

OBITUARY

Catherine DiCiancia Passionate Hackettstown educator, was fiercely devoted to her family, will be remembered for her spirited stories and endearing eccentricities Catherine DiCiancia entered into eternal rest on July 28, 2015. A viewing will be held on Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Colonial Funeral Home, 2170 Hwy. 88, Brick, N.J. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Martha's R.C. Church in Point Pleasant, N.J. Burial will be at the Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington, N.J. Condolences may be sent by visiting colonialfuneralgroup.com. Born in Jersey City, N.J., in 1918, Catherine was a graduate of Lincoln High School. She attended Jersey City Junior College, followed by the completion of her bachelors' degree at Seton Hall University, followed by completion of her master's degree. She was a lifelong learner, continuing to accumulate credits that made her eligible for a doctorate. Catherine began her teaching career in 1957 at St. Aloysius School in Jersey City, followed by a year at the Switlik School in Jackson, N.J. She spent the remainder of her career teaching in the Hackettstown School System, where she served as teacher, reading specialist, and finally a learning consultant and member of the Child Study Team from which she retired in 1985. Sharp, sprightly, and strong-willed, Catherine was as loved for her caring and inquisitive nature as she was for her spirited stories and endearing eccentricities. Passionate about education and her students, Catherine prided herself upon being a strong and stylish woman and ultimate diplomat among her colleagues. A lifelong lover of words, she was an avid reader and writer, as well as a doting pet parent to a menagerie of cats and dogs over the years. Above all, she was a fiercely devoted sister, wife, aunt, great-aunt, and great-great-aunt, closely tracking the adventures of her many nieces, nephews, and their families who will miss her always thoughtful notes and news clippings, poems and phone calls. Catherine was predeceased by her loving husband, Nicholas DiCiancia; her mother, Elizabeth Salandra DiMartino; her father, Joseph DiMartino, and his second wife, Theresa Manziano DiMartino, and her sisters, Rose DiMartino, Anne Rienzo, and Helen Girardi. She is survived by her brother, Joseph DiMartino; her sister, Grace Hawkes, and many nieces and nephews.

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