



## Mrs. Helen R. Cassidy

August 14, 2015

With the ultimate sadness we announce the passing of our mother Helen R. Curtin Cassidy. Mom passed on Friday August 14th 2015 after years of battling illnesses with grace courage and dignity. Mom was the the most amazing daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, mother in law and friend to all that met her. Everyone was welcome at her home. No matter who it was they were treated with kindness and respect. It's very hard to sum her up in a few paragraphs but those that knew her put it best. She was a class act to the very end. We as her children thank her for a lifetime of love and friendship. Aside from her children, her grandchildren were her pride and joy. It will be very hard to go on without her but all of us will do so with the same amount of grace that she showed us by example. We would also like to add for all our friends that know this first hand. Mom was the cake boss before there was one. All three of her children still had people ask if she was still able to bake them a cake because hers were like no one else. Half of Queens NY loved her cake the other half was in Orange Co NY. Her two families of adopted children (you know who you are). It was not unusual to come home and find her feeding someone in the kitchen and telling them stories. There will never be another like her.

Mom was born in Manhattan (Yorkville) January 12, 1926 She passed at home with her three children as per her wishes. She is survived by her son James A. Cassidy and Patrice Dassa of Center Moriches, NY. Son Donald Cassidy of Bloomingburg, NY. Her daughter Cathleen Collaro of

Bloomington, NY. Granddaughter Katlyn Cassidy of Grahamsville, NY  
Grandson Tyler Cassidy of Grahamsville. Former daughter in law Janine  
Brown Cassidy of Grahamsville, NY.

Helen was predeceased by her husband of 57 years Donald F. Cassidy. Her  
beloved son in law whom she adored Joseph D. Collaro. John LeRoy who  
never failed to make her laugh and smile. Her parents Alfred L. Curtin and  
Helen M. Grady.

We would like to express our gratitude to those who cared for her in her  
struggle against illness. The wonderful people at Hospice. We want to single  
out Mary Clabough L.P.N who gave her the most kind loving care every day  
and brought her joy as well. She's the ultimate example of what a nurse  
should be. Love to you Mary from all of us. The other Hospice staff we would  
like to thank are Kathleen Graham, Christine Hilsman R.N. Meg Bowers R.N  
and Michelle Mendez. We thank you all for your extreme kindness not only  
towards Mom but towards us.

We would like to also thank Rajan Gulati MD and Bonnie Seecharran MD of  
Middletown Medical along with our favorite nurses Ruth and Anne for years of  
compassionate care not only towards mom but towards our father and  
grandmother.

Last but not least we would like to thank our family, friends and neighbors for  
always being there through it all.

We ask that donations be made in our mother's name to Hospice of Orange  
and Sullivan Counties, Inc.

# Cemetery Details

## Orange County Veterans Memorial Cemetery

111 Craigville Road  
Goshen, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 21.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

DeWitt-Martinez Funeral and Cremation Services  
64 Center St  
Pine Bush, NY 12566  
(845) 744-2787  
dewittfuneralhome@gmail.com  
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## Visitation

**AUG 21.** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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AUG **22** (ET)

Church of the Infant Saviour  
Route 302  
Pine Push, NY 12566

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martinez Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Helen R. Cassidy*



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**Martinez Funeral Homes** - August 20, 2015 at 07:14 AM

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“ *Theresa Clabby Minecci purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Helen R. Cassidy.*



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**Theresa Clabby Minecci** - August 20, 2015 at 08:10 PM

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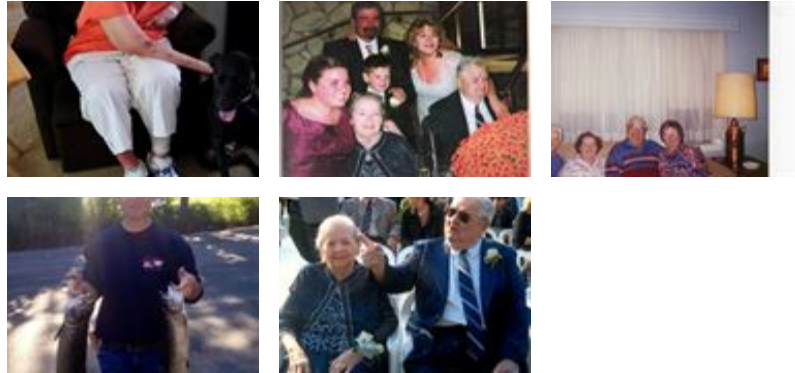
“ *Jim,  
All my love to you and your family at this time of grief may you find comfort in knowing she is in a better place.  
with love,  
Nivia*

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**nivia** - August 20, 2015 at 03:57 PM



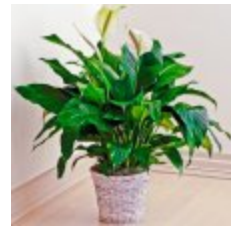
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Martinez Funeral Homes - August 20, 2015 at 06:50 AM



“ Love, Barbara, Gerard, Gerard, Jr., Kerry, Cristin and Matt purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Helen R. Cassidy.



Love, Barbara, Gerard, Gerard, Jr., Kerry, Cristin and Matt - August