



Mary F. LaRue

July 13, 2011

Mary F. LaRue, beloved mother, grandmother and friend, passed away at the age of 87 on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, after a long struggle with cancer.

Born in Danville, Virginia on April 13, 1924, Ms. LaRue was long time member and past Senior Regent of the Portsmouth Chapter 966, Loyal Order of the Moose. She spent her time on earth traveling and enjoying everything this life had to offer, and generously loving every friend she felt blessed to meet.

She is survived by her beloved family: beloved and dear friend, William H. Morris of Portsmouth, VA; sister and brother in law Alice & Roy Cooke of Richmond, VA; sister in law Barbara Fitzgerald of Danville, VA; brother in law Jack Wilson of Richmond, VA; sister in law Hazel Anderson of Osceola, Indiana; daughter, Cheryl Stafford and son in law Jim of Gilmanton, IW., NH; grandson, John W. Kortze, IV, his wife Tara, and their two children, Cassidy & Keeley Kortze, of Sandy Hook, CT; granddaughter Katharine Houghtalin, her husband Mike and son Jake of Harwinton, CT; grandson Max Stafford of Nashua, NH; granddaughter Vanessa Kortze of North Hampton, NH; grandson Cary Kortze, his wife Lucy, and their two children, Aidan & Claire Kortze, of Newtown, CT; grandson Will Stafford and his wife Laura of Marlborough, MA; grandson Colin Kortze of Winthrop, MA; and granddaughter Lindsey Kortze of Portland, ME; and dear friends everywhere.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, July 16, 2011 at 12:30pm at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens in Suffolk, VA. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be sent to the American Cancer Society, 4416 Expressway Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452.

May she rest in peace, watch over us for the rest of our days, and know that she was loved by all.

The family would like to express its deepest gratitude and love to Tracy Belcher, beloved friend and honorary family member for the love and support she gave to Nana Mary as her nurse, friend and lifeline. Your compassion and love will never, ever be forgotten.

Tribute Wall



“ I never met Nana Mary but felt I knew her through my daughter, Tracy Belcher. Tracy loved her like a grandmother, and cherished every minute with her. I feel deeply for your loss and will keep your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Diann Smith##imported-end##

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“ Bill, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. I know you were the love of her life, and George and I remember the good times all those years ago bowling together on the Moose league, and me working with Mary at the Navy Exchange office. She was truly a wonderful person. Love to you, Pat and George##imported-begin##Pat Nottingham##imported-end##

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