



Catherine "Kay" Stapula

September 30, 1917 - February 20, 2015

Catherine "Kay" V. (Jackson) Stapula, 97 of Hudson, died Friday, February 20, 2015 at Fairview Healthcare in Hudson. She was born September 30, 1917 in Boston, MA daughter of the late Victor and Margaret (McElaney) Jackson.

She was predeceased by her husband, Paul F. Stapula in 1989. She was also predeceased by her son, Tim Stapula in 2003 and a sister, Teresa McCarey.

Kay was born and raised in Brookline, MA. She enjoyed traveling and was an avid reader.

Her loving family includes two daughters; Kerry Downing and her husband Russell of Bluffton, SC, Jan Stapula of Hudson, a local granddaughter; Tracy Stapula of Windham, ten additional grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother; Vic Jackson of Brookline, MA, three sisters; Midge Schell of North Reading, MA, Mary Costantino and her husband Lindy of Wakefield, MA, Dot Barker of Ft. Myers, FL and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 9am -10:30am in the DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST. IN HUDSON. A funeral mass will be celebrated directly following visitation on Saturday, at 11am in St. John XXIII Parish at St. John XXIII Church, 27 Library St., Hudson. Burial will be held in the Spring. In lieu of flowers the family requests

donations be made in Kay's loving memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN, 38105.

Previous Events

MASS AT CHURCH

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John XXIII
27 Library St.
Hudson, NH 03051

Tribute Wall



“ Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine "Kay" Stapula

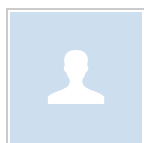


Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - February 24, 2015 at 11:04 AM

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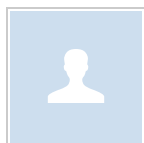
What a beautiful video. I loved seeing all the pictures from her younger years.

Annette Przygocki - February 24, 2015 at 12:31 PM



“ Catherine "Kay" Stapula

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ Catherine "Kay" Stapula

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ Beautiful and emotional video Michelle! Aunt Kay got a wonderful send off yesterday such a great tribute to a very special person we all loved so dearly. It was so nice to see the huge turnout. She will forever be in our Hearts!!

Gerard Costantino - March 01, 2015 at 11:12 AM

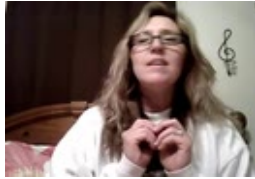
MS

I miss my Nana

Michelle Stapula-Turner - January 06 at 09:54 PM

MI

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Michelle - February 28, 2015 at 11:28 PM

MI

My Nana~Giving & caring, fun & funny. Dancing, Singing, The Hoola & Tura Lura. Remember smothering her with hugs & kisses all day long! She smelled of Este Lauder Royal Secret...Baked Nestle Toll House cookies like nobody's business :)

To the mall to get our hair done & the Pewter Mug for lunch & summertime w/Grandpa at the golf & country club <3

Cocktail hour, but shirley temple's for me~lol!

Once she asked me to hide her cigarettes, I'll never forget how she made me promise not to give 'em back!

Watching I Love Lucy, Match Game, Alfred Hitchcock & Johnny Carson in the den til grandpa came home <3

Barbies in the Florida room & badminton in the yard....kick the can games with the neighbor kids & sometimes even Scott & Jill & Paul :o)

And we traveled...The Mohawk Trail, Boston, N.Y. ~ate at the Brown Derby, swam in Aunt Dot & Uncle Charlie's pool w/Carolyn, Denise, Mike, Gerard...I hope she's gonna ask him; "Does your face hurt!?" ;o) LOL!

The long list of kids, grands, nieces & nephews b-days kept inside the kitchen cupboard that I'd often help her keep track of.

Soooo many 'Loves'.....

Meadowlawn, Mentor, Richmond, Wabeeka....

She took me to my 1st ocean, bought me my first pair of Nikes, gave me my first taste of Roquefort dressing & gave me some good genes! :o)

Every visit, every hug, every laugh, every song, every card, letter & visit...every moment we shared, I will TREASURE for eternity <3

Michelle - March 01, 2015 at 12:05 AM

MC

Michelle Fabulous remembrance_____Aunt Mary

mary costantino - March 01, 2015 at 04:43 PM

MS

Thank u Girard & Aunt Mary <3

Michelle Stapula-Turner - March 14, 2015 at 06:44 PM

KM

Beautiful Tribute, God Bless Cousin Kevin

Kevin R. McCarey - December 26, 2024 at 06:03 PM

MM

“*Beautiful Aunt Kay. Always smiling and always dressed like a model. I have so many memories it is hard to even describe. Visiting Cleveland, my times in Hudson over the years I lived in New Hampshire, all our family gatherings. Never was there a time that Aunt Kay and Uncle Paul came to town that my mother would not be telling us get ready, we are going to the North Shore to visit my sister!! Aunt Kay was so special and it was a very happy time for all of us. She loved her family, parties, cocktails and let's not forget her music!! She enjoyed singing with us whenever we all got together. We couldn't have a get together without song!! "Someday" her favorite. Well some day we will meet and sing with you again my sweet Aunt. Tell everyone you join there we miss them terribly, as you surely will be missed. Love, Marge*

Marge McCarey - February 27, 2015 at 04:26 PM

KM

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Ken McCarey - February 27, 2015 at 12:53 PM

KM

This is the real definition of a family. I am so proud to be part of it!

