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Mary Veronica Nealy, 87, of Clearwater, Florida, beloved wife of James Theodore Nealy, passed on Wednesday, November 6, 2013. Mary was born and grew up in New Haven, Connecticut. Her early life was not easy. She lived in an Orphanage called Highland Heights. When she left the orphanage, at the age of sixteen, she worked as a Mother's Helper and had her first experience of what "Family" was. Mary worked as a cosmetologist in Westport, Connecticut for several years. In April of 1954, at Seaside Park, in Bridgeport, CT., Mary met a young WWII Veteran who would change her life. Mary and Jim were married six months later on October 16, 1954. Mary and Jim lived in Bridgeport, Connecticut for 35 years and struggled during those early years. Jim worked two jobs to support the family. They had four children in less than three years; Patrick, Terrie, Michael, and Maryellen. Kathy was born five years later. Mary went back to work once Kathy started school. She worked first as a waitress and then as a cashier at Stop and Shop in Fairfield, CT. As the children got older, their lives got easier. Jim and Mary were able to travel to France, Germany, and Ireland. Grandchildren soon started arriving. Mary earned the name that she was affectionately called for years, "Nanny". Nanny was known for her vibrant Red hair. In 1992, Mary and Jim retired to Southern California, where they lived until Mary had a stroke in 1999. They relocated to Clearwater, Florida to be closer to their family. Mary loved the holidays, especially Christmas. She loved collecting Dolphins, music boxes and Angels, and enjoyed roller skating, shopping, bowling and playing cards. Mary also loved knitting and crocheting and many of her afghans are still covering the beds of her family. She will be missed by her beloved husband, Jim of 59 years; children, Patrick (Bernadine) Nealy; Terrie (Ed) Schairer; Michael (Susan) Nealy; Maryellen Nealy; Kathleen (Michael) Young; Grandchildren: Lenny Nealy (Jen Drury), Jim (Heather) Nealy; Sean Mitchell; Erin (Rocco) Cioffi, Heather (John) Torosino, Steven (Heather) Ferrara, Christine Nealy, Dan (Jen) Nealy,



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Kevin Nealy, Katelyn Young (Steven Nighland), Kimberly Young, Kenny Nealy, and Michael Schairer. Great-grandchildren, Brittany Nealy; Alexander Bereregeron; Kera Nealy; Lily Nealy; Anthony Cioffi; Aiden Young; Elyse Ferrara and Grayson Nighland. The family would like to thank the staff at Westchester Gardens in Clearwater, Florida for the care extended to Mary throughout her six year stay.



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John Majeski posted:

My thoughts and prayers to the entire Nealy Family. A Mass will be said in remembrance of Mary at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in downtown Tampa on Sunday, December 29 and 7:30 AM.

December 8 at 8:00 PM



Mercedes Morgan posted:

"I am very sorry for your loss. May the wonderful memories made during the many years blessed with her presence help comfort you and strengthen you in the days to come."

November 12 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Nealy Family - You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May your loving memories of Mary bring you peace, comfort, and strength. Sincerely, Scott and Becky Mitchell

November 7 at 8:00 PM



Tom & Mari Chubb posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Focus on the wonderful memories you have of your Mom and find strength in the time spent with family sharing those memories.

November 7 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our hearts and prayers are with you all.

November 7 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Today and always, may loving memories bring you strength, comfort and peace thru this difficult time. Our deepest Sympathy goes out to the family. Regards, Shanti & Julian Reis

November 7 at 8:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Our most sincere condolences to the entire family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May your fondest memories and the grace of God comfort you through this very difficult time. Sincerely, Katherine & James Zarek

November 7 at 8:00 PM



David Barcz posted:

Our deepest condolences to the Nealy family as you mourn Mary's passing and celebrate her life and the memories of her you cherish. We wish you peace and solace in the days ahead as you lay her to rest; may the fellowship of close family provide you strength and comfort during this time. Very sincerely, David & Allison Barcz and Family

November 7 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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