



## Grace Bushika

June 5, 2014

Grace E. Thompson Bushika, age 96, wife of the late George R. Bushika of Cheshire, passed into her eternal rest June 5, 2014 at Sweet Brook Nursing Center in Williamstown, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in North Adams on August 21, 1917, the daughter of George and Grace (Morgan) Thompson. She grew up in Clarksburg and attended Drury High School, where she took part in several drama and singing productions. During her younger years, she was employed at Sprague Electric Company where she worked on electrical assemblies. She also worked for many years at the Frank Bushika Sand and Gravel Company in Cheshire as a bookkeeper and office receptionist. After she and George retired, they spent winters at their vacation home in St. Augustine, Florida.

Grace loved ice skating and swimming, and as a young woman was a Red Cross certified lifeguard. At one time, she was a member of the Cheshire Grange, TOPPS Club, and Pittsfield Girls Club. She enjoyed cooking for family and friends, and was known by all for her Italian cooking. She also enjoyed reading and keeping up with local and national news, as well as observing birds and native wildlife from her yard. She and George were avid Yankees fans. Grace was a lovely, generous person who was always ready to extend a helping hand to family, friends, and anyone else in need. She was loved by everyone who knew her.

Grace was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Cheshire. She was predeceased by her husband George in August of 2008. The couple had

previously celebrated 72 years of marriage on July 4th of 2008.

Grace is survived by a son, George T. Bushika and his wife Joan of Cheshire, and by two daughters, Claire Wohrle and her husband Werner of Cheshire and Mary Woolley of Cheshire and her companion Joseph Livecchi. She leaves seven grandchildren, Mark Bushika, Eric Bushika and his wife Tara, Ellen Wohrle and her fiancé Daniel Matrigali, John Wohrle and his wife Michele, Van Woolley, Vince Woolley and his wife Rebecca, and Mara Woolley. She is also survived by nine great grandchildren, Ava and Cash Bushika, Tashina St. Germaine, Joseph Senecal, Kelsey and Maggie Wohrle, Wade, Evan, and Jesse Woolley, and by two great-great grandchildren, Jeremy and Liam, She also leaves many cousins, nieces, and nephews as well as her sisters-in-law, Theresa Pontier and Joan Cellana, and her brother-in-law, Frank (Chicco) Bushika and her long-time friend Nadine LeSage and her daughters Gabrielle and Jordan.

Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her son, Barry A. Bushika, who died December 18, 1988, by her sisters Pearl Walker and Clarence, and Dorothy Thompson, and by two brothers, Donald Thompson and Jennie, and Theodore Thompson and Doris, and by several sisters- and brothers-in-law. The family wishes to thank Grace's dear friend, Paula Rhinemiller, and the kind and caring staff at Sweet Brook Nursing Center for their compassion, encouragement, and support.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 11, at 10:00AM in St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire, celebrated by Rev. David R. Raymond, Pastor.

Burial will follow in Cheshire Cemetery, Cheshire.

Calling hours are Tuesday from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, which is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations in Grace's name may be made to the Hoosac Hose Company of Cheshire, or St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Cheshire, in care of the funeral home.



# Tribute Wall



“ To the family of Grace Bushika we offer our condolences and our prayers to the family. Walter and Shirley Bushika Port Orange, FL 32129

June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ Mary, George & Claire, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Your mom was a great fun loving person who always had a smile on her face.

Elaine & Paul Horbal - June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ She was my mother's Aunt Gracie and was always warm and welcoming to all of us. I'm glad my girls were able to meet her and know her sunny disposition. She will be fondly remembered.

Marilee Swindell - June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ Claire so sorry to hear about your mom she was a wonderful person and will be dearly missed Lynne & Lee McCluskey

Lynne McCluskey - June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ Sincere sympathy to George, Clair, Mary uu and all your families. Aunt Grace was always so sweet to us kids when we were growing up. She had a beautiful smile.

Elizabeth Smiley - June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM

DK

“ We are very sorry for the loss of Grace. She was a wonderful lady, full of fun. She was a very generous and honest person. Growing up with Barry and being around her was a lot of fun times. I am sad.

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**Dan/Debbie King** - June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM

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“ Claire, Mary & George and your families, Our deepest sympathies for the loss of your mom. You'll be remember in our prayers. Your mom was a wonderful person. I always remember my mom talking about her and when we were young going to visit her. she will be sadly missed.

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**Sheree Saunders** - June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ Mary, so sorry to read of your mom's passing. Dale and I want to express our condolences to you and family.

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June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM

JK

“ George and family- So very sorry to hear of Grace's passing.

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**Jennifer Krause** - June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM

LM

“ John, Michelle, Kelsey and Maggie. We are so sorry about your Grandmother she was a wonderful lady. She will always be remembered with your girls with their middle names. Luv u guys.  
Lynne & Lee

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**Lynne McCluskey** - June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Mary, Claire and family- So sorry to read this. Your parents were wonderful people. I will always remember the times when I helped them and we had great conversations. She will be in my prayers.*  
*Diane Newton*

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June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss. Mrs. Bushika was a wonderful neighbor while I was growing up. I remember walking over with my dad and visiting her and her husband. She will truly be missed.*

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**Hilda (Buda) Carson** - June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.*

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**Paul Wilk** - June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Dear Claire, Mary, and George, Grace, or Mrs Bushika as I've always called her, was a very wonderful lady. I recall when I was about 9 or 10, I would visit my Aunt Helen and Uncle Stanley Zweircan I would go over and play with Barry. (he was cool and had better toys than me) And your Mom would always give us great treats and was always so sweet to me, even when she'd yell at Barry. Those were special times in my life. I'm sure she'll be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time of your loss.*

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**Bob Balawender** - June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM

TF

“ Dear Claire, Mary, George and Family our deepest Sympathy for your loss.

The Donald Kruszyna Family - June 07, 2018 at 12:19 PM

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“ Very sorry for your loss George. My thoughts and prayers to your family.

Kate Krause Delgreco

June 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the family for the loss of your loved one. May prayers strengthen you and memories comfort you. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loves us, comfort your hearts and make you firm. (2 Thessalonians 2:16,17)

January 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM