



## Mary A. Swintoka

June 17, 1918 - October 22, 2014

Mary A. Swintoka, 96, of Hudson, N.Y., passed away Wednesday, October 22nd, 2014.

Born June 17th, 1918 in Hudson, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Rocco and Giuseppina (Panella) Fino. She married Frank Swintoka on June 16th, 1946 in Hudson. He predeceased her in 1963. Mary retired as an Administrative Assistant from Hudson River Bank and Trust Company in 1994.

She was a strong willed, determined, energetic, independent woman, who raised three daughters by herself after losing Frank. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and loved spending time with them. One of the highlights of her life was traveling to Italy to meet her extended family in Abruzzi.

She is survived by her daughters, Marie (Robert) Gagen and Teresa (David) Fagan, and son-in-law, David Wadsworth, as well as her grandchildren, Emily Gagen of Chapel Hill, N.C., Cody Gagen of Greenport, and Scott (Lisa) Whitmore of Averill Park, N.Y. She is also survived by great-grandchildren, Zachary and Joshua Whitmore, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her daughter, Elizabeth Whitmore.

A calling hour will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28th, 2014 at Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, followed by an 11 a.m. service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Cedar Park Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions can be made to Community Hospice, 47 Liberty St., Catskill, N.Y. 12414.

# Comments

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“ Marie, Teresa and families,  
Our sincerest sympathy in the passing of Mary. She was a dear friend and co-worker with my mom, Peggy Yost Melnick. I loved to hear the stories after the bank luncheons when the girls got together.....mom so enjoyed them! Mary always knew you wherever she went and always had that beautiful smile and kind words for everyone, especially her family. She truly was a beautiful person and loved by all who knew her.  
God's blessings to your families and I know you have beautiful memories to hold in your hearts forever.  
Love,  
Paula and Bob Melnick



**Paula Melnick** - October 29, 2014 at 09:37 AM

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“ Dave and Teresa,  
Our deepest Sympathy.You will have many memories to keep her alive in your hearts.  
Love,  
Cook and Gina

**Gina Matties** - October 28, 2014 at 11:18 AM

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“ To you Mary's family, I offer my sincere condolences and express my deepest sympathy.

During the many years we worked together your mom/grandmother was a dear friend, confident, and in many instances the provider of much needed sound advice. To say "she was a strong willed, determined, energetic, and independent woman" is true in every sense of the word, and it those characteristics that made her an exceptional person.

My love, thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time, as are those of Mary Jane's.

Sincerely,

William Fisher ( I signed this William. I was always William to Mary. )

**William Fisher** - October 28, 2014 at 07:16 AM

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“ Mrs. S was always very kind when I would go over with my Dad and Teresa. A large portion of my childhood weekends was spent visiting with family at her home. I remember playing her piano even though my Dad constantly asked me not to. She would say, "it's all right David." She always had some sort of candy around for me to devour when we came by. When I'd have sleepovers at my Dad's there were nights where we played Boggle and Trivial Pursuit at Mrs. Swintoka's home with Dave and Betty Ann. She frequently asked how my family was and about how I was doing in school. I remember a sleepover at her house once with Scott and I remember it being a very cold winter night and when she came in to tuck us into bed, she put a blanket under us as well as over us to insulate us all around. I occasionally would do that for years afterward at home on a frigid NY winter night. And finally, I will always remember her Italian Christmas cookies...man, were they good. Thinking of you all....Love, Dylan, Tara, Derek and Dacey Fagan

**Dylan Fagan** - October 27, 2014 at 06:46 PM

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“ Dear Ma (great Nanny),

I want to thank you for being the corner stone of our family. I will never forget all the times I came home for xmas to your house. I remember sneaking into your room hoping you were awake. I stood at the side of your bed poking you to wake up in anticipation of what Santa brought for me! I know you did not want to get up that early, but you did year after year for me! I will always be grateful and thankful for what you meant to me, Lisa, Zach and Josh. Thank you so much for bringing joy to us and everyone who knew you. I want to ask one more favor can you please give Grandpa and my mom a hug from all of us and Please continue to to watch over us all and guide us through life with unwavering love in our hearts as you did all the years of your life!

We love you with all our hearts and will be deeply missed and never forgotten!!!

Love,

Your Grandson, Scott  
Lisa, Zach and Josh

**Scott Whitmore Grandson** - October 24, 2014 at 10:51 AM

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“ Teresa, I am so sorry so hear about your mom. I know it's been over 40 years since we use to talk a lot. I always liked your mom and she raised 3 beautiful girls and did a great job. You have every right to be proud to be her daughter, Dan Oakes



**Da Oakes** - October 24, 2014 at 07:08 AM

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“ My sincere condolences T and Dave! I used to love meeting you and your mom at Wal-Mart or Price Chopper each week. She was such a sweet and wonderful lady. You are all in my prayers.

Mary Prazma



**Mary Prazma** - October 24, 2014 at 06:03 AM

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“ My Aunt Mary was a warm and kind person. I spent many summer vacations at her home in Hudson as a child. Everyone loved her and she made everyone feel welcome in her home. Her life was not easy, having lost her husband Frank at such a young age. She succeeded in raising 3 lovely daughters and keeping her family strong. I will miss her so much. I know she is at peace now as she is reunited with all her loved ones who preceded her in death. I love you forever, Aunt Mary. Louanne

**Louanne Ambrose** - October 23, 2014 at 11:35 PM