



Mary Nolan Cunningham

September 1, 1914 - December 11, 2008

Mary Nolan Cunningham, 94, of The Valley, in Syracuse, New York, died Thursday, December 11, 2008 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse.

Mary was born September 1, 1914 in Newburgh, New York, the daughter of the late Phillip and Josephine (Schell) Nolan. She has lived in Syracuse since 1946. She graduated in 1935 with a BA from Albany State College and was a member of Red Cross Motor Corps during World War II.

Mary was a teacher at Newburgh School District and Minoa School District and she also taught Religious Instruction at St. James School. She was a communicant of St. James Church, a member of their Mothers Club, Altar and Rosary Society, golf league, bowling league and a 50 year member of their choir. She was also a member of Orchard Valley Golf League and Valley VIP's.

Mary is survived by her two daughters, Kathleen Looby and Carol Spooner; seven grandchildren, Mary Ellen (Miguel) Mendez, Matthew (Jennifer) Spooner, David, Richard, Jessica, Brendan and Claire Looby; three great-grandchildren, Christopher, Julianna and Emilio; one sister, Josephine Kirchner; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Dana "Dan" Cunningham and her sister, Bertha Araman.

Services: Monday, December 15, 2008, 9:30 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Syracuse, New York and 10:00 a.m. in St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Burial: Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York.

Calling Hours: Sunday, December 14, 2008, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Syracuse, New York.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13205.

Tribute Wall



“ I lived on the same street as Mary and had met her at one of our Neighborhood Watch functions. She was the longest residing resident attending. Mary was a good neighbor and will be missed on the street. On behalf of the residents of Harding Place I would like to convey our sincere condolences from everyone that knew and loved Mary.

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“ I've known Mary for many years. We were in the St. James Bowling and Golf Leagues together. We also both belonged to the VIP's. Mary was a very fine lady and friend. I'll miss her very much. Myrtle H. Bush

December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Mary was my inspiration, someone who was open and candid about her feelings and cared deeply for her family. She was intelligent, articulate, well read and not afraid to state her opinion. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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“ Always smiling and bringing out the best in everyone no matter what the situation. She was so devoted to her family, friends and her church. From her singing in the choir to her enthusiasm on the golf course she always performed at her best. Her spirit will last forever in the hearts of all who knew her and loved her.

December 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandma, Thank you for all the wonderful years we were lucky enough to spend with you. We love you and will miss you everyday. There will be an empty spot in this family with you gone. Mary Ellen, Miguel, Chris Lil Miguel and Emilio too!

December 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ With deepest sympathy on the passing of a wonderful lady. Carol, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time. Mary will be greatly missed...warmest regards, Sylvia & Kara

December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy and Carol - I am so sorry to learn of Mary's passing. Your Mom was the sweetest person and I admired her a lot. I always enjoyed seeing her on Christmas Eve when she was able to visit our family gathering. She was about the last of the Harding Place ""old-timers"" from when we were kids. I know how much you and your families will miss her. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Bette

December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ An amazing person with countless wonderful qualities, which she passed along to many and are embodied in her dear grandson and our loving brother and uncle, Matt. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Mary's family.

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“ *Grandma Cunningham always has been so pleasant and friendly to my family. She will truly be missed, but watching over all of us who she has had such a positive impact on our lives.*

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“ *In memory of a very lovely lady who was blessed with a wonderful family - especially Carol, a special friend and co-worker. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time. With Love, Barb Capriotti*

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