



Helen K. Gaffos

June 1, 2008

Helen K. Gaffos, 94, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord June 1, 2008, at home with family at her side. She was a woman of deep Christian faith who dearly believed in the exceptional power of daily prayer. She was the rock of her large, devoted family and will be profoundly missed by all of her family and friends whose lives were touched by her loving and gentle hands. She was a much beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Born in Stockdale, Pa., one of 14 brothers and sisters, she was the daughter of the late George and Mary Kady. She came to live in Portsmouth in 1933. She was preceded in death by her husband, Antonious K. Gaffos; a son, Anthony Gaffos; daughters, Alice Gaffos and Helen G. Bowers; and her dearest friend of 70 years, Josie Carpenito. Left to cherish her memory are a daughter, Irene Whitfield and her husband Ben of Suffolk; two sons, George Gaffos and his wife Mary Alice of Portsmouth, James Gaffos and his wife Debbie of Suffolk; daughter-in-law, Barbara Gaffos of Chesapeake. There are 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday by the Rev. Michael Boehling in St. Paul's Catholic Church where she was a devout member for all of her life in Portsmouth. Burial will follow in Olive Branch Cemetery. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland, from 6 to 8 p.m. today. In her loving memory, memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Restoration Fund, St. Paul's Catholic Church, 518 High St., Portsmouth, VA 23704 or Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, 5

Interstate Corporate Center, 6350 Center Drive, Suite No. 101, Norfolk, VA
23502.

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“ I was sorry to receive the news.
George, I will be thinking of you and Mary Alice during the days
ahead. Martha##imported-begin##Martha Buck##imported-end##

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“ Jimmy,
I'm very sorry about the passing of your Mother. You and your
Family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Nick
Cortellesi##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts are with you and your loved ones during this difficult
time of loss.##imported-begin##Jim and Kim McCann##imported-
end##

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“ Jackie and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
God Bless.##imported-begin##Richard & Jacquelyne
Griswold##imported-end##

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