



Obituary

Born: Wednesday, August 15, 1928

Died: Monday, July 26, 2021

Naret, Mary Ann, 92, formerly of Central City died July 26, 2021 at Richland Woods. Born August 15, 1928 in Central City. Daughter of the late Michael and Margaret (Antol) Balya. Preceded in death by husband Frank, infant brother Michael, brother Daniel, daughter-in-law Helen, granddaughter Lauren and grandson Paul. Loving mother of Jeffrey married to the former Sheilah Mason, Trinity, FL, Michael, Johnstown, Frank married to the former Mary Field, Saratoga Springs, NY., Richard married to the former Kathleen Long, Palm Harbor, FL, James married to the former Tinamarie Sesack, Central City, and Meri Ann (Sis) wife of Ronald Alt Central City. Cherished grandmother of James Jr (Merritt), Anthony (Melissa), Ariane (Dale), Michael, Maria (Bill), Michelle (Gary), David (Megan), Kaytlin (Matthew) and Rebecca. Great-grandmother to Jack, Max, Piper, Madelyn, Antonia, Johnathon, Isabella, Benjamin, Catherine, Matthew, Joshua, Christopher, Timothy, Elijah, Andrew, Jeffrey, Wilder, Daniel and Isaak. Also survived by brother William Balya and numerous nieces and nephews. Mary Ann was a 1947 graduate of Shade High School. She retired from Shade School district where she worked as a teacher's aide. She later served on the school board. She was president of the PTA, county secretary of the PTA where she was given a lifetime membership. For 25 years she was president of the Shade Alumni Association where she organized the All Class Reunions. She was a member of Graef's Lutheran church, where she served on the church council and taught Sunday School for 45 years. She was director of the summer bible school program and also taught catechism and served on the altar guild. She was past president of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary post 7547 and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 449. She was active in local politics and was a lifetime Democrat Committeewoman for over 60 years. She served as Vice Chairman of the Somerset County Democrats and was secretary and president of the Shade Central City Democrat Club. She was a member of the Shade-Central City Park Board, Historical Society, and for ten years was chief organizer of Central City Heritage Days. In her later years with her love of her hometown, she became curator of the Shade-Central City Museum where she would spend her weekends sharing her knowledge of the local history to all that visited the museum. Mary Ann was a leader in all that she did and will be missed by many. Friends will be received from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Mulcahy Funeral Home, and Saturday 9:30 until time of service at 10:30 Graef's Lutheran Church, Cairnbrook, the Reverend Jeffrey Bassette.

Service Summary

Visitation

2:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Fri Jul 30, 2021

Robert F. Mulcahy Funeral Home

305 Central Avenue
Central City, PA 15926

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, Sat Jul 31,
2021

Graef Evangelical Lutheran Church

Cairnbrook , Pennsylvania 15924

Funeral Service

10:30 AM Sat Jul 31, 2021

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Committal St. John's cemetery. Friends who wish to make a contribution in Mary Ann's memory may make them to Shade Central City Museum or Graef's Lutheran Church.