



## Mary J. Kokat Slater

May 29, 1932 - March 23, 2014

Mary J. Kokat Slater, 81, of Towanda, passed away at home on Sunday, March 23, 2014. Mary was born in Philadelphia, PA on May 29, 1932, the daughter of the late Albert Kokat and Julia Simpson Kokat McDonald. Mary met her future husband, Lester, while he was working at the deli his parents operated in Philadelphia; he would time his work schedule so he was there when Mary walked by on her way home from work every day. Their first date was walking down the street together, window shopping. After two years of courtship, she married Lester C. Slater on September 20, 1952 in Elkhart, MD. Mary and Lester resided in Bucks County for a few years before moving to Bradford County in 1969. Mary was employed by the Towanda Daily Review in the Circulation Department for over twenty years before her retirement. She enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding ATVs, and photographing wildlife. Mary was even known to have chased a few bears in her time. She was loving, kind, and had a way of making her family and friends feel special. Mary was very community oriented; she was an active volunteer at T.A.C.O. Food Pantry, Rainbow's End, and Keystone Theater. Mary was a life member of the Towanda Gun Club and AARP.

Mary is survived by her nieces and nephews, Russell and BJ, Richard and Dianne, Albert, Terri, Anthony and Denise, Loretta and Robert, Mary and Allen, Gloria and Miguel, and Timothy.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Lester Slater; sister, Gloria Schmeltzer; and brother, Albert Kokat.

The family would like to invite Mary's friends, Lunch Ladies and former coworkers to join them in celebrating Mary's life on May 31, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a Memorial Picnic at Spring Lake, also known as Spring Pond, Moody Pond, and the lake where they dug up the bones of Woolly Mammoths, located on Moody Road (between Route 187 & Marshview Rd) bordering Terry & Asylum Townships. Please contact Loretta & Bob at [bbob18848@hotmail.com](mailto:bbob18848@hotmail.com) by May 16th so they know how many people to expect.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be directed to T.A.C.O. Food Pantry, 1876 Golden Mile Rd Wysox, PA 18854; Rainbow's End, 417 Main St, Towanda, PA 18848; or Keystone Theater, 601 Main St, Towanda, PA 18848, in memory of Mary J. Slater. Arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, Towanda. Memories and condolences may be shared by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



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