

THERESA A. (HANLON) BUCKLEY Obituary



Buckley, Theresa A. (Hanlon)

Of Maynard, formerly of Somerville, 84, passed away on Thursday afternoon, September 19, 2013 with her son Bill and daughter Theresa holding her hands after suffering greatly from protracted and debilitating failing health for the previous six months. Theresa was an extremely pious, holy, and deeply Catholic woman who devoted her entire life to prayer, particularly to praying the Rosary; to attending mass daily; and to serving God by teaching CCD classes for over forty years and by counseling and ministering to countless souls throughout her life and during her 30 years as a Sr. Human Resources Manager at the beloved Digital Equipment Corporation, founded by the late Ken Olsen in Theresa's hometown of Maynard, MA. At Digital, Theresa's unmatched work ethic and her indomitable spirit and uncanny business sense enabled her to rise quickly from the pool of countless secretaries to receive her Masters in business at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute alongside many of Digital's top engineers and to ultimately support Ken Olsen and his senior staff as their Human Resources Manager, a formidable feat for a woman who had a very humble start in life as she grew up in Somerville, MA as one of eight children in a large Italian/Irish family. During her life and her career, Theresa always spoke her mind with brutal honesty and with plain, unambiguous language that was tempered with a humble and devout countenance; suffice it to say that you always knew exactly how she felt regarding any person or any matter she commented on. As is befitting such a holy and decent woman, Theresa was given the last rites of the Catholic Church and was prayed over by several very holy priests as she endured her final agony and passed from this world; among them were Fr. John Prusaitis, Pastor of St. Bridget Church in Maynard, MA, which was Theresa's parish since 1964; Fr. Jean-Pierre Aubin, former priest at St. Bridget Church and family friend; Deacon John Pepi of St. Bridget; and particularly, Father James Doran, a very devout Catholic monk from the St. Benedict Abbey in Harvard, MA whose prayers sent Theresa on her way to Heaven on the afternoon of September 19th, as he prayed the Litany of Saints over her dying body and then commended Theresa's spirit to God. Theresa loved and cherished her husband, the late William J. Buckley, Sr. to whom she was married from July 5, 1952 until Bill's death in October, 2008. and is survived by her sisters Mrs. Eileen Boudreau and Mrs. Margaret Roch; by her brother, Mr. Edward Hanlon; by her three children, Ms. Marguerite Vardman, Mrs. Theresa Buckley Garrod, and Mr. William J. Buckley, Jr., and by her granddaughter, Ms. Julie Terlemezian. Visiting hours will be held at the Acton Funeral Home, 470 Massachusetts Ave (Rt. 111) ACTON, MA on both Thursday and Friday evenings, Sept. 26th and 27th, from 6 to 8 PM, (see the website actonfuneralhome.com for directions and details). Funeral Mass is Saturday, Sept. 28th at 10 AM at St. Bridget Catholic Church, 1 Percival St., Maynard, MA. Interment will follow the funeral Mass at St. Bridget Cemetery, Rt. 117, Maynard, MA.

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