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Lewiston's Bernice S. Dominick passes following 103rd birthday



Bernice S. Dominick – Lewiston's oldest living resident at age 103 – passed away following her milestone birthday.

Bernice (nee Bingham), age 103, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at Mount St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston.

She was born Feb. 10, 1919, in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, the daughter of the late Alfred and Ruby Robinson Bingham. Her family moved to LaSalle when she was 3 weeks old, and

Bernice S. Dominick (Photo courtesy of Hardison Funeral Home)

they lived there for 25 years.

Bernice graduated from LaSalle Jr./Sr. High School on Buffalo Avenue in 1937. She went on to attend Kelly Business Institute graduating in 1939. Bernice was employed at E.I. Du Pont from 1939-41, and worked part time for Niagara Mohawk Schoellkopf Station – Canal Basin from 1956-61. She moved to Upper Mountain Road in 1946 and resided there for 31 years before moving to the Village of Lewiston in 1977.

She lived behind the Lewiston Museum. Members of the Historical Association of Lewiston said

she was a popular neighbor.

Bernice was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston since 1955. She also was a member of the Lewiston National Society and a support staff member of Mount St. Mary's Hospital.

She is survived her daughter, Joan L. (Late Ben) Sheusi, and her son, Craig R. Dominick; her grandchildren: Stephanie and Jonathan Sheusi; and by several nieces and nephews. Bernice is predeceased by her brothers, Gerald (the late Dorothy) and Alfred Doug Bingham.

A memorial service will be held

in the church at a later date. Her interment is in the church columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston, 505 Cayuga St., Lewiston.

Professional arrangements were entrusted to Hardison Funeral Homes Inc. Visit www.hardisonfuneralhomes.com to see the tribute wall.

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Theresa 'Terry' Scrufari

Theresa "Terry" Scrufari, age 89, of Lewiston, passed at home on Feb. 4, 2022.

Born Jan. 16, 1933, in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of the late John Wesley MacAfee and Anne Marie (Madden) MacAfee.

Theresa was a past chairperson of the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center's Charity Ball and a member of the hospital's Women's Auxiliary. She was a member

of the St. Francis Guild of Mount St. Mary's Hospital, and a past co-chairperson of the Niagara University Ball and a longtime member of the Niagara Falls Country Club.

In her earlier years, Theresa enjoyed and was accomplished in bowling, tennis and golf. She was a lifelong bridge player obtaining the rank of life master certified by the American Contract Bridge

League (ACBL). She was an excellent cook, gracious host, world traveler and an avid reader who will be remembered for her generosity, kindness and great sense of humor.

Theresa was predeceased by her husband of 44 years, the late Bruno A. Scrufari, whom she married on April 7, 1960. She was also predeceased by three brothers: John W. MacAfee, Thomas MacAfee and Joseph Patrick MacAfee, Ph.D.

Theresa is survived by her two sons: Charles O. "Chuck" (Elisa) Scrufari and Bruno A. "Brandy" (Lisa) Scrufari III; a sister, Mary Ann Belknap of Bend, Oregon; along with several nieces and

nephews; and the light of her life, her grandson, Bruno Antonio Scrufari.

In addition to her family, Theresa will be missed by her many friends across Western New York, Southern Ontario and Naples, Florida. Contributions in her memory may be made to HART (Home Assistance Referral Team Inc.), Community Missions of Niagara Frontier Inc., or the Niagara County SPCA.

There was no prior visitation. A life celebration in her honor will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Hardison Funeral Homes Inc. For condolences, please visit www.hardisonfuneralhome.com.



Theresa "Terry" Scrufari

Catholic Health hospitals receive no penalties in CMS hospital-acquired condition reduction program

Catholic Health received no penalties in the recently released Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) 2022 hospital-acquired condition (HAC) reduction program. For Catholic Health, the value-based incentive program includes patient data from Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, Sisters of Charity Hospital, Kenmore Mercy Hospital and Mount St. Mary's Hospital.

The HAC reduction program, which began in 2014, evaluates hospitals based on their rates of

several avoidable complications, including bed sores, blood clots, central line infections, falls, and infections from methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) or clostridium difficile (C. diff). Every year, the facilities in the lowest-performing 25% are penalized by losing 1% of their Medicare payments.

"Patients shouldn't have to worry about acquiring an infection or some other avoidable complication when they are hospitalized," said Hans Casagnol, M.D., M.M.M., Catholic Health's executive vice president and chief physician executive, who leads the health system's quality and patient safety program. "Every day, our care-

givers follow stringent protocols to provide safe, high-quality care, and we thank them for their tremendous efforts, which resulted in no HAC penalties to our hospitals."

Catholic Health noted, "This year, 764 U.S. hospitals will have their Medicare payment rates reduced for having high infection rates and other patient complications from mid-2018 through 2019. All data from 2020 was excluded from this year's HAC program calculations due to the COVID-19 public health emergency."

Casagnol noted, "Our attention to quality and patient safety, reflected through our performance in the HAC reduction program, speaks volumes about the care provided in our hospitals. It should be what every patient looks for when choosing a hospital for their medical, surgical or emergency care."

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