



Alvera Mahnken

January 10, 2021

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Alvera C. Mahnken, 92, died on January 10, 2021, after months of declining health and exposure to the Covid-19 virus. Alvera spent her childhood and young adulthood in Queens, New York. She and her beloved husband Richard lived for the next forty years in Huntington and Northport, Long Island where Alvera worked as head bookkeeper for the local Sears Roebuck store. After vacationing for many years in Greene County, Alvera and Rich moved permanently to Medway in 1992.

Alvera was predeceased by Rich after 56 years of marriage. She was also predeceased by her father Henry Ossmann, mother Sadie Ossmann, brother Peter Ossmann, his wife Hilda Ossmann, her cherished niece Mary Ann Dusch -with whom she spent hours each week talking about everything under the sun, and her childhood friend of 85+ years, Ethel. Alvera truly loved and enjoyed all the dogs that shared her life - Patty, Mandy, Dutch, Moxie, and Buddy. Alvera leaves behind her nephew Frank and his wife Marilyn, her niece's husband Tom and her grand-nephews, Eric, Chris, Brian and Kevin and their families.

Alvera had a wonderful sense of humor and was always ready with a quick retort. She had overcome tragedy in her younger years with a positive outlook on life, thereafter always looking to brighter days ahead. Alvera lived by the mantra "what will be will be, I'm not going to worry about it." In retirement, Alvera enjoyed volunteering with the Medway-Grapeville Fire Company's Women's Auxiliary alongside her husband, a dedicated Medway-Grapeville fireman.

Alvera dearly loved her healthcare aides Melissa and Denise "like the daughters I never had" and her neighbor Marge, who did so much for her in the waning years after Rich's death. Alvera's family extends deep appreciation to her many caring neighbors and friends, the Medway-Grapeville Fire Company's first responders and EMTs, and the Greenville and Cocksackie ambulance companies, all of whom were called to her home with increasing frequency to render aid. The family also expresses its sincere gratitude and admiration for the tender care Alvera received at St. Peter's Hospital in the last weeks of her life, particularly acknowledging the staffs of 6 Pavilion, 5 McCauley and the Palliative Care team.

Due to virus restrictions, an internet celebration of Alvera's life will be held for family and friends at a later date. Donations in memory of Alvera Mahnken can be made to the Medway-Grapeville Fire Company's Ladies' Auxiliary (County Road 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087), or the Columbia-Greene Humane Society (111 Humane Society Road, Hudson, NY 12534).

Condolences may be made at www.wcbradyssonsinc.net.

Comments



“ Melissa Ann Davison lit a candle in memory of Alvera Mahnken



Melissa Ann Davison - February 19 at 07:36 AM



“ Medway Grapeville Volunteer Fire Co. Aux sent a virtual gift in memory of Alvera Mahnken



Medway Grapeville Volunteer Fire Co. Aux - January 26 at 08:47 AM



“ Medway Grapeville Volunteer Fire Co. Aux lit a candle in memory of Alvera Mahnken



Medway Grapeville Volunteer Fire Co. Aux - January 26 at 08:33 AM



“ Rest with the Lord and husband Richard, Aunt Pat. After 67 years of fond memories, teaching me to water ski as a young boy, to helping build the garage, to matchmaking with Huntington neighbor, Patricia, to the many, many, homecooked meals and fun conversation with my sister and me they are forever in my heart and mind.
Love forever, Frank and Marilyn

Frank Ossmann - January 18 at 04:25 PM



“ Melissa Ann Davison lit a candle in memory of Alvera Mahnken



Melissa Ann Davison - January 18 at 02:42 PM



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Melissa Ann Davison - January 17 at 08:04 AM



“ I miss and loves you Mama Vera S.I.P.



Melissa Ann Davison - January 17 at 08:02 AM