



Loretta May

November 17, 1922 - November 24, 2013

Naoma Loretta May, 91 years old, Gainesville, Va., died peacefully at home on Nov. 24, 2013. She was born on Nov. 17, 1922, in Grimes, Iowa. Her parents, Mary Ann “Molly” Nixon Smith and Thomas Joseph Smith, predeceased her. Loretta’s is survived by one sibling, Agnita Marie Teale, Grand Rapids, Mi. Her other siblings predeceased her: Mary Luella Smith, Joseph Leonard Smith, Catherine Agnes Darby, Rosalita Cecilia Mikesell, Leona Patricia Stahl, and Francis William Smith.

Loretta graduated from St. Joseph’s Academy, Des Moines, Iowa.

She married Clifford Daniel May, Jr., on Dec. 6, 1942, at St. Johns Church in Des Moines, Iowa. They lived in several different places, including Des Moines, Iowa; Joplin, Mo.; Shirlington, Va.; Falls Church, Va.; Fairfax, Va.; and Gainesville, Va.

She and her husband, Dan, raised ten children: Daniel Paul May, Fairfax, Va.; Thomas John May, Gainesville, Va.; Nancy Ann Conroy, Manassas, Va.; Susan Marie Olah, Rustburg, Va.; James Francis May, Aiken, S.C.; Patricia Louise May, Harrisonburg, Va.; Kathleen Linda Herrity, Bristow, Va.; Michael Clifford May, Arlington, Va.; Dennis Joseph May, Warrenton, Va.; and Denise Jeanette O’Keefe, Concord, N.C.

Loretta loved her family, her Catholic faith, volunteering for her church, her community, and her children’s schools. She enjoyed playing mahjong, the card games canasta and 26, sewing, embroidery, yard work, walking, and the annual “girls” weekend.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Clifford Daniel May, who died on Sept. 6, 2000. She was also preceded in death by her first-born son, Daniel Paul May, March 1, 1999.

She has 25 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

The visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013, at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Va., from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, Nov. 29, 2013, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville, Va., at 11 a.m.

The burial immediately following the Mass, will be at Fairfax Memorial Park in Fairfax, Va.

Loretta was greatly loved by her family and friends, and she will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations to Capital Caring Hospice, 10530 Linden Lake Plz, Manassas, VA 20109 in loving memory of Loretta N. May.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
8213 Linton Hall Road
Gainesville, VA 20155
<http://holytrinityparish.net/>

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Karen Heyse Cole lit a candle in memory of Loretta May



Karen Heyse Cole - February 21, 2015 at 02:50 PM

CH

“ Our prayers go out to all. We are there with you in spirit.

Cheryl, David, and Allen Hawkins

cheryl hawkins - November 29, 2013 at 10:31 AM

JC

“ I am blessed that we had the opportunity to meet and get to know Ms. May over the years. She was a joy to talk to. I can honestly say that whenever her name is mentioned it puts a smile on our faces. One Classy Lady!

*Keeping the family in our thoughts and prayer.
Ron and Judy Combs*

Judy combs - November 27, 2013 at 01:54 PM

KF

“ I did not know Loretta, but, I do know of the deep love that her daughter Patricia held for her. My prayers are with all of you as you remember this remarkable person.

Sincerely, Kim Foreman

Kim Foreman - November 26, 2013 at 12:44 PM

YH

“ *Your girlfriend group in Harrisonburg purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Loretta May.*



Your girlfriend group in Harrisonburg - November 26, 2013 at 12:39 PM

YF

“ *Your Red Rock Family purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Loretta May.*



Your Red Rock Family - November 26, 2013 at 09:52 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Loretta May.*



November 25, 2013 at 05:39 PM