

# MAGDALENA HNATIOW LORENCE



With her cheerful smile and quick wit, Magdalena Hnatiow Lorence, lit up the room. Maggie died peacefully, surrounded by her family, on March 28, just short of her 100th birthday.

Maggie was born on April 14, 1925, the ninth of nine children of Ukrainian immigrant parents, Mary (Beck) and Stefan Hnatiow. She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years Frank Z. Lorence; her sister, Mary (Paul) Barker; infant sister, Ann; and brothers, Mike (Margaret), John (Mary), Nick (Mary), Joe (Mary), Andy and Steve; and her husband's six sisters, three brothers and their spouses.

She is survived by her daughters, Diane (Butch) Rupert, Marian (Bill Rhinesmith) Lorence and Kathleen (Jerry) Lucci; grandchildren, Christine Rupert, Mary (Niki French) Rupert, Patricia (Breandan) McIlwain, Justin (Gemma Clayson) Rhinesmith, Maggie Rhinesmith, Nick Lucci, Andy (Ana) Lucci, Maggie Lucci; great-grandchildren, Sophia Malizia, Avery Lieberknecht and Tyler, Kaden and Austin Clayson Rhinesmith; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A former Ford City High School cheerleader ("Quack, Quack, Let's Go Ducks"), Maggie was a long-time volunteer at St. Bonaventure Church and Vincentian Home.

Maggie never went a day without applying Revlon 435 "Love That Pink" lipstick. She loved to go dancing and to spend winters in Florida with Frank. She tolerated her husband's favorite pasttime, going to Penn State football games, in good weather and sometimes very bad.

She taught her daughters how to make pirohi, bake bread and sew. And by the way she lived her life, Maggie showed her daughters how to be sassy and independent, yet kind.

The family would like to thank her many caregivers at Westminster Place and Interim Hospice. We are forever grateful for your love and compassion.

Visitation at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 2, at **MANTINI FUNERAL HOME INC.**, 701 Sixth Ave., in Ford City. Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 524 Ninth St. Interment will follow at St. Francis DePaul Cemetery in Cadogan. If desired, memorial donations can be made to the church.

Maggie Lorence will be greatly missed here on Earth, but her beloved husband, devoted sister and harmonizing brothers warmly welcome her to the other side. Let the singing begin.

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