



Ruth Gabriel O'Shaughnessy Moleski

February 17, 1926 - June 3, 2016

Ruth Gabriel O'Shaughnessy Moleski passed gently on Friday, June 3, 2016 surrounded by her loving children. She was 90 years old and residing in Ithaca, New York, in the home of her caring daughter, Dr. Marne O'Shae and Ira Kamp, having moved there from Longview, an Ithacare Community.

Ruth Gabriel O'Shaughnessy was born February 17, 1926 and grew up in Cobalt, Ontario, with fond memories of summers spent on Lake Temagami. She graduated with a BA in History from the University of Toronto, where she met and then married Dr. Desmond D. Moleski of Kirkland Lake, Ontario. The young couple immigrated to the United States to establish Desmond's medical practice. They lived in Wellsville and Olean, New York, before Desmond was drafted in the Korean War and Ruth cared for their three children in San Diego while Desmond was stationed in the Philippines. After the war they moved to Ellicottville, NY and then Orchard Park, NY, where they had seven more children and raised the ten children to adulthood. Ruth was active in the Ladies Medical Auxiliary and a member of the Women's Committee of the Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra, then under the baton of Dr. Joseph Wincenc. Ruth was an avid tennis and bridge player, eventually achieving Life Master status with the American Contract Bridge League. After a swarm of bees invaded the family's country farmhouse, leaving behind the intoxicating smell of honey, Ruth became a successful beekeeper for several years. Her lifelong love of gardening and flower arranging led her to become an Accredited Life Flower Show Judge with the National Garden Clubs at the age of 84. In later years she returned to Temagami, Ontario, for summer vacations with her surviving siblings Jean Keating of Sault Ste. Marie, Claudine Fox of Toronto, and her brother Maurice O'Shaughnessy, of Calabogie, Ontario. Ruth's true spirit showed in the manner in which she raised her children. She loved them all deeply, equally, and did her best to stand by them as they faced their own life challenges. She stood faithfully by her husband to his death in 2006, and buried her beloved daughter Claudia in 2011. Ruth is survived by her children: Marion and Bob Hanson of Defiance, Ohio; Fr. Martin X. Moleski, S.J. of Canisius College in Buffalo; Teresa and Tom Ichniowski of Silver Spring, MD; Dr. Marne O'Shae and Ira Kamp of Ithaca, NY; Cat Moleski and Jay Kreller of Durham, NC; Dominic and Debbie Moleski of Phoenix, AZ; Laura and Bernard Franc of Foxborough, MA; Hilda Moleski of Ithaca NY;

and Desmond and Julie Moleski of Portland, OR. Ruth was blessed with 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Her family prays that she has now found the perfect bridge partner in heaven.

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