

Mary J. Burda

December 15, 2009

Mary J. Burda, 74, of Frackville, died Tuesday at the Broad Mountain Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Frackville.

Born in Holmes, she was a daughter of the late George and Ruth Swartz Johnson.

She was a 1952 graduate of Frackville High School. She continued her education and became a dental hygienist.

Mary was a very active member of St. Ann Roman Catholic Church, Frackville. She was a Eucharistic minister, lector, a member of St. Ann's Ladies Guild, taught CCD classes, helped at the annual church bazaar and was a pierogie maker. She often traveled with her late husband to many religious vocations.

She was a member and past president of the Catholic Daughters of America, St. James Court, past president of Rev. James A Hogan, Knights of Columbus Council 2580 Ladies Auxiliary and the Rosary Society, Frackville.

She worked as a sales clerk in several local retail stores including the former Alexander 5 and 10 and Boscov's before retiring.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Deacon Joseph R. Burda, in 2007; and a sister, Jean Barnes.

She is survived by six sons, Joseph Jr., Frackville, Ronald, Allentown, Gerald, Hazelton, Gary, Berwick, Paul, Riner, Va., and Rodney, Moosic; two brothers, George Crossley, Deer Park, N.Y., and Roland Johnson, West Chester; 13 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday at

St. Ann Church with the Rev. Edward Essig, pastor, officiating.
Relatives and friends are invited to call from 6 to 8 p.m.
Thursday and from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass on Friday at the
church.

Interment will be St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery, Englewood,
Frackville. Donations can be made to the family care of Mr.
Rodney Burda, 614 Rocky Glen Road, Avoca, PA 18641 and will be
accepted at the funeral home. Albert L. Gricoski Funeral Home,
Frackville, is in charge of arrangements.