



Mrs. Cecilia E. Penney

September 21, 1922 - November 19, 2020

Cecilia E. Penney, 98, of Cortland passed away on Thursday November 19, 2020 at Cortland Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Facility. Born September 21, 1922 in Binghamton, Cecilia was the daughter of Joseph and Edna Gorzoch Mossakowski and was a Cortland resident for most of her life. Cecilia was educated in the Binghamton School district and the Wilson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1944.

Cecilia was a 1st Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps faithfully serving her country as a Registered Nurse during World War II. She then went on to be employed by the Cortland County Health Department, Cortland Memorial Hospital and then Cortland Nursing Home where she retired from in 1991.

Cecilia had a passion for reading, playing cards, and always selecting the perfect greeting card. Her big, cheerful smile brightened any room and her hugs were legendary. Her kindness and sense of humor enriched the lives of those who knew her.

A devout Catholic, Cecilia was a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Survivors include, her son; Earl (Karen) Penney of Cortland and a daughter, Ramona (Stan) Clanton of Anaheim, California; grandchildren; Mary (Pete) Austerman, Kevin Penney and Kimberly (Christopher) Cronk and 7 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. Cecilia was preceded in

death by her siblings; Barbara, Alphonse and Martha as well as a grandson; Dana True, Jr. She also had two special friends; Albertina Lorenzo, who has predeceased Cecilia and also Eula Gokey who survives her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Joseph Zareski serving as celebrant. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Stanislaus Kostki Catholic Cemetery, Binghamton, N.Y. Contributions in Cecilia's memory may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church 44 N. Main St., Cortland, N.Y. 13045. Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
Cortland, NY 13045

Tribute Wall



“ *Cele was one of my favorite relatives. I would take my mom, Loretta Savage And her sister, Sr. Clara Pedo to visit Cele each summer when Sr. Clara was on her home visit. I loved listening to her stories about the family. I wasn't able to go these past two summers because my mother has been failing. I shall miss Cele greatly but I know she is heaven. Rest inPeace cousin Cele. Celeste Savage*

Celeste Savage - February 07, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ *Cele was a very dear, sweet person. I have known her all my life..as a little girl I enjoyed her cookies in her kitchen and I still have her recipe for City Chicken.. one of my favorites. My sympathy to Earl and his family and to Ramona, my flower girl at my wedding 57 years ago. Such memories! Thank you Cele, my Mom's friend for many years.*

Carol Dippolito Sonnacchio - November 23, 2020 at 06:19 PM

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“ Celia was one of the sweetest women I’ve known. While I met her in her waning years of life, she was the special friend of our Aunt Albertina Lorenzo. Aunt Albertina spoke of her often before I actually met Cecelia .

It was a blessing that they were fortunate to become roommates at Cortland Park Rehab and Nursing Facility. I was able to witness their deep connections on their good days.

Earl, our family can’t thank you enough at the surprise of escorting your mother Celia to Aunt Albertina’s funeral. Deepest sympathies to you, Ramona, and your family.

Our prayers for all of you. Our love and respect for Celia.

Our heartfelt condolences .

Constance and Ron Starmer

Constance and Ron Starmer - November 23, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cecilia E. Penney.



November 23, 2020 at 10:38 AM

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“ Aunt Cele was the sweetest and kindest woman I have ever known! She was an Angel here on earth and continues to be one in heaven! Our condolences to her family and all that knew her. She holds a special place in our hearts! Peter & Robin Flipse

Peter Flipse - November 22, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ *What a wonderful, lovely person. She was one of the kindest women I know. She also made the best Christmas cookies ever!. So happy for your life and I know you're with the angels.*
Lorraine

Lorraine Tracy - November 22, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ *Cel was a very kind loving person who will be missed by many! She was always there for family. Mary and Kevin were very lucky to be able to call her grandma! I will never forget her cookies! They were the best. Rest in pease dear kind lady!*
Lynne Puzo

Lynne Puzo - November 22, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ *One of many fond memories of my Dear Aunt Ceil I reflect on with my siblings was in a year that we all received new beach towels. This difficult year in particular her love was appreciated beyond words. My Dear Aunt lived her life with amazing dignity serving as an inspiration to all. We celebrate Aunt Ceil joining her Lord in heaven with sisters (Barbara & Martha) and brother (Alphonse). What a special lady. She will be so missed.*

Dan Flipse

Daniel Flipse - November 22, 2020 at 11:40 AM