



Kathleen Blaum

January 11, 1921 - August 4, 2011

Kathleen F. Blaum, 90, died Thursday at her residence at the Village at Greenbriar.

Born January 11, 1921 in Wilkes-Barre she was a daughter of the late James V. and Catherine Dooley Fisher.

Kathleen was a graduate of James M. Coughlin High School, Class of 1939 and Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1942.

Prior to marriage Mrs. Blaum was a registered nurse practicing in private duty and at Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

Kathleen was a member of the Parish of Saint Therese in Shavertown. She was a former long-time member of the Parish of Holy Saviour and its Altar and Rosary Society in Wilkes-Barre. She was an active volunteer in the former Mercy Hospital Auxiliary and with the American Red Cross.

Her husband, Louis C. Blaum, MD died June 7, 2002. Brothers, Joseph and John Fisher also preceded her in death.

She will be missed by her children, Louis C. Blaum, Jr. MD of Jenkins Twp., James P. Blaum, Esquire of Shavertown, Kevin J. Blaum of Kingston, Mollie Blaum-Sherbin of Los Altos, California and Eugene J. Blaum of Malvern; sixteen grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a brother, James V. Fisher of Wilkes-Barre.

Celebration of Kathleen's Life will be held Tuesday at 9 AM from McLaughlin's, 142 South Washington Street in Wilkes-Barre with Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM in the Church of Saint Therese. Interment will be in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Hanover Township.

Visitation will be held at McLaughlin's on Monday from 4 to 8 PM.

Memorial donations are preferred and may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, 39 East Jackson Street, Wilkes-Barre, 18701-2709.

Permanent messages and memories can be shared with Kathleen's family at <http://www.celebrateherlife.com>

Cemetery

Saint Mary's Cemetery

1594 South Main Street
Hanover Township, PA,
18706

Events

AUG **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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McLaughlin's

142 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, US,
18701

AUG **Celebration of Life** 09:00AM

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AUG **Funeral Mass** 10:30AM

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Church of Saint Therese (Shavertown)

Pioneer Avenue at Davis Street, Shavertown, PA, US,
18708

Comments



“ Dear Blaums, you were all such a part of my childhood that I feel one of my family members has passed. I have many fond memories of your mom, but the one thing that comes to my mind first is how very much she loved your dad. Even as a child I recognized the depth of their relationship. Beyond that I remember wonderful days at the lake and hours of playing under your clothesline in the back yard of Scott Street. I hope your happy memories of your mom will keep her alive in your hearts forever. I think of you often and send you each my love, Marilyn Bennett Barnes

Marilyn Bennett Barnes - August 20, 2011 at 11:58 AM



“ Dear Blaum Family, My deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved mother Kathleen. I became acquainted with your mother in the 1940's at Mercy Hospital as a young student nurse. Kathleen was a dedicated nurse and role model. As a nurse at Mercy Hospital I was present at the birth of her children. I will remember her in my prayers. Fondly, Jean A Novak RN

Jean A Novak - August 08, 2011 at 12:17 PM



“ I met Mrs. Blaum, alias "gorgeous" to me, several years ago when I visited her with holy communion from St. Therese's. She reminded me so much of my mother, who had past away in 2002. I asked if I could visit her again and that was the beginning of a wonderful relationship for me with my "second mother". I would often take shrimp, wine and baked goods with me when I visited and we spent many wonderful hours learning about each others' lives and families. I especially loved the story of how she met Louie, started dating and finally married the one true love of her life. We went to a several movies, the first was a sad love story which we both enjoyed but another one was too slow as she fell asleep and started snoring. She even fell asleep during Momma Mia. What a hoot !!

I will miss her "three kisses" for the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and her laughter. We laughed a lot. She often asked me on her "down days" why God was making her stay here on earth when the only thing she wanted was to be with Louie in Heaven. I just responded that she probably "hadn't gotten it right yet " and God would take her when he was ready. She seemed to enjoy that answer.

Her mind was so sharp and her memory of facts, dates and names blew my mind. I guess I was suppose to remember the names of all her children, the grands and the greats, but I was lucky to remember mine. But she loved each and everyone of you so much and is now in the perfect position to answer your prayers and grant your wishes. You were so lucky to have had her in your life and I am thankful to have shared just a small portion of mine with this gorgeous, bright, stunningly remarkable women who had a stubborn streak just long enough to keep things lively.

I always believed that the stronger you loved, the longer you grieved. So grieve on, she was worth it.

I will miss you, dear heart, very much but I know you are smiling over all of us as you sit with her husband and your Lord in Heaven. With love from me to you,
Jeri Baranowski

Jeri Baranowski - August 07, 2011 at 12:59 PM



“ To the entire Blaum Family:

We are so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Blaum was a woman possessing the most genuine kindness, grace, and passion for life. We only had the opportunity to be in her company a few times over the years, but she instantly garnered respect while always initiating friendly conversation and demonstrating genuine interest in how our family was doing. She will truly be missed and her life will be celebrated by all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in these difficult days. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can do anything to help.

The Gallagher Family---Kathy, Mark, Nicole, Gavin, and Cora.

Mark Gallagher - August 06, 2011 at 08:02 AM



“ At this point in life, we have a tendency to ask questions: questions for ourselves, questions for others, questions of life and questions of faith. More often than not, we ask the same question of no one in particular.

Why? That is what we ask. The truth is, we may never know why with any certainty. But we do know that there is no single 'should have done' or 'could have done' or 'did' or 'did not do' that would have changed that why.

All that love could do was done.

We assure you that while there is nothing we can do to change what has occurred, we will be here for you. Our objective is to assist you through this time as seamlessly as possible, and we encourage your reliance on us to see that all details are arranged and carried through properly.

Our service to you does not end, but continues as you need us. We can assist with details which present themselves after, just as we are capable with those leading to, the funeral service. Please do not hesitate to solicit our advice on any matter as we are happy to be of assistance.

Thomas V. McLaughlin
M.J. McLaughlin Company

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Tommy McLaughlin - August 05, 2011 at 04:18 PM



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The Family of Professionals at McLaughlin's - August 05, 2011 at 04:10 PM