

OBITUARY



Gratia Ellen Burke, age 77, of Hackettstown died Thursday, August 25, 2016 at home surrounded by her loving family. Gratia was born January 1, 1939 in Englewood, NJ. She is the daughter of the late Charles L. and Gratia Ellen (Hendricks) Schastey. In addition to her parents she was predeceased by 1 sister, Ann. She was previously employed by the Courter Kobert Law Firm, Hackettstown, NJ as their Legal Administrator. Gratia was a member of the Board of Directors for the ARC of Warren County, the Drug Alliance for the Town of Hackettstown, the Board of Elections for Hackettstown and the Hackettstown Senior Hall of Fame. She was an avid golfer, loved to shop but most especially she enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Chief Bryan E. Burke, 2 daughters: Alice Maria Burke and Theresa Ellen Ricciardo and her husband David; 3 sons: Bryan Philip Burke, Dennis Lincoln Burke, and Patrick

Edmund Burke and his wife Christine; 7 siblings: sisters Betty, Nancy, Margaret, Susie and Dotty; and brothers Charlie and Jack; 15 Grandchildren and 5 Great Grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 28 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 pm at Cochran Funeral Home, Inc., 905 High Street, Hackettstown, NJ. The funeral will be held at 2:00 pm on Monday, August 29 at Cochran Funeral Home, Inc., 905 High Street, Hackettstown, N.J. with Rev. Donald Gebhard officiating. Burial will be in Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The ARC of Warren County, P.O. Box 389, Washington, NJ 07882 in memory of Gratia.

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