



Margaret F. Wolf

July 13, 1923 - March 31, 2012

Margaret F. Wolf, 88, of Hollowville, died with dignity at home on March 31, 2012 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in New York City on July 13, 1923, the daughter of Karl and Johanna (Jacobs) Blattner. She grew up in a large family, her mother being one of ten children, six of whom immigrated to New York from Germany in the early 1900s. At the age of 3, Margaret sailed to Europe aboard the SS Bremen, staying with her grandmother for nearly a year. Speaking only German upon her return, she needed to relearn English. She spent her youth in Manhattan, where the family owned a bakery, candy store, and restaurant on West End Avenue and 68th Street for many years. Her family later moved to the Bronx and purchased a bakery on Morris Park Avenue. At age 19, Margaret started work as one of the first female stenographers for the Texas Company in the Chrysler Building on 34th Street. She remained there until 1958. In 1951 Margaret met her future husband, Frank Wolf. They shared a love of music. They married in 1955 and had two daughters, moving their family from the city to Westchester and finally to Columbia County in 1973. Margaret and Frank loved the peaceful beauty of the area. A forty-eight year breast cancer survivor, Margaret shared her secretarial skills as a volunteer for the Cancer Society in Hudson, NY, and was an inspiration to many women who faced the same diagnosis. Known for her smile and her gracious manner, Margaret enjoyed gardening, was an accomplished seamstress and knitter, and had a passion for food and cooking. She enjoyed conversation and the company of her friends and

neighbors. She loved her family and enjoyed watching her granddaughters grow. Though her health declined over the last few years, her spirit and will remained strong. Predeceased by her husband in 1989, Margaret is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Susan and Richard Fanch of Saratoga Springs; her daughter and son-in-law Lorraine Nelson Wolf and Godfrey Nelson of Hollowville; granddaughters Kelly Fanch, Kimberly Fanch, and Lauren Nelson; cousins, nieces, and nephews. The family would like to thank her home health aides for their loving care as well as Community Hospice for their compassionate staff and incredible support during our mother's last months. A private memorial service is being planned. Contributions in memory of Margaret may be made to Community Hospice of Columbia-Greene, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill, NY 12414 or The Humane Society, 125 Humane Society Road, Hudson, NY 12534