



Lavinia Marie Maestri Zulpo

December 19, 1922 - May 2, 2014

Lavinia Marie (Beanie) Maestri Zulpo passed away May 2, 2014 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale , Arkansas at the age of 91. She was born Dec. 19, 1922 in Tontitown , Arkansas , the daughter of Albano Maestri and Agnes Pierce Maestri.

She was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Tontitown and St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale .

She married the love of her life, James Francis (Jack) Zulpo on Feb. 13, 1947. For the next 23 years they worked side by side on the farm, at the liquor store, at the feed mill and at many other business ventures.

Widowed for over 43 years, she devoted her life to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and her love for them was endless. She was a caregiver to her mother in her final years. She never complained and never judged or criticized others. She had a sharp wit and a wonderful sense of humor. She was so very proud of her Italian heritage.

Her job history is long and varied, from working in the Tontitown canning factory to being a nanny. She worked in a doctor's office and was a telephone operator. Other jobs included working in a Frito factory, at a Harps Bakery and at Mary Maestri's Restaurant. She owned and operated "The Red Door" in

Tontitown and she was a “Rosie the Riveter” during World War II.

She read the paper every morning. She loved to travel, claiming to always have a bag packed under her bed, “just in case”. She loved Sunday afternoon drives with her girlfriends, garage sales and slot machines. She stayed up late at night, watching QVC and HSN. Although she never set foot on a golf course, she loved watching golf on TV. She also loved milk glass, water pitchers and jewelry, especially rings and watches. And she loved chocolate and ice cream.

She adored children and they adored her. No child ever left her home without first choosing a treasure from the front closet toy chest or from one of her jewelry boxes. She bought sacks of polished rocks and crystals to scatter in the landscaping for the great-grandchildren to find. Her granddaughters claim she made the best toast ever!

Her front door was always open and everyone was welcome. She considered all of her neighbors part of her family. Many who were not family called her “Nonie” or “Aunt Beanie”.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Jack; a son, James Roger Zulpo; two sisters, Genevieve Maestri Bean and Grace Maestri Wade; and two brothers, Floyd Maestri and Paul Maestri.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Ann Taldo and husband Philip of Springdale; three sons, Joe Zulpo and wife Janice of Springdale; Bill Zulpo and wife Tammy, and Mark Zulpo and wife Paula, all of Tontitown; nine granddaughters, Jama Vancleave and husband Shane; Jackie Harmon and husband Keith; Sarah Brothers and husband Zach; and Amelia Simpson, all of Springdale; Julie Bell and husband Matt of Bentonville; Candace Pierce and husband John of Fayetteville; Megan McAfee and husband Jared of Stafford,

Virginia; Jenny Zulpo of Springdale and Mattie Zulpo of Tontitown; eleven great-grandsons, Cole, Chance, Mason, Caden, Alex, Miles, Bo, Cale, Logan, Adam and Ben; five great-granddaughters, Ashlyn, Olivia, Sofia, Emma and Makayla; a sister, Mary Maestri Vaughan of Springdale; three brothers, Steve Maestri and wife Dorothy of Fort Smith, Arkansas; Frank Maestri and wife Evelyn of Springdale and Leslie (Red) Maestri of Tontitown; a sister-in-law, Antoinette Zulpo Pianalto and husband Richard of Springdale; and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

Visitation will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Tontitown on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 from 6:00-7:30 p.m., followed by the Rosary. Funeral mass will be Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph 's.

Memorials can be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road , Springdale , Arkansas 72762.

Online condolences at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

380 E. Fletcher Ave.
Springdale, AR 72762

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
136 E Henri De Tonti Blvd
Springdale, AR 72762
<http://www.stjoetontitown.org>

Rosary

MAY 6. 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
136 E Henri De Tonti Blvd
Springdale, AR 72762
<http://www.stjoetontitown.org>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
136 E Henri De Tonti Blvd
Springdale, AR 72762
<http://www.stjoetontitown.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lavinia Marie Maestri Zulpo*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *My heart is saddened knowing that Beanie is no longer with us. She was always smiling, always fun. I can't imagine how much you will all miss her. She was a wonderful lady, an example of how to live life to us all!*

Denet Ceola Posey

Denet Posey - May 08, 2014 at 06:36 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Zulpo. She a dear and very sweet lady that I know the family loved and adored. My families heart felt and sincere condolences. Jim and Becky Harris*

jim harris - May 07, 2014 at 04:55 PM



“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR PRAYERS LINDA THORNBURGH & FAMILY*

LINDA THORNBURGH - May 07, 2014 at 04:44 PM



“ *OUR CONDOLENCES TO ALL THE FAMILIES! THANK YOU, BENJI FOR THE NOTIFICATION ON FACEBOOK. SINCERELY, CHARLES AND RANDY RAUCH,*

CHARLES RAUCH - May 07, 2014 at 01:29 PM

BB

“ *What a wonderful woman, who touched the lives of so many.*

Ben Bean - May 07, 2014 at 09:24 AM

KW

“ *Kathy Wills lit a candle in memory of Lavinia Marie Maestri Zulpo*



Kathy Wills - May 06, 2014 at 06:13 PM

KJ

“ *Sympathy to the whole Zulpo family from her next door neighbors for so many years. We will miss her smile and friendly wave every time we saw her out doors. Ken and Betty Janssen*

Ken and Betty Janssen - May 06, 2014 at 03:53 PM

JF

“ *Joyce Bean Norman and Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Lavinia Marie Maestri Zulpo.*



Joyce Bean Norman and Family - May 06, 2014 at 12:17 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lavinia Marie Maestri Zulpo.*



May 05, 2014 at 08:31 PM



“ *Mary Ann, so sorry to hear about Beanie's passing. You are so fortunate to have had such a great Mom. Your mother never failed to smile real big, give us a hug, and a kiss on the cheek each time we saw her. She was always so cheerful and positive in her conversations to us. We know you and your family and her whole family will surely miss her. We are in Florida at this time so we will miss her Rosary and Funeral Service. Rest assured she is in our prayers.*

Rick and Bernie Ardemagni

Rick & Bernie Ardemagni - May 05, 2014 at 03:49 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lavinia Marie Maestri Zulpo.*



May 05, 2014 at 10:21 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lavinia Marie Maestri Zulpo.*



May 05, 2014 at 10:21 AM