

Virginia J. Murphy

Virginia J. Murphy, 77, of Hackettstown, died Oct. 26 at her home.

Born Nov. 20, 1924 in Dearborn, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Johanna Kop Taubitz.

She lived in Hackettstown for seven years coming from Naples, Florida and Morristown.

She was a homemaker.

She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Hackettstown.

She was a volunteer for the following organizations: Pink Lady at Morristown Memorial Hospital, volunteering over 5,000 hours; Braille Association of Brooklyn, N.Y.; St. Vincent De Paul Society, Naples, Florida; Collier County Nature Conservancy, Naples, Florida; and the Soup Kitchen in Imokolee, Florida.

She was an avid bird watcher and a former staff writer for Dearborn Independence Newspaper.

Survivors include her husband, George; a son, Stuart M. Murphy of Netcong; three daughters, Mary Rita Miller of Elverson, Pa., Elizabeth V. Murphy of Hackettstown, and Joanne Merrell of Rockaway Township; two brothers, Jerome Taubitz of Gwynn, Michigan and Frank Taubitz of Dearborn, Michigan; a sister, Mary Catherine Blake of Marine City, Michigan; and ten grandchildren.

A Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption in Hackettstown.

Interment was in Stanhope Union Cemetery in Stanhope.

Cochran Funeral Home in

Hackettstown was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Karen Ann Quinlan Center of Hope Hospice, 99 Sparta Ave., Newton, N.J. 07860 or American Parkinson Disease Association Inc., 1250 Mylan Blvd., Suite 4B, Staten Island, N.Y. 10305.

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