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Mary B. Foss

Mary B. Foss, age 102, of Lewiston, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, at home in Lewiston, under the loving care of her daughter and Niagara Hospice.

Mrs. Foss was born Sept. 1, 1921, in Niagara Falls, the daughter of the late James R. and Ruth F. (Pattinson) Benbow. She was a 1939 graduate of Niagara Falls High School and attended Kelley Business Institute from 1938-40. Mary worked as bookkeeper for the former Power City Trust Bank in Niagara Falls and then at Bell Aircraft during World War II. She also had been employed by NY Telephone as a business office representative for two years.

On April 5, 1947, she married Charles A. Foss and they moved to Lewiston in 1956. Mary retired from Lewiston-Porter High School in 1977 after serving 10 years as a teacher's aide.

A devout Christian, Mary was a longtime member of the Niagara Frontier Bible Church, where she was very active in their women's groups as well as teaching Awana. In her retirement, Mary enjoyed traveling to the various places where her daughter's husband was stationed while serving in the Air Force, and her son was serving in the Border Patrol. She also enjoyed listening to the Lewiston Choraleers and taking trips



with the Lewiston Senior Citizens. Mary was an avid walker, walking about the village every

day except for Sunday.

Her husband, Charles A. Foss, predeceased her on April 12, 2002. She is survived by her children: Jacqueline B. (the late Bruce) Sutherland of Lewiston and Charles Russell (Pati) Foss of El Paso, Texas; by seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, Jeffrey E. Foss; and by three sisters: Sara B. Coppins, Ruth Locke and Jane Van Brocklin. The family would like to acknowledge Mary's devoted caregivers from HART: Donna, Lisa and Marilyn.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, inside Community Bible Church,

4168 Church Road, Town of Cambria, with Rev. Brad Delp officiating. There will be no prior visitation.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 ambulance fund, 145 N. Sixth St., P.O. Box 748, Lewiston, NY, 14092; to Niagara Hospice, 4675 Sunset Drive, Lockport, NY, 14094; or to the Community Bible Church, 4168 Church Road, Lockport, NY, 14094.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hardison Funeral Home, North Fourth and Ridge streets, Lewiston. Please visit www.hardisonfuneralhomes.com for online condolences.

Beloved St. Peter's kindergarten teacher Linda Calandrelli passes away

Linda A. Calandrelli, 74, of Youngstown, passed away on Jan. 25, 2024, at Buffalo General Hospital in Buffalo.

Born in Buffalo, she was the daughter of the late John and Genevieve (Albarella) Carosa.

Linda was a graduate of Archbishop Carroll High School and later earned her bachelor's degree in education from Medaille College. On Feb. 7, 1975, she married Steven M. Calandrelli at St. Lawrence Church in Buffalo.

Linda worked for over 40 years with the Diocese of Buffalo as a kindergarten teacher at St. Peter's R.C. School in Lewiston, where she also served as assistant principal and teacher's aide, until her retirement in 2020. Linda was a beloved teacher and mentor to over 1,000 kindergarten students during her tenure. In 2015, she was awarded by the Buffalo Diocese with the Sister Lucille Socciarelli / Father Joe Sturm "Making A Difference Award" for her dedicated service to the education of children at St. Peter's.

Peter R.C. Church, where she served as a eucharistic minister, a religious education teacher, and a volunteer for Catholic Charities.

Linda enjoyed cooking, gardening, camping, watching the Hallmark Channel, and shopping. Above all, she was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend, and was at her happiest when she was taking care of her family. Linda will be remembered most for her loving nature, her selflessness, and her dedication to all.

In addition to her husband of 48 years, Linda is survived by her children: Steven J. (Siobhan) Calandrelli and Dr. Kara A. Calandrelli (Noah Green); her grandchildren: Ciaran, Ronan and Genevieve Calandrelli; her siblings: John Carosa, Rosemarie Florian, Janet (Dennis) Jordan, and Judy (George) Bauer; several nieces, nephews and cousins; as well as her in-laws: Ernie (Helen) Calandrelli. She was predeceased by her sister-in-law: Kathy (Ron) DeFazio.

Visitation was held Monday at M.J. Colucci & Son Niagara Funer-

al Chapel, 2730 Military Road, Niagara Falls. Linda's Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday at St. Peter's R.C. Church, 620 Center St., Lewiston. Entombment in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lewiston.

If desired, memorial offerings may be made to the American Cancer Society, <https://donate.cancer.org/>. Visit www.mjcoluccifuneralchapel.com for online condolences.



Linda Calandrelli was the 2015 recipient of the Sister Lucille Socciarelli-Father Joe Sturm Award. (File photo)

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