



Mrs. Pauline "Polly" Murphy

July 9, 1919 - October 28, 2023

Pauline King Murphy, lovingly known as Polly, peacefully passed away at the age of 104 on a serene autumn afternoon, October 28, 2023, with her devoted daughters, Molly and Joanne, by her side at the Alice Hyde Medical Center in Malone, New York.

Born on July 9, 1919, in Skerry (now Brandon), New York, Polly was the cherished daughter of the late Willard and Eleanor Farr King. The family relocated to Malone, where Polly spent her formative years on Duane Street. It was there she attended Malone schools and encountered the love of her life, John Benton Murphy. Polly and John's romance blossomed during their eighth-grade years, culminating in a union celebrated on July 7, 1943, officiated by Father Kenney at the former rectory of the old St Joseph's Church.

Polly's life was marked by devotion and service, notably as an educator. A graduate of Franklin Academy in 1937 and Potsdam Teachers College in 1941, she embarked on a teaching career that spanned decades. Her passion for teaching led her to Phoenix, New York, before returning to Malone. She taught at Park Street School and later at Duane Street School for 23 years, leaving a lasting impact on countless students whom she dearly loved. Beyond her professional endeavors, Polly was deeply engaged in her community. Actively involved in the First Baptist Church of Malone during Reverend David T. Owen's tenure, she participated in various clubs and organizations, including the Doakia Club and prayer groups. A dedicated

member of the Tuesday Luncheon Club and the Alice Hyde Hospital Auxiliary, Polly also spearheaded the introduction of the Red Stocking Revue, showcasing her talents and zest for life.

Summers were spent at the family camp on Indian Lake, where Polly presided over the Indian Lake Club, reveling in bridge games and social gatherings with friends. An avid golfer, Polly was a former member of the Malone Golf Club, relishing in the camaraderie of the women's association and organizing tournaments and social events.

Polly's love for bridge was unmatched, earning her accolades as a Ruby Life Master. She also delighted in solving the Sunday New York Times Crossword puzzle with precision and wit. A lifelong learner, Polly remained informed and engaged, always eager for intellectual stimulation.

Above all, Polly cherished her family. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John B. Murphy, and her parents, Willard and Eleanor King and her son-in-law James McKee III. She is survived by her daughters, Molly McKee and Joanne Murphy, her grandchildren Jamie McKee (Niurka), Jen (McKee) Hall (Chris), Danielle (Sanchez) Ford (James), and David Miller and great grandchildren Sophie, Sybil and Zoe McKee, Alice, Doris and Carol Hall and Derek and Emma Ford who brought her immense joy and pride.

Additionally, Polly leaves behind cherished "daughters" Mary Anne Duso and Nancy Hanna.

In her final years, Polly found solace and companionship at the Farrar Home in Malone, where she continued to enrich the lives of those around her with her warmth and wit.

A celebration of Polly's life will take place with calling hours on April 27, from 10 am to 12 pm, at Notre Dame Church, followed by a funeral mass at noon, officiated by Reverend Steven M. Murray.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Farrar Home Activities Fund, honoring Polly's love for life and commitment to others.

Pauline King Murphy will be remembered fondly for her unwavering kindness, boundless generosity, and vibrant spirit that touched the hearts of all who

knew her. May her legacy of love and compassion endure for generations to come.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Fort Covington Street
Malone, NY

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Notre Dame Church
11 Church Place
Malone, NY 12953

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I cherish my memories of Aunt Polly. Her laugh, her smile, her always engaging with you in conversation, her devotion to my Uncle John and ability to always have only nice things to say. Will treasure my memories of her.*

Kathy O’Leary Lahue - April 19, 2024 at 11:29 AM