

Half Staff – Kathleen E. Santapaola, 89

December 1, 2010



ROCKPORT — Kathleen E. Santapaola, wife of the late Joseph S. Santapaola, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, at Den Mar Nursing and Rehab Center. She was born in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia on May 31, 1921, the daughter of the late Gladys (Floyd) and Joseph N. Fancy.

As a young child she moved to Boston where she lived until her marriage to Joe in 1938. Her family and her Church were most important to Kay. She was a communicant of St. Peter's Church, where she was very involved in the Woman's Guild and in teaching Sunday School for many years. When her sons were in junior high school, they were in St Peter's Bagpipe band, and she participated in the sewing of the many kilts that were needed. During those years, she happily watched many parades.

In addition to her late husband, with whom she celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary, Kay is survived by her children, Marilyn, wife of John W. Thompson of Rockport, Carol, wife of James T. Burke of Crossville, Tenn., Nancy Bater of Pepperell, Mary Jo Spofford, wife of James Spofford of Raymond, N.H., Joseph N. and his wife Nancy of Groveland, and James and his wife Pauline of Gloucester. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Karen Aquipel, Elizabeth Thompson, Kimberly, wife of Matthew Anderson, James Santapaola, Jr. and his wife Dawn, Amanda Santapaola, Andy Santapaola, Christopher Santapaola, all of Gloucester, Sharon, wife of David Mucci, Mary Burke wife of Jeff Wager, Susan, wife of Mark D'Entremont, Barbara Burke, Brian Twomey and fiancée Sadie, Michael Twomey and his wife Shannon, Jim Spofford Jr., Christine, wife of Steve Clark, Valerie, wife of Trevor Tulley, Joseph J Santapaola, Jason Santapaola and his wife Danielle, Stacey, wife of Eric Raffi, Brian McCarthy and his wife Rebecca, Julie, wife of Chuck Vasquez and 26 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Rose Tart, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was also predeceased by her sisters-in-law, Anna Lane, Jennie "Tina" Spates, Mary Joyce; her brothers-in-law, Emery SantaPaul and Wesley "Shorty" Tart; and son-in-law, Donald Bater.

Kay was a sweet and kind lady who will be deeply missed by all who knew her and loved her.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral will be held from the Burgess & Mackey Funeral Home, 201 Main St., Rockport, on Monday at 10:15 a.m. followed by a funeral Mass in St. Joachim's Church, Rockport, on Monday at 11 a.m. Visiting hours will be held on Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. The burial will be held in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to the Holy Family Parish Religious Education Bible Fund, 60 Prospect St., Gloucester, MA 01930 or to a charity of one's choice. For online condolences, please visit greelyfuneralhome.com.