



Catherine R. Donato

November 25, 1911 - November 6, 2014

Catherine R. Donato, age 102, of New Paltz, NY, took the hand of Jesus and entered into eternal glory on Thursday, November 6, 2014, at home, with her daughter, Julie, and grandson, Wilfred, by her side.

Born on November 25, 1911, in Ponce, Puerto Rico, she was the daughter of Ezekiel and Felicita Rodriguez. She married Victor Donato. Victor passed away on July 30, 1980.

Catherine was a founder of the First Spanish Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY in 1930, where she served as a missionary. She was also a Spanish teacher.

Surviving are her daughter, Julie A. Torres, New Paltz, NY, grandson, Wilfred & his wife Robin Torres, Jr., New Paltz, NY, grandson, David & his wife Kathryne Arroyo, Christiana, PA, granddaughter, Ada Arroyo, Philadelphia, PA, 13 great grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren. In addition to her husband, Victor A. Donato, who died on July 30, 1980, Catherine is also predeceased by a son, Julio B. Arroyo, Jr., who died on January 29, 1998, a granddaughter, Cathy Torres-Wilkinson, who died on January 4, 1998, and three sisters, one brother and her son-in-law, Wilfred J. Torres, Sr., who died July 17, 1993.

Funeral services will be held at Madison Avenue Baptist Church, 131 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016, on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 11:00 am, with the Rev. Susan Sparks, Senior Pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Linden Hill United Methodist Cemetery, 323 Woodward Ave., Ridgewood, NY 11385, (718) 821- 6480 or online at www.lindenhillcemeteryny.com. Friends and relatives may call on Sunday, November 9, 2014 from 1pm to 4pm at Copeland Funeral Home, Inc., 162 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561. In memory of Catherine, donations may be made to Madison Avenue Baptist Church.

Julie Torres and family would like to thank Hospice of Ulster County for the care and compassion given to Catherine during her illness.

Funeral Arrangements are by Copeland Funeral Home, Inc., 162 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561. (845)255-1212. If anyone wishes to express condolences online please go to www.copelandfhnp.com.

Events

NOV 9 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

Copeland Funeral Home, Inc.
162 South Putt Corners Rd., New Paltz, NY, US, 12561

NOV 10 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

Madison Avenue Baptist Church
30 East 31st Street, New York, NY, US

NOV 10 **Funeral Service**

Linden Hill United Methodist Cemetery
, New York, NY, US

Comments



“ Jeff Jackson lit a candle in memory of Catherine R. Donato



jeff jackson - November 09 at 05:05 PM



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Jeff Jackson - November 09 at 11:46 AM



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Jeff Jackson - November 09 at 11:45 AM



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Jeff Jackson - November 09 at 11:43 AM



“ Dear Aunt Catherine:

Thank you for so many fond memories one was going to see the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall in Manhattan and going to see you at Horn and Hardart and having lunch. Those were the good old days. I know you are having a wonderful party today in Heaven with all the ones you Love. Until we meet again know you are always in my Heart.

Love
Billy

Billy Laib - November 08 at 10:46 PM



“ Mercy Laib lit a candle in memory of Catherine R. Donato



Mercy Laib - November 08 at 10:25 PM



“ Billy Laib lit a candle in memory of Catherine R. Donato



Billy Laib - November 08 at 10:24 PM



“ Theresa Laib lit a candle in memory of Catherine R. Donato



Theresa Laib - November 08 at 06:53 PM



“ William Laib purchased the Garden Accent Stone - Our family chain... for the family of Catherine R. Donato.



William Laib - November 08 at 06:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine R. Donato.



November 07 at 07:22 PM



“ I will always remember grabbing David's cheeks and telling him how beautiful he was. Miss you Nana

kathryne Arroyo - November 07 at 02:50 PM



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James Matus - November 07 at 01:15 PM