



## Marie Margaret (Machung) Lenox

April 9, 1945 - September 9, 2024

Marie Margaret Machung Lenox, 79, previously of 106 Foster Road, Towanda, PA passed away the afternoon of September 9, 2024, in Doylestown, PA, surrounded by family.

Marie was born on April 9, 1945, the youngest of 3 children to John and Mary Katra Machung. She grew up in Nanticoke and attended Nanticoke High School, where she was president of the Tri-Hi-Y club and a member of the band color guard. Marie graduated college in 1967 with a Bachelor's of Science in Home Economics, from College Misericordia, Dallas, PA. While she dreamed of being a Window Dresser in NYC, her first job out of school was teaching Home Economics in New Jersey. It was her next job in the Pennsylvania Cooperative Extension that sent her city-girl heart to the picturesque countryside of Towanda, PA, where she met her future husband, Joseph Lenox. They were happily married for 47 years, raising 2 children and a handful of grandpuppies on Foster Road. It was around this kitchen table on Foster Road, while fighting a chest cold on the night before Christmas Eve, that she first learned she was going to be a Grandma (erupting uncharacteristically into cheers, tears and clapping), and then promptly sent her daughter and son-in-law out the door to travel back home so she wouldn't 'get the baby sick'. That action summed up how joyously and fiercely she embraced one of her most cherished roles of Grandma.

Marie will be remembered as someone who loved and devoutly cared for her family, enjoyed many late night laughs with friends and relatives, kindly served her community through volunteering at Rainbow's End Thrift Shop and working as a Caseworker at Bradford County Children and Youth Services. She loved being a reliable helping hand to family and neighbors alike, even if doing it with few words, muted reactions but strong opinions. Using her Home Ec background, Marie was skilled in needlework and enjoyed making costumes and doll clothes for her daughters. She enjoyed spending time shopping, collecting toys, long walks and planning excursions for her and Joe. This included weekend bus trips, visiting her daughters or seeing a show - Clay Aiken, Willie Nelson and Dolly Parton being some of her favorites.

Surviving are her daughters, Michelle Lenox and fiancé Mark Pfaff of Woburn, MA, Laurie Lenox and husband Peter Blessington of Doylestown, PA, granddaughter, Emery Lenox Blessington, brother, Francis Machung and wife Ann of Hurley, NY, and sister-in-law Evelyn Machung of Old Saybrook, CT, as well numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, Marie was predeceased by her eldest brother, John Machung.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Third St., Towanda, PA with Rev. Shinu Vazhakkootahil as celebrant. While the cruelty of dementia took many of her fond memories, it never robbed her of her sweetness or concerns for others around her. With that in mind, to honor Marie in lieu of flowers, keep her memory alive by showing kindness to strangers, be generous with your compliments and have your default be a smile. If inclined, the family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or Towanda Public Library, in memory of Marie Machung Lenox. Arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Avenue, Towanda, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.](http://www.)

[bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery**

30 James Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

SEP **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saints Peter & Paul's Church  
106 3rd St  
Towanda, PA 18848-1798  
(570) 265-2113

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I always loved seeing Aunt Marie at the lake during the holidays. She always had a smile -- and she made the best deviled eggs! She will be missed.*

*With condolences, Dave Storch*

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**David Storch** - September 28, 2024 at 10:24 AM

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“ *n loving memory of Marie,*

*Marie touched our lives profoundly during her time at the Bradford County Assistance Office in Towanda, PA. She was the epitome of elegance, always impeccably dressed and well-mannered, a true lady in every sense. Her professional demeanor was matched by her compassionate heart. Marie had a unique way of dealing with challenges; she would gracefully step away for a moment, only to return and deescalate any situation with patience and understanding.*

*Her ability to handle client interactions with such grace was something we all admired and aspired to. Marie was not just an excellent caseworker; she was an asset to our agency and a cherished friend to all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her memory will continue to inspire us to be better, to remain calm in the storm, and to treat everyone with respect and kindness.*

*Marie, you will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Your legacy lives on in our hearts and in every moment where we strive to embody the grace you so naturally possessed.*

*With heartfelt condolences and everlasting respect  
Vicki Sindoni  
Co-worker BCAO*

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**Vicki Sindoni** - September 17, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ Marie was a gifted caseworker with her kindness and empathy for the children of Bradford County! I shall never forget her dedication and kindness that she bestowed upon our community. RIP beautiful Marie! You truly were an angel for those in need. I forever will be grateful that our paths crossed while I worked at Sage House.  
Bonnie Strosser

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**Bonnie Strosser** - September 17, 2024 at 09:03 AM

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“ Gary F Bailey lit a candle in memory of Marie Lenox



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**Gary F Bailey** - September 15, 2024 at 02:30 PM

JL

“ JOHN LENOX lit a candle in memory of Marie Lenox



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**JOHN LENOX** - September 14, 2024 at 02:27 PM

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“ Claire Holton-Lizon lit a candle in memory of Marie Lenox



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**Claire Holton-Lizon** - September 14, 2024 at 10:08 AM