



Kathlyn Alberta Renzi

May 2, 1918 - December 1, 2014

Kathlyn Alberta (Russell) Renzi, 96, passed away peacefully on December 1. She was a loving Mom, wonderful Nanny, dear friend Berta and beloved aunt "Boo." Born on May 2, 1918 in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of Mildred Melrose Mingos and Charles Addison Russell. As a child, Alberta remembered her grandmother baking every day for their family pie and popcorn shop. She graduated from Athens high school in 1936 where she was known for her speed as a runner. Soon after graduation, Alberta moved to New York City to attend NYU. In the late 30s, it was no small feat for a woman from small town Pennsylvania (population 7,000) to move to NYC (population 7 million.) Alberta was invited to live with her uncle, Howard Mingos, the aviation expert and Wright Brothers biographer. Living with her uncle and his wife, she attended NYU and worked at Macy's. One of her favorite memories from these days was stopping at her sorority house each day to hem her skirt because her aunt was so strict about her skirt-length. In one of her classes at NYU, she met George Bernard Renzi. They married, settled in Connecticut and had three sons: Howard, Roger and Bobby. These three boys were the great loves of her life. While the boys were little, Alberta worked at Thornton Fuller's department store in New Canaan, volunteered with the STAR organization and was a Cub Scout Den Leader. Another favorite memory took place in 1967. Her boys, each 4 years apart, faced major graduations the very same year. She feared they'd fall on the same weekend and she'd have to choose. Thankfully, the timing worked so she

could attend all three. Roger graduated from the 8th grade, Bobby from high school and Howie from the United States Naval Academy. In 1973, with the birth of her first grandchild, Michael Alexander Renzi, Alberta became always and forever "Nanny." She called him Michael "A for Angel." Over the years, she was blessed with a total of seven grandchildren. Until her stroke in 2012, Alberta lived a long, healthy, colorful life. Her love of fashion and color poured into all aspects of her life. Her favorite color was purple. She collected teapots, dolls, jewelry and memories. She wore the same shade of pearlescent Wet and Wild nail polish for decades. She loved to cook and was passionate about nutrition. She delighted in setting a beautiful table and decorated for every single holiday. She also loved playing cards and spent hours playing Canasta and Rummy 500 with her family. Alberta was predeceased by her son Roger; her sister Mary and her former-husband George. In fact, Alberta is the last of her generation of both Russells and Renzis. Alberta is survived by two sons George Robert "Bobby," formerly of Norwalk, now of Voorhees, NJ; Howard and his wife Genevieve of Wyncote, PA and their three children in California, Michael of San Diego, Melissa of Los Angeles and Lauren of Redondo Beach and also a great grandson Patrick Renzi Gustafson. Alberta is also survived by the family of her late son Roger, grandson Roger Matthew of Stamford; daughter-in-law Joanne Sullivan of Darien and her children Timothy (and his family), Felicia and Lindsey. She is also survived by niece Marcia Sykes of Chemung, NY. Please join us in celebrating Alberta's beautiful life on Thursday, December 4th from 3 to 7pm at Collins Funeral Home, 92 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT. Or, in her hometown on Saturday, December 6th from 10am to 12 noon at Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home, 314 Desmond Street, Sayre, PA. She will be buried at Tioga Point Cemetery in Athens, PA. Alberta absolutely loved flowers. If you're so inspired, please send them

Cemetery Details

Tioga Point Cemetery

803 North Main Street
Athens, PA 18810

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home
314 Desmond Street
Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 888-2113
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Graveside Service

DEC 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kathlyn Alberta Renzi*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Kathlyn Alberta Renzi*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Kathlyn Alberta Renzi*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Kathlyn Alberta Renzi*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Kathlyn Alberta Renzi*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Joyce Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of
Kathlyn Alberta Renzi*



Joyce Lee - December 05, 2014 at 11:52 AM

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To the Renzi family, May peace and love be your strength, today, tomorrow and always.

Joyce Lee - December 05, 2014 at 11:56 AM

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“ *Shelley Asato sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathlyn Alberta Renzi*



Shelley Asato - December 05, 2014 at 11:49 AM

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“ *Shelley Asato lit a candle in memory of Kathlyn Alberta Renzi*



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“ *Joyce Lee lit a candle in memory of Kathlyn Alberta Renzi*



Joyce Lee - December 05, 2014 at 11:34 AM