



Mary J. Racz

September 19, 1914 - April 27, 2016

Mary J. Racz passed away peacefully from natural causes on April 27th, 2016 at the Kennedy Health Care Center in Sewell, NJ. She was 101. Mary was born in Lookout, Kentucky to parents Mike Johns and Helen Varga, both immigrants from Hungary, on September 19th, 1914. Mary had 5 sisters (Helen, Irene, Peggy, Ethel and Emma) and two brothers (Mike and Joe). Mary was truly a coal miner's daughter. She grew up in Roda, Virginia where her father was a coal miner with the Stonega Coke and Coal Company and her mother was a homemaker. The family lived in the coal mining camp in a "company" house and bought their groceries at the "company" store which were then delivered on a dray wagon. Mary attended grade school in the local school in Roda until 6th grade. The middle school was too far away for Mary to continue her education, but she later received her GED, one of her proudest achievements.

During World War II Mary and her older sister Helen moved to New York City to work for Westinghouse Electronics, supporting the war effort. This is where Mary met her husband to be Stephen J. Racz, a radio officer in the Merchant Marines. They married in 1943 and were together for 43 years until his death in 1986. After the war, Mary and Steve settled in Goldsboro, MD where Steve was an accountant with Cooklyn Dairies. They were members of the Goldsboro Methodist Church, where Mary taught Sunday School and Bible School. They later moved to Woodbury, New Jersey and then Pitman, New Jersey and then back to Goldsboro where Stephen died in 1986. Mary

returned to Pitman after his death. Mary had a 15 year career with the W.T. Grant Company in Woodbury, Pitman and Millville, working as a sales person. She retired in 1980. Mary was a dedicated wife and mother. Mary loved classical music and she and Steve had an extensive collection of classical records. She was also an accomplished seamstress, a skill she learned while living in the coal mining camp. She loved to crochet, knit and do needlepoint. She was a Cub Scout Den mother while living in Goldsboro. She also spoke fluent Hungarian. Mary is survived by 3 sons, Stephen (Pitman, NJ) and wife Betty, William (Boise, ID) and wife Cheryl, Timothy (Boone, NC) wife Cathy, 5 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren. SUGGESTED DONATIONS IN LIEU OF FLOWERS ARE TO YOUR LOCAL ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, WWW.ALZ.ORG.

Cemetery Details

Greensboro Cemetery

311 N. Main Street
Greensboro, MD 21639

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home
106 W. Sunset Ave.
Greensboro, MD 21639

Funeral

MAY 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Mary J. Racz*

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



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 Steve Racz

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“ Information on Stonega Coke and Coal
Company



<http://hobbystop.tripod.com/id71.html>

Here is a link to the town (Roda) where Mary lived. After a time, her father became the minister of the church. The second picture down was taken in 1905, so before mom's time since she was born in 1914 but I'm guessing that not much had changed by then.

Mom and Aunt Helen visited Roda in the 60's but the company houses were mostly gone.

Some other links:

<http://www.coalcampusa.com/swva/southwestern/southwestern.htm>
(scroll down for pictures of Roda)

<http://www.swvamuseum.org/coalcamps.html>

Picture of Roda Church on the right of the page.

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