



## Catherine Serafin Hayes

September 16, 1915 - August 15, 2017

### Life Legacy

Catherine Serafin Hayes passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 after 101 years dedicated to God, her family and her country. The third of nine children, Catherine was born in Stamford on September 16, 1915 to the late Peter and Mary (Ciejka) Serafin, Polish immigrants. Catherine was educated in Stamford schools and was a graduate of Stamford High School, class of 1933, and the Stamford Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1936. She began her career working for Stamford Hospital. During World War II she entered the Navy Nurse Corps. She was stationed in Naval hospitals in Portsmouth, VA, St. Albans, NY, Gulfport, MS and New Orleans, LA where she tended to troops brought in from the battlefields of the Europe. She attained the rank of Lieutenant and continued serving in the Navy Nurse Corps Reserves after the war ended. She was awarded the American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal and was very proud to serve her country. She described her experience as a Navy nurse as among the most cherished and rewarding of her life. Catherine was married to George R. Hayes, also a veteran, for thirty-three years. They were devoted to each other and enjoyed traveling together and spending time with and helping their friends and family. Aunt Kate and Uncle George were favorites at all family gatherings. For the past fourteen years, she had been a resident of the Edgehill Assisted Living Community in Stamford. She enjoyed meeting new

friends, playing bridge, attending movies and presentations on current events. Catherine cherished her Catholic faith and was a lifelong member of Holy Name of Jesus Church in Stamford. In addition to her husband and parents, Catherine was predeceased by her sisters; Ann Serafin, Edna Serafin, Barbara Serafin, Mary Jakubek, and her brothers; Albert Serafin, John Serafin, and Peter Serafin. She is survived by her sister Marjorie Hogan of Stamford and many loving nieces and nephews who will miss her greatly. Calling hours will be take place on Tuesday, August 22nd from 9a.m. to 10:30a.m. at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902. A mass of Christian burial will follow at 11am at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 325 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT 06902. The interment will immediately follow mass at Putnam Cemetery, 35 Parsonage Road, in Greenwich, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Catherine's memory to Holy Name of Jesus Church, 4 Pulaski Street, Stamford, CT 06902. The family has entrusted Catherine's final arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue in Stamford, CT. If you would like to leave a message of condolence for the family you may visit the online guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

# Tribute Wall

Jl

“ Marjorie and family, We are so Sorry for your loss but what a great life she had! Thinking of you, Jimmy lenner & Family

Jimmy lenner - August 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Aunt Kate, you have been and still are, an inspiration to my wife and I. Across so many miles, and through so much time, you have been with us. You are in my prayers always. Rest in the peace of Christ.

Michael - August 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Glad to have known your through your sister's stories.

Dawn Hammond - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ You will be greatly missed. I will miss your stories and wisdom. God Bless.

Lisa Woodle - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you dear lady for your love of country and taking care of our wounded heroes. As you enter heaven may those that you cared for be there to greet you. May you rest in eternal peace.A grateful American

August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ We will miss you Aunt Kate. Rest In Peace.

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**Jim Jakubek** - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ A beautiful soul and wonderful Lady may she Rest In Peace I had the honor of caring for her through the agency I work for. She shared stories of her family and Navy time and her late husband. I enjoyed her tremendously. My thoughts and prayers are with you all

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**Cathy Mullins** - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ What a fine Lady and loving aunt to her family. It was my privilege to know her.

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**Diane Brown** - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM