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MARY RITA 'MAYRITA' KRZIK, 93



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TEQUESTA, Fla. - Mary Rita "Mayrita" Krzik, 93, of Tequesta, Fla., and formerly of Worcester and Cape Cod, passed peacefully at home on Feb. 4, 2010.

She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Charles "Chuck," in 2003.

She leaves behind a daughter, Maria and son-in-law Robert St. Thomas of Tequesta, Fla., and Cape Cod; and a loving brother, Paul Conlon of Worcester, who will miss her dearly, and his wife Marguerite. She also leaves behind a sister-in-law, Doris Conlon, who loved her as a sister, and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. She was very close with her daughter's friends from St. Michael's College and Cape Cod who loved her as their own mother and friend.

She was born in Worcester, daughter of William Canning and Mary Earley Canning, and stepdaughter of James Conlon, who raised her as his own.

Four brothers and a sister predeceased her, William "Ski" Canning, Thomas, Raymond and James Conlon. Her only sister, Monica, perished in the Cocoanut Grove fire along with her fiance on Nov. 28, 1942, in Boston. Mayrita survived the fire thanks to her brother Ski and his wife Phyllis, but spent the next six months at Massachusetts General Hospital recuperating. Almost 500 people died in the fire after the Holy Cross/Boston College football game, which was the biggest upset of the century in football history of the two rivals.

Her family operated and ran the first horse-drawn mail delivery service in Worcester. She was an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Worcester, as well as Worcester Country Club and the Pleasant Valley Country Club. Before she wed, she worked at the Worcester Antiquarian Society and State Opticians.

A member of the St. Agnes Guild for many years, she loved to dance at Jonny Hynes, and spent the weekends swimming at the Poor House. Mayrita was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and spent her 85th birthday at the Sox/Yankees game at Fenway Park. She spent many happy hours watching her brother Ski, a jockey, who competed at various race tracks around the country.

She was an accomplished pianist, who at nine years old, played her recital piece by memory. Her

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until the day she passed. No one loved to have a good time better than "Maize," the eternal optimist. Today, Mayrita lives in a better place and this place is a better place because she lived in it. She lived long and she lived well!

A memorial Mass will be celebrated in Mashpee, with the date to be announced.

The family suggests memorial donations be made in her memory to the Hospice Foundation, C/o Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 SE Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997; or Safe Harbor Animal Rescue League, 185 E. Indiantown Road, Jupiter, FL 33477.

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