She showed everyone that with faith, unconditional and neverending love you could make a stranger family. She raised my Father when his own mother couldn't and took the place of her as my Grandmother as well. She was the most thoughtful and caring and never questioned that we weren't related by blood...we were related by LOVE! And love is what we do, we loved you yesterday, we love you today and we will love you tomorrow, and until we meet again when it is our time I know you are with us everyday helping us and showing us the way, because that's what you have always done. I love you Mema forever and Always



**Melissa Edwards** - May 31, 2017 at 12:44 AM

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## “ Message from Ed

With this time of my Aunt Madeline going home I was lead to write. As kids, I loved to go visit aunt Mad and family, except for the naps. The excitement was tremendously great, maybe sometimes too great! For me, it was like one big family. Oh!! the stories. My aunt Mad was always on the go. One thing I remember whenever I went along she always initiated the singing. She love to sing and she had a great voice, that was one of her best gifts.

Later on in life I also experienced what a wonderful mom she was, especially after loosing my own. I am also sure to know she was mom to many if not to all of us. We all have so much to be thankful to her for even the tough love that only she could minister. I know she ran her race with the Love of God.

For me her greatest attribute was her personal walk with our Lord. Aunt Mad had an awesome assurance in her service to the Lord and exemplified it! This is something I know and experience now in me and my family's life. I believe her greatest concern is that all her love ones would serve the Lord first and foremost wherever we are.

Looking forward to the time of her celebration. I can only wonder the victory she stands in now with such a great cloud of witness. The apostle Paul said to live is Christ and to die is gain! I am looking forward to praise, worship and fellowship as she will be there in spirit. She has blessed us all in so many different ways. Now she has passed the baton to each one of us that we might run the race with excellence. My prayer is that we would not quench the Holy Spirit's fire in us all!

**Ed Zyryi** - May 30, 2017 at 09:57 PM