



Stephanie (Kawa) DeSantis

September 7, 2014

Stephanie DeSantis (Kawa) 90, of Syracuse, passed away peacefully with family by her side on Sunday. Born August 13th, 1924 to John and Catherine (Byk) Kawa, she had lived in Syracuse all her life. Stephanie married James DeSantis on August 23, 1947 and they were together happily until his death in December of 2004.

She was a life member of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and was employed by Church and Dwight for 28 years as an executive secretary. Stephanie was an avid reader and enjoyed tending to her yard. A huge Syracuse sports fan, she loved thoroughbred horse racing and other games of chance.

She is survived by a daughter, Kathleen Ryan of Syracuse; two grandsons: James (Kristy) of Baldwinsville and Joseph (Jessica) of Raynham, MA; a great-grandson Lukas Ryan of Baldwinsville; a sister, Jane Hart (Donald) of Camillus, and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9:30 am Thursday, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Interment: Sacred Heart Cemetery, Geddes immediately following. Donations may be made to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; 927 Park Ave. Syracuse, 13204.

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephanie (Kawa) DeSantis*

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