



Mary Frances Bustin

December 13, 1935 - March 11, 2024

On the morning of March 11, 2024, Mary F. Bustin passed quietly into eternal rest at the Athens Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Mary was born September 13, 1935, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, NY to James F. and Mary M. McKee Bustin. She spent her early youth in Lowman, NY where her parents farmed until she was 5 years old when the family moved to East Troy, PA where they owned and operated a farm there until 1969.

Mary was a graduate of Troy High School in the class of 1953. After graduation she began working in the office of the Troy Engine and Machine Shop and she remained there until the plant closed in 1959. After that she worked for a brief time in Elmira, NY and then went to work in the banking industry first in Troy and then at Citizens and Northern Bank in Towanda where she remained until her retirement.

While in East Troy the family were regular communicants of Saint John Nepomucene Roman Catholic Church where Mary was active in all the activities of the parish.

In 1969 Mary and her mother and sister moved to Towanda to be closer to family. They purchased a home at 300 North Main Street where they lived until failing health forced Mary and her sister Rita to move to the Towanda Memorial Personal Care home where they lived for 12 years. After Rita died Mary's health continued to decline and she then moved to the Athens Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Mary was a woman of unquestionable faith and a member of Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church in Towanda, she participated in parish activities, committees and was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society of the parish. Mary and her sister Rita volunteered to help count the Sunday collections and prepare them for the bank and volunteered at Bingo to support Saint Agnes School. The high point of Mary's Sunday was attending Mass and visiting members of the parish. Then going to Bishop's Restaurant in Ulster. Her warm smile attracted many friends that Mary treasured during her life.

Mary was a very quiet and demure person. She was gentle and kind and loved by all who knew her. She was the last of her generation, one of the 16 grandchildren of George and Ellie McCarthy Bustin who grew up in the tight knit Bustin family.

Mary was predeceased by her father James Francis Bustin, December 17, 1968, her mother Mary Marguerite McKee Bustin, December 3, 1979, Her best friend and sister Rita Ann Bustin on September 24, 2018, very special cousins and lifelong friends Robert J. Bustin, May 16, 2016, and Edward J. Bustin, September 5, 1998.

She is survived by cousins to include Mary E. O'Hara and Henry G. Farley, who became her familial support after the passing of her sister Rita and a close friend Patricia Benson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, Third Street, Towanda, PA with Rev. Joseph Kuriappilly, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will follow in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, North Towanda, PA

Memorial Donations can be made in Mary's memory to Saint Agnes School in Towanda or Epiphany School in Sayre where her cousin Gunnar is currently a student. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery

James Street
North Towanda Township, PA 18848

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church
Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary was a lifelong friend of the Ballard and McGee families in Troy, PA and I have fond childhood memories of the Bustin farm. We kept in touch over the many years and I so appreciate the friendship of Mary and Rita. My condolences to all of Mary's family and friends for the loss of a lovely lady.*

Brent Ballard - March 28, 2024 at 05:41 PM

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“ *Claire Holton-Lizon lit a candle in memory of Mary Bustin*



Claire Holton-Lizon - March 12, 2024 at 10:03 AM