

OBITUARIES

Mary Maerten

On March 8, 2020, Mary Maerten (nee Rehm) of Wheatfield passed away peacefully at their winter home in Cape Coral, Florida, at the age of 87. Her loving family vacationed there just prior to her sudden passing.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 68 years, Glenwood Maerten; dearest mother of Daniel Maerten and Cheryl (Thomas) Encao; loving grandmother of Corrine Bristol, Trevin Maerten and Anthony (Becky) Encao; great-grandmother of Leia Bristol, Kendyl Bristol and Jake Encao. Predeceased by brother Albert Rehm and cherished sister Rita Dohm, also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mary had volunteered ushering at Art-park, Shea's and Studio Arena. She also volunteered her time at St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Mary's Memorial Mass on Saturday July 18, at 11 a.m. at Prince of Peace Church, 1055 Military Road, Niagara Falls.

If desired, memorials in Mary's honor may be sent to Niagara Hospice 4675 Sunset Drive, Lockport.

Arrangements by M.J. Colucci & Son Niagara Funeral Chapel. Please visit www.njcoluccifuneralchapel.com for online condolences.

HEAP remains available for customers facing financial difficulties

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. recently announced HEAP has been extended through Aug. 31, 2020, or until the funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first.

Customers whose income situations have changed in the past 30 days may be eligible for the Home Energy Assistance Program, or HEAP, a federally funded program that provides financial heating assistance to those who qualify.

HEAP eligibility is based on the last four weeks of income. Customers who receive HEAP grants are also automatically enrolled in the Statewide Low Income Program, or SLIP, a program that provides monthly discounts

on gas delivery charges. The discount amount is based on the amount of the HEAP grant they receive. For more information, visit www.HEAPhelps.com.

In addition to HEAP, other programs are available to help individuals who struggle to make their bill payments. National Fuel encourages customers to contact a customer service representative at 1-800-365-3234 weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. to discuss their situations. A quick call can provide information on the following programs:

✓ "Neighbor for Neighbor" heat fund is open year-round and helps qualified customers who are aged 55 years or older, have a certified medical condition, are disabled,

are a veteran, or are currently receiving unemployment benefits to prevent an energy emergency.

✓ Deferred payment agreement allows the potential to negotiate a repayment plan in the event of a problem or special circumstance.

✓ Special protections is applicable for households where all residents are aged 62 years or older, 18 years or younger, blind or disabled.

✓ Budget plan billing is available for customers who want to have level, predictable monthly payments.

As always, if you smell gas, leave fast! If a rotten-egg natural gas odor is present, leave the premises immediately and call National Fuel's emergency line, 1-800-444-3130,

from a different location. If you smell gas outdoors, call National Fuel's emergency number and provide the address nearest to the site of the odor. To learn more about natural gas safety, visit www.nationalfuelgas.com/forhome/gassafety.aspx.

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