



## Katherine M. Merritt

January 24, 1937 - November 17, 2011

Katherine "Katch" M. Merritt, 74, of Valatie, passed away Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011 at Community Hospice at Columbia Memorial Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on Jan. 24, 1937 in Syracuse, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Katherine (Sabourin) Fennessey.

She attended Oswego State College.

Katherine was a supervisor for New York Telephone in Hudson and NYNEX in East Greenbush, retiring after 28 years of service.

She was a member of the Hudson City School Board, the Business and Professional Women, the Junior Service League, St. John the Baptist Church in Valatie, and the Pioneers of NY. She was a volunteer at the Hudson Day Care Center Railroad Snack Bar and the Columbia Memorial Hospital Snack Bar. One of her many talents was her knitting and all of the beautiful blankets and sweaters she made for her children and grandchildren. Katherine also enjoyed playing cribbage and yahtzee.

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Herbert S. Merritt of Valatie, whom she married on May 25, 1984; five daughters and sons-in-laws, Kathy

and Robin Steiner of Hartsdale, Mary Edith "Deet" and Timothy Keeler of Claverack, Julia and Stephen Graziano of Manlius, Heather and Michael Schopp of Canaan, CT, and Maureen and Greg Kronau of Poestenkill; her sister, Anne Duncan of Boston; her brother, Richard Fennessey of Potsdam, and 15 grandchildren, Leigh and Allison Steiner, Seth and Eric Keeler, Elliot and MacKenna Graziano, Brooke (Andrew) Bishop, Fred, Ben, Colleen, Michael, and Greyson Schopp, and Emily, Abigail, and Lillian Kronau.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Leo Fennessey.

Visiting hours are 4 - 6 pm today (Friday) at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, 110 Green St., Hudson.

Services will be conducted at 11 am Saturday at St. John the Baptist Church in Valatie. Interment will be in the St. John's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. John's Church, 1025 Kinderhook St., Valatie, 12184, or to Community Hospice of Columbia Greene, 47 Liberty St., Catskill, 12414.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr. Graziano,  
My families deepest thoughts and prayers are with your family in  
this time of sorrow. Find comfort in knowing there is no more pain  
for her now and she will be looking over all of you from above.*

*Judy Runfola  
Dept. of Medicine Business Office  
SUNY Upstate Medical University*

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**Judy Runfola** - November 18, 2011 at 11:25 AM