



Marie Blatnik

May 23, 1937 - January 28, 2017

Marie Grace (Taravella) Blatnik, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 28, 2017. A daughter of the late Salvatore Taravella and Frances (DiPiazza) Taravella, she was born May 23, 1937 in Monessen, Pennsylvania. She was a graduate of Monessen High School Class of 1955 and The Douglas School of Business. At an early age she professed her faith in Jesus Christ and regularly attended church. Marie first worked at Lincoln Homes, Inc. of Fayette City, Pennsylvania as a secretary, where she met Thomas Blatnik, her beloved husband of 43 years. Marie worked for First Federal Savings and Loan in Monongahela as a teller and then for PNC bank, first as a branch teller at several locations, and was later promoted to the Trust Minerals Section at PNC headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as an assistant account manager for the department. Marie and Tom were united in holy matrimony in February of 1960 and shortly thereafter bought their first and only home in Fallowfield Township, located just outside of Monongahela, Pennsylvania. This union was blessed with two wonderful children, Maria and Thomas Blatnik. Throughout her life in her spare time, Marie enjoyed helping others, doing crafts, and serving for many years as a volunteer in the Mon Valley Hospital gift shop.

Thomas preceded her in death on December 25, 2003 after a long but hard fought battle with cancer.

As a result of her generous spirit and pleasant personality, she was loved by many. Her Christian life was as beautiful as the flowers that bloom early in the spring that she knew and loved so well. Marie's influence will forever remain in the lives of all who knew her. She quietly departed this life Saturday morning, January 28, 2017 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center Hospice, in Edgewood, Kentucky.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her children, Thomas Edward Blatnik of Hebron, Kentucky & Maria Theresa Lazur (Mark Lazur) of Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania, Four grandchildren Victoria Hawley (Chad) of Columbus, Ohio, Nicholas Lazur and Zachary Lazur of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Jonathan Blatnik of Sharonville, Ohio. Brothers Joseph Taravella of Chandler, Arizona, Frank Taravella, of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania and sisters Josie Zdilla of Apache Junction, Arizona & Joanne Cathers of McDonough, Georgia. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. Friday, February 3, 2017 in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com 724-929-5300. Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., with Pastor Nate Edwards officiating. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Monongahela. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Elizabeth Hospice, 483 S. Loop Drive, Edgewood, KY 41017 or Bible Chapel 300 Gallery Drive, McMurray, PA 15317.

Thank you mother- for all that you have done,
you took great care, of your daughter and son.

You loved us all from the very start,
with your warm, kind, and loving heart.

Thank you mother, for being strong,
While trying to teach us right from wrong.

If anytime, we had a problem,
you were there to help us solve them.

You'd lift us up, when we were feeling blue,
Thank you mother, for we could always count on you.

You were such- an awesome mother,
The love you showed was like no other.

Thank you mother- for your dear, sweet love,
now you'll watch over us from heaven above

Source: <http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/thank-you-mother>

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

97 Sacred Heart Road
Monongahela, PA 15063

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.
700 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
(724) 929-5300

Visitation

FEB 3. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

FEB 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ I worked with Marie at First Feredal and have fond memories of such a sweet, sweet lady. Condolences to her family.

Margaret (Wilson) Miller

Margaret Miller - February 05, 2017 at 06:55 AM

JJ

“ Tom, Maria & family, my thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. We had such great times growing up together. Jose Marie DiGioia Iacovangelo. She will be missed.

Josie Iacovangelo - February 04, 2017 at 06:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie Blatnik.



January 31, 2017 at 09:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marie Blatnik.



January 31, 2017 at 08:40 PM

SF

“ Sent with our love, Scott and Becky and Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Marie Blatnik.



Sent with our love, Scott and Becky and Family - January 31, 2017 at 08:19 PM

BC

“ Brian and Tammy Cathers purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marie Blatnik.



Brian and Tammy Cathers - January 31, 2017 at 03:11 PM

BV

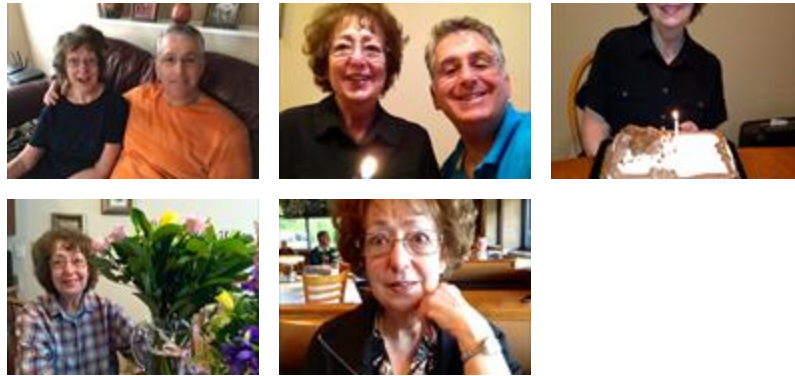
“ Blatnik family & Frank & Norma Taravella, my deepest condolences for a wonderful classmate.
Betty Ventura
Ashburn, VA



Betty Ventura - January 31, 2017 at 12:26 PM

TB

“ *My mom, my inspiration, my best friend. The best mom a son could ever ask for. I miss you and love you so very much.* ”



Thomas Blatnik - January 31, 2017 at 09:45 AM

BR

“ *Tom, Maria and family, we all were saddened to hear of you mom's passing on Saturday. Our thoughts and prayers are will you all, today and the days and weeks to come. In God's divine providence, on Saturday my daily devotional was a reading of John 14, in which Jesus says "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back to take you to be with me that you also may be where I am". As a believer in Christ as her Lord and Savior we can all be assured that Aunt Marie rests comfortably in Heaven.* ”

With Love,

Brian and Tammy Cathers

Brian - January 29, 2017 at 07:34 AM

BC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brian & Tammy Cathers - January 29, 2017 at 07:08 AM

TB

*Mom with her sister Joanne and her puppy Fiona. Jackson, Georgia
November 2016*

tom blatnik - November 26, 2017 at 07:23 PM