Ken McCarey - February 27, 2015 at 01:08 PM

MB

“ *There isn't enough character space to share the amount of memories I have of my Nana </3 I miss my dad, my Grandpa and my Nana. I look forward to seeing them again someday <3*
-Michelle Renee Stapula-Turner

Michelle My Bell - February 26, 2015 at 10:00 PM

RJ

“ *We loved you and will miss you very much Aunt Kay, you leave us with many fond memories through the years of fun, song and laughter! You were always beautifully dressed and the "life of the party". You were the best. Rest in peace dear Aunt Kay.*

*Love,
Robert and Ryk*

Robert Jackson - February 25, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ *With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine "Kay" Stapula.*



February 25, 2015 at 09:14 AM



“ *Jan, Kerry,*

Sorry for your loss. I am smiling as I read the memories and I am sure they help with the emptiness .

She did like a party! I bet there is a big one in heaven happening now.

Richard and Pam

Richard Jackson - February 24, 2015 at 02:53 PM



“ *Jan - So sorry for your loss of your mom. I hope that the memories you cherish and time will help you heal through this process. My condolences.*

Tammy Peirce

Tammy Peirce - February 24, 2015 at 09:18 AM

MI

“ All I can say is that God has requested the presence of a truly wonderful human being. I believe that when called to heaven you get to enjoy your time doing things that you wished you had done or chosen to do while here on earth. My Aunt Kay so loved to sing Irish tunes, and I can picture her as a guardian angel to a group of Irish tenors.

Aside for her love of her family, Aunt Kay was a lover of Cains Mayonnaise (and bologna from Bob's cold cuts). Having lived out of state for many years, Aunt Kay could not sprint to the local market for a refill whenever she finished her last jar. She relied on her "suppliers" to help satisfy her craving. I was one such supplier – one of her favorite nephews! Whenever she and Uncle Paul arrived in town on one of Uncle Paul's business trips, I would bring home a case of Cains Mayonnaise from the supermarket that I worked in and Uncle Paul always had room in the trunk for that most prized possession. I remember one time when Aunt Kay removed a jar from the case in order to use it on her food in restaurants they stopped at on their drive home. All I can say is, there better be unlimited Cains Mayonnaise in Heaven!

I'd like to share with you a comical moment involving Aunt Kay and the way she answered our phone one day while staying with us. The phone rang and since she was sitting next to it she picked up the receiver and said "this is heaven, which little angel would you like to speak to?" She turned beat red and handed me the phone. It was a priest from our parish calling. He got a chuckle from my Aunt Kay that day.

A quote I'm fond of goes like this: "Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy." I am always looking up.

Mike - February 23, 2015 at 08:35 PM

JA

Thanks Mike. Nice job!!

Jan - February 23, 2015 at 09:14 PM

MI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mike - February 23, 2015 at 08:32 PM

JA

OMG..Mike, you made Kerry and I laugh out loud!!!! GOOD ONE! I am certain that most all of us know how much she loved her CAINS.

Jan - February 23, 2015 at 08:36 PM

MC

Three things stand out in my mind about the Stapula household. It was always interesting to see who was in the "doghouse" that week, my first time ever seeing a layer of mayo on a freshly prepared steak, and if the Stapula kids threw their clothes into the hamper inside out, Mrs. Stapula would wash, dry, and fold them the same way!

I was 5 years old when I met Mrs. Stapula back in 1956, and it feels good to know that she had such a long and healthy life until close to the end. She's one woman you just never forget!

God bless you, Mrs. Stapula, and may you rest in peace.

Mary Klein Borys

Mary C.Borys - February 24, 2015 at 11:33 AM

GF

“ Have known Kay since Jan & I became friends in '67-'68. She had a great sense of humor, was a good cook (she loved having me over to eat!) and loved piano bars. She loved singing the old torch songs... "It had to be you..." She loved a good laugh and until recently, still enjoyed doing word puzzles. Peace & Love, Kay...Gerri

Gerri Fulton - February 23, 2015 at 06:18 PM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Catherine "Kay" Stapula.



February 23, 2015 at 04:41 PM

KM

“ I was saddened to hear of the loss of my Aunt Kay. I have not seen her for some time, but I was able to communicate with her over the phone a few times, and I am grateful for that. About a year ago or so I called her and told her I was doing some family history on The Jackson Family. She was excited to talk about that and I was amazed at her ability to recall the 1930's and the 1940's. Aunt Kay has given me some wonderful information from the past, and I will miss chatting with her from time to time. She had a great sense of humor when we spoke. When she would realize it was me on the phone, she would say (Kev, you must have some more history questions for me) I truly enjoyed the conversations we shared.

God Bless Aunt Kay
Love Annie and Kevin McCarey

Kevin R. McCarey - February 23, 2015 at 11:26 AM

JS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jill Settlemyre - February 23, 2015 at 09:07 AM

KM

“ Wow, to live for 97 years and still be as sharp as Aunt Kay was is truly amazing. I will miss my phone calls with her. She really was a wonderful Aunt with a wonderful sense of humor. I will always remember on one of our calls when she told me that she has been old since the 70's!!!!

May God "hold you in the palm of his hand."

Love,

Ken

Ken McCarey - February 23, 2015 at 08:58 AM