



Hedy F. Royko

October 17, 1926 - April 4, 2018

Hamburg - Hedy F. Royko, age 91, formally of Wayne, passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Newton Medical Center. Born in Little Ferry to the late John and Hedy (Polachek) Kratochvil, Hedy lived in Binghamton, New York and then Wayne before moving to Hamburg 11 years ago. She worked for GAF/ISP Corporation, handling all forms control and later as an expediter in the purchasing department. After 27 years of service, she retired in 1997. While living in Binghamton, Hedy was active in the church choir at Holy Spirit R.C. Church. She was a former parishioner of the "Annunciation Church" of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wayne and served as an eucharistic minister since 1978. After moving to Hamburg, Hedy joined St. Jude The Apostle Church. Hedy was a leader in Girl Scouts and a Brownie Troop and was in charge of Girl Scout cookies. She was a great athlete. She was a runner and won various contests, was a great bowler, beating her husband many times. Hedy and her late husband Joe enjoyed traveling together. They visited all 50 states and flew to 17 European countries. Hedy and Joe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 23, 1998. Her husband, Joseph predeceased her in 2006. Hedy was also predeceased by a daughter, Theresa Kaetzel in 2010 and her sister, Marie May in 2018. She is survived by her daughters, Janet Royko of Dingmans Ferry, PA, Kathleen Garrett and her husband Ron of Hamburg, Patricia Hreha and her husband Albert of Wayne, and Joann Salvatore of Newtown, PA; eleven grandchildren, Michelle, Kevin, Bryan, Chris, Tim, Dan, Kimberly, Allison, Jeremy, Nicole, and Karen; and twelve

great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude The Apostle Church, Beaver Run Road, Hamburg, NJ 07419. Interment Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 2-5 p.m at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimers Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor, NY, NY 10001. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

APR **16**. 8:45 AM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

APR **16**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Jude The Apostle Church
4-24 Beaver Run Road
Hamburg, NJ 07419

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Hedy Royko a.k.a. Mom Royko was more than just Terri’s mom, she was like a mom to me too. Terri and I had many sleepovers at their house and went to church with them on many occasions.

In the last year of high school, we moved to North Haledon and in order to graduate from Wayne Hills Mom & Dad Royko accepted me as part of their family and dubbed me daughter #6. They took me into their home after school and fed me dinner (as if they didn’t already have enough mouths to feed) every night until the end of the school year.

Yes, we had chores, my job was to clean the downstairs bathroom on Thursday’s (cleaning day) and when it was Terri’s turn to cook dinner we did it together. I know that I am the person I am today because of the influence they had on my life.

Mom Royko was an amazing, generous, loving, supportive and kind woman. She was never one to put herself before others, she lived her life in the most positive way. She saw the good in everything and encouraged others to do the same. Her actions and the incredible example that she showed us are behaviors that should be emulated by all of us. Mom Royko was a true role model. I am forever grateful for the love and kindness she gave me.

Even though she is gone, her memory will live on in all of our hearts. Her spirit has not left us and I have faith that she will be watching over all of us because that is just the kind of person she was.

Cherish the memories you have of her and honor her memory by doing good things for others. There is no better way to honor her than by following her example.

*With much love and prayers to all of you,
Janet Mozolewski a.k.a. #6 and family xo*

Janet Mozolewski - April 15, 2018 at 02:04 PM

JO

*Thanks Jan. You made Mom and Dad proud with that lovely tribute.
Love ya #6.*

joann - April 16, 2018 at 11:49 AM

JS

*Condolences from the 94th Infantry Division Historical Society.
John Clyburn Secretary, 908-781-1406 94thHistSociety@comcast.net*

John Clyburn, Secretary - April 21, 2018 at 03:26 PM

JO

*Thank you John. My Mom and Dad had so many enjoyable years with
their great friends from the 94th.*

Joann - April 28, 2018 at 05:21 AM

JM

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Janet Mozolewski - April 15, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of
Hedy F. Royko.



April 14, 2018 at 10:17 AM

JY

“ *Hedy was such a lively and lovely lady i enjoyed her humor too so happy she got to see and do so much during her life i will you*

jeanne youkon - April 14, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hedy F. Royko.*



April 13, 2018 at 11:09 AM

PM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Hedy's passing as Bob and I worked with her and Joe at GAF...I am sure Hedy is with her Beautiful Joe and family in heaven!...My thoughts and prayers are with the family...and Hedy, I hope you are in HEAVENLY BLISS!!!! and that you and Joe are bowling with My Bob in Heaven....xoxo...Love, Patti Mistrick*

Patricia Mistrick - April 13, 2018 at 09:27 AM

JO

Thank you Patti.

Joann - April 28, 2018 at 05:22 AM

LF

“ *Love Dolly, Nancy, Jerry, Karin, and Families. purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Hedy F. Royko.*



Love Dolly, Nancy, Jerry, Karin, and Families. - April 12, 2018 at 08:23 PM