



Sara Frances Conte

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Sara Francis Cardinale Conte was born during WWI in Hudson, NY, to Daisy Denniston Cardinale and Frank Cardinale. She had an older Brother, Charles and a younger brother Jim. Her Father owned a Restaurant and was active in Politics. Her Mother was a homemaker who was a Noble Grand in the Rebecca's. Her Parents were charter members and founders of Mount Carmel Church in Hudson.

Sara grew up during the Great Depression. She chose to be a beautician so her and a friend traveled to Albany New York each day by railroad for her training. After graduation with the help of her Father, she opened her own Salon called Sari's Beauty Parlor. Soon our country found itself involved in WWII. During the War Sara met and married Fred John Conte. Within a few months after their marriage Fred left to serve his Country. He was stationed in Perl Harbor and was off the waters of Hawaii in a Mother Ship when Pearl Harbor was bombed. His brother Joseph gave his life as a Marine in Iwo Jima

Sara operated her beauty shop till Fred returned from the Navy. They moved from Hudson to Troy New York so Fred could attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to become a Mechanical Engineer. Sara became pregnant and delivered her first daughter Gloria and two and a half years later her second

daughter Anita.

After Fred's graduation they moved to Hyde Park New York where Fred took a job with IBM. In 1955 the young family moved to Valley Forge Pa. for Fred to work in the Space Program with General Electric. Sara was always very proud of her husband, especially when he was mentioned in Time Magazine for helping design the nose cone for the Apollo and when he appeared in Who's Who in Science. Sara supported her husband and his Engineering Career as they moved to Louisville Kentucky, Greenville South Carolina and then back to Pennsylvania.

Sara was a home maker and a mother but she was also very active in the community. She was active with the League of Women's voters and the Election Board. She volunteered for the Red Cross and the Church Thrift Shop. She helped with fund raisers for the Dental Clinic and the Indian Reservations. She was a member of the Garden Club and enjoyed taking Craft courses. She made many beautiful Della Robbia wreaths. Sara also took several courses in first Aid. She would have made a wonderful Nurse. She was an assistant Girl Scout leader for many years.

In 1986 Sara lost her beloved husband and to cancer. Sara moved to Hershey Mills, an Adult Community in West Chester PA and continued with her volunteer work at the church thrift shop. In 2007 she became a member of the Col. David Hall Chapter of the DAR. Her patriot is John Dennison of NY. Both daughters and her grand daughter, Linda, are members of the DAR. Her great grand daughter is a member of the CAR

Sara has seen many changes in the world over the years. But some things didn't change. She loved her family and her dogs and living in her own home. She always had a positive attitude. She was preceded in death by her parents Daisey and Frank Cardinale and her two brothers Charles and Jim Cardinale.

She is survived by her daughter Gloria Lester (Bill) in Lewes Delaware where she resided for the last year and a half, her daughter Anita Jensen (Bill) in Phoenixville PA, her granddaughter Linda Shupe (Roger) and her great granddaughter Caitlyn in Saint Mary's Georgia.

Visitation will be on Thursday June 22 at Bates Anderson Funeral Home in Hudson NY from 10:30 - 11:30 AM at 110 Green Street, Hudson NY and a Funeral Mass will follow at 12:00 Noon at St Mary's Catholic Church, 429 Allen Street in Hudson. Burial will take place immediately after at Cedar Park Cemetery.