



Marie K. Lathrop

December 23, 2021

Marie K. Lathrop, 95, of Allentown died peacefully Thursday December 23rd in the arms of her daughter at Sacred Heart Senior Living at Saucon Creek.

She was the devoted daughter of Austrian immigrants Joseph and Katharine Fruhwirth of Allentown, and lived her life with a heart to make the world a brighter place everywhere she went.

She earned the honor of graduating as the first female Valedictorian of Allentown Central Catholic High School, on D-Day 1944. She graduated with honors from Charles Morris Price School of Advertising, Temple Univ., and went on to begin the Advertising Dept. at The Morning Call Newspaper, where she won numerous design awards.

She was the beloved wife of Stuart Lathrop for 62 years before his passing in 2018. She worked for the Morning Call Newspaper for 38 years in several positions of leadership and service to the community. She was a Director at the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, a founding member of the St. Francis of Assisi Home and School Association. Marie had many creative talents and was a notably gifted professional singer alongside her sister, Katharine. She loved to entertain, cook, collect tea cups, was a wiz at playing cards and she was a voracious reader. She was known for giving great parties, and loved being together with family.

She is survived by 3 children: Son Joseph M. Lathrop and wife Carrie of Pen Argyl, son Philip S. Lathrop of Allentown, and daughter Mary L. "Katie" Martin and husband Doug of Downingtown, sister Katharine M. Borgmann of Allentown, brother Alfred Fruhwirth of Allentown, 3 grandchildren: Matthew, Victoria, and Emily Lathrop, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brother Joseph Fruhwirth Jr. and husband Stuart Lathrop.

Mass of Christian Burial: 1:30 PM, Tuesday, December 28 at St. Francis of Assisi R.C. Church, 1046 W. Cedar Street, Allentown. Calling will be held Monday, December 27 at Trexler Funeral Home, 1625 W. Highland St., Allentown from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Tuesday at church from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM. Burial to follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Wescosville.

Memorials can be made to St. Francis of Assisi Sanctuary Memorial Fund or the Union Historical Fire Society, c/o the Trexler Funeral Home, 18102.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

547 N Krocks Rd
Allentown, PA 18106

Previous Events

Calling

DEC **27**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Trexler Funeral Home
1625 Highland Street
Allentown, PA 18102
(610) 434-9616
info@trexlerfh.com
<https://trexlerfuneralhome.com/>

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DEC **28**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
1046 W Cedar St.
Allentown, PA 18102

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Tribute Wall

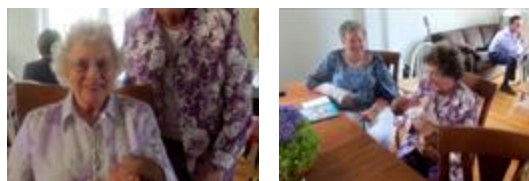
KM

“ Marie can rest in peace knowing she leaves many warm memories with the Morning Call “family” she helped create. With our condolences to her real family, please be assured that Marie's loving optimism and ever-present smile still live in the hearts of all she knew.

Kathy McAuley - December 30, 2021 at 02:08 PM

ES

“ Here are a couple pics from Phoebe's baptism reception in August 2014... We were blessed to have Marie join us to celebrate!



Emily Spear - December 28, 2021 at 10:39 PM

ES

“ Dear Joseph, Philip, and Katie,
Your mother was a wonderful woman, gracious, kind, generous, with a warm sincere smile and a lilting laugh... We will miss her, and we know that your loss is very great. The Mass today was beautiful and you will all remain in our prayers.
Sending love from all of us,
The Spear Family
Mike, Emily, Teddy, Bette, Della, Tessa, Vera, Phoebe, Leo, Rosie, & Pete

Emily Spear - December 28, 2021 at 08:25 PM

BS

“ Jean and I we're so sorry to hear of Marie's passing, She was a lovely gracious lady and we thought of her often. We loved working with her at the soup kitchen .

burton swayze - December 28, 2021 at 01:00 PM

LG

“ Maire was a friend and co-worker of my Nana'a (Joyce Shellenberger) at The Morning Call. She was a sweet lady who would always give me money for a trip to the vending machine when I came to visit. She made the world a better place. Give my Nana a hug for me and rest peacefully in the arms of the angels.

Leona Green - December 27, 2021 at 07:53 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marie K. Lathrop.



December 26, 2021 at 08:54 PM

DS

“ Phil and Family. Sending condolences, thoughts and prayers to you. May the memories you carry with you help heal the loss you feel right now.



Dennis Smith - December 26, 2021 at 08:48 PM

BW

“ *My sympathies and prayers to Marie's family. She was a wonderful person and a super worker. I worked with her for many years and she was always ready to help and had a smile. God Bless, she will be missed, Beverly Wolf & Family*

Beverly J Wolf - December 26, 2021 at 07:51 PM

AW

“ *What a life well lived! Perhaps it is fitting that "Saint Marie" - as she was to so many people- should pass near Christmas, the holiest Christian day. Marie epitomized goodness, hard work and the Golden Rule in all her roles: mother, sister, friend, wife, co-worker, volunteer...the list goes on. She - and "work sister" Joan- did so much for our Call-Chronicle family, employees, retirees and their loved ones. We will never forget and never stop loving you, Marie.*

Ann Wlazelek - December 26, 2021 at 09:33 AM

MN

“ *Katie and family, I am so sorry to read about your Mom's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Missy Newcomer*

Melissa Newcomer - December 26, 2021 at 06:47 AM

TF

“ *Tom Fruhwirth Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marie K. Lathrop.*



Tom Fruhwirth Family - December 25, 2021 at 07:10 PM

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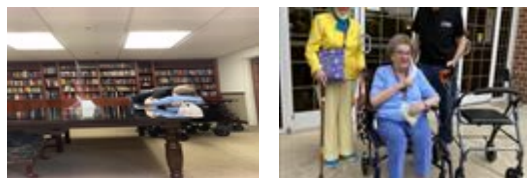
“ Aunt Kassie, Anne and Mary purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marie K. Lathrop.



Aunt Kassie, Anne and Mary - December 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM

KF

“ My beautiful aunt Marie is now in the arms of her Lord. We will miss her greatly.



Karen and Nino Zampell, Alfred Fruhwirth - December 25, 2021 at 11:22 AM

TR

“ Marie was such an inspiring and beautiful lady
Always loved her reporting on the Allentown Fair Food competition
and all her love and assistance at St Francis Attic Treasure sales

Theresa Racek - December 25, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Photos



Trexler Funeral Home, Inc. - December 24, 2021 at 11:55 AM



A knockout all her life

Ann Wlazelek - December 26, 2021 at 09:32 AM