



Frances Westfall

January 24, 1920 - March 28, 2012

Frances Avella Westfall, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away at the Teresian House in Albany, New York, on March 28, 2012 at the age of 92. Born in Monson, Mass., she was the first born child of Mary and Joseph Avella. Her family marvels at her courage and determination after suffering a stroke in 2002. Although she lived a long and full life, her loss leaves a deep sadness in the hearts of her family and friends.

Fran graduated in 1938 from Monson High School where she was a Pro Merito student. She was active in drama club and band. She attended Springfield Junior College in Springfield, Mass. and graduated in 1942 with a BA in English from the University of Massachusetts, where she was a member of Sigma Beta Chi sorority, Newman Club, and the school orchestra. She worked as an assistant claims examiner for the Aetna Life Ins. Co. in Hartford, Conn. from 1943-45. It was there that she met and married her husband, Paul Westfall, in 1943. She became a homemaker raising three children before she started her teaching career. Her full time teaching began in 1959 at the Stottville Elementary School, where she taught 4th grade until her retirement in 1975.

Active in the community, Fran was a member of several organizations including the Stottville PTO, the Greenport PTA, the Jaynees, the Greenport Hospital Auxiliary, the Greenport Senior Citizens, the Court Columbia Catholic

Daughters of America, and St. Mary's Church, Hudson.

Summers from 1945-1964 were spent at Sea Cliff House in Livingston Manor, NY. She and her husband, Paul, managed the resort for his parents. Family and friends have many fond memories of time spent in the Catskill Mountains.

Upon retirement, Fran and Paul wintered in Hobe Sound, Florida, with many of their Hudson friends.

In addition to her parents, Fran was predeceased by her husband, Paul, and her son-in-law, Paul Viscusi, both in 1994.

Surviving are three children, Donna Viscusi of Niskayuna, Paul Westfall of Florida, and Glenn Westfall, and his wife, Christine, of Colonie; six "precious" grandchildren, Lisa Viscusi, Lori Waldenmaier (Michael), Kristina Westfall, Lindsey Murphy (Nicholas), Lauren Westfall, and Glenn Westfall, Jr., and two great-grandsons, Michael and Max Waldenmaier. Also surviving is a sister, Josephine Laflamme of Quincy, Mass., a niece, Martha Jean Desserres, and two nephews, Thomas and Gerald Laflamme.

Calling hours are 9:30 - 11:30 am Saturday at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, 110 Green St., Hudson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 12 noon Saturday at St. Mary's Church in Hudson.

Burial will be in Cedar Park Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Donna, Paul, Glenn and families,

It is very sad that I read about the passing of Mom yesterday in the Register Star. Beverly and I are wintering in NC. I have many, many, many wonderful memories of Mom. Our parental generation is now gone, leaving us as the old timers, hard to believe!! Sorry we won't be able to be with you at this difficult time. She lived a long happy life, leaving you all with countless recollections!!! May you find comfort as you recall those many great times and memories!!!!

All of our thoughts and prayers,

Beverly and Ira Ginsberg

Ira M. Ginsberg - March 30, 2012 at 06:27 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss..our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lorraine & Paul Szafran

Lorraine Szafran - March 29, 2012 at 04:52 PM