



M. Mattson

March 30, 1929 - November 27, 2004

M. JOYCE MATTSON, 75, a resident of Falls Church for over 40 years, died at her home in Gainesville, VA on November 27, 2004 after a lengthy illness.

She was born Martha Joyce Wild in Minneapolis, MN and grew up in a farming community in Langdon, ND. After graduating from high school in 1946, she attended the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN, from which she graduated in 1950. Upon graduation, she came to Washington, DC to work for the National Catholic Welfare Conference. She married Melvin E. Mattson, a career government worker, in 1952. Subsequently, she became very active in local affairs, serving at various times as PTA president for Walnut Hill Elementary School, president of the neighborhood civic association, chief election judge for the local precinct, and Girl Scout troop leader for several of her daughters. She also was very involved in church activities with her local parish, St. Phillip's Catholic Church, where she served as both a Lector and a Lay Eucharistic Minister and taught numerous bible study classes. Starting in 1980, she worked for H&R Block as a tax preparer and continued this work until fully retiring in 2000. She had an avid interest in genealogy and did extensive research, tracing her family history back several hundred years.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years; seven children, thirteen grandchildren, three brothers, and three sisters.

The family will receive friends from 7:00-9:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at Price Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas, VA. The funeral liturgy will be offered 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at the Church of the Nativity, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA with Rev. Richard B. Martin officiating. Inurnment will be private.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of flowers or contributions to Capital Hospice, P.O. Box 1576 Merrifield, VA 22116-1576 in memory of M. Joyce Mattson.

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