



Mary Ann Clapper

March 21, 2020

Mary Ann Clapper, 84, of Lancaster, died peacefully on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Magnolias of Lancaster. Born in Newburgh, NY, she was the daughter of the late Stanley and Anna Masloski. She was married to Roy C. Clapper for more than 60 years.

“Cookie,” as she was known since childhood to her friends and family, was a 1953 graduate of Newburgh Free Academy. She met Roy at age 16 at a local roller-skating rink. At her parents’ request, they waited to be married until she turned 21. She worked at the United States Military Academy at West Point as a professional secretary before following Roy to what became a 34-year career for him at IBM. She had a deep faith as a Roman Catholic and was open to sharing her faith in Christ with others and volunteering to support the church ranging from singing in funeral masses to laundering vestments and gowns at her home.

She loved greeting cards, sentimental photographs, and creating a warm home for her family, including cooking her special meatloaf and apple pie. She had a keen aesthetic sense, which she applied to planted and cut flowers, baskets of fruit, and the furniture and decoration of the family home in Owego, NY. This home, a mid-century-modern ranch house on nine wooded acres which Roy designed, was where she raised her children and lived from the early 1960s to the 1990s. Her love of home also found expression in the

timber-frame house in New Hampshire where she and Roy lived with her beloved golden retriever Bowser from 2007 until finally moving to Magnolias in 2019.

She is survived by two sons; Michael Clapper (Amelia), Lancaster, Daniel Clapper (Monique), Burnt Hills, NY and five grandchildren: Henry, Agatha, Winston, Duncan, and Roman and her brother, Michael Masloski. She was preceded in death by her sister, Jean M. "Snoopy" Fasciano.

Mary Ann's death was unrelated to COVID-19, but given the ongoing pandemic, the family will have a very small, private memorial.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann Clapper*

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