



Theresia Anna Croteau

September 15, 1926 - July 28, 2022

Croteau, Theresia "Terry" (Haller) died in her 95th year at home with family on July 28th, 2022. Retired USPS postal employee working at the Main Office downtown Minneapolis in the Box Section from 1989-2000. Born to John and Lena Haller of Minneapolis on September 15, 1926, she was the youngest of 6 living siblings. Like her sisters, Theresia had an extraordinary singing voice. She also had since a young age, the talent of being able to sit down at the piano and perfectly play any musical piece after just one hearing. More than her love of music was her love of Christ and the Catholic Church. A member of St. Bridget's in north Minneapolis for most of her life, she had a special devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and His blessed mother, Mary which she shared with most everyone she spoke to. A strong prayer warrior she recited the Rosary daily, praying for all members of her family, living and deceased with special intentions for her children, and all her nieces and nephews. Having been blessed with a son with Down syndrome, George, she had a special love for people like him who share their unconditional love and joy with the world. Her final request was that people would always remember her in prayer along with all the Holy Souls in Purgatory who await their entrance into Heaven. "There is no wasted prayer" she would tell us "If we pray for a soul who is already in Heaven, God uses that prayer for someone else who needs it. The Holy Souls need our prayers for, though they are able to pray for us, they are no longer able to pray for themselves." Theresia spent her life encouraging others with these words. She is preceded in death by her son

George; granddaughter Allison; brothers, Fr. Raphael Haller OSB, Lawrence and Edmund Haller; sisters Dolores Skorpak, Magdalena Hukill, baby Catherine; and parents John and Magdalena. Survived by son John "Shaggy" Croteau (Dee); daughter Paula Haller-Croteau (Bill Nereson); granddaughters Suzanne, Jenni, Wendy, Michelle and Ariel; 4 great-grandchildren; beloved sister-in-law Margaret Haller; and many nieces and nephews. The family wishes to give special thanks to nieces Mary Catherine and Dee Shaffer; nephew Vincent Haller, friend Lynn Kemmetmueller, who gave special care, love and support the last few years of Theresia's life. You brought much joy to Mom's life. Theresia will be laid to rest with her family at St Mary's Cemetery, next to her son George who passed on at 6 yrs of age, 50 years ago on this date, August 12, 1972. Goodbye Momma, we will miss the stars that were your sparkling blue eyes. Thank you for all your love and sacrifices, and the beautiful gift of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Eternal rest grant unto her, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace. Amen. Visitation Thursday, August 11, 5-9 pm with Rosary at 7:00 pm at Washburn- McReavy Columbia Heights Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial Friday, August 12, 11 am in the Church of the Holy Cross, 1621 University Ave NE, with visitation 1 hour prior to Mass. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Donations be sent to: Missionaries of Charity, 1500 E 24th St., Minneapolis, MN 55404. Washburn-McReavy.com Columbia Hts Chapel 763-789-4436 4101 Central Avenue NE

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery (Mpls)

4403 Chicago Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Columbia Heights Chapel
4101 Central Ave NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421
(763) 789-4436
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

AUG 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
1621 University Avenue Northeast
Minneapolis, MN 55413

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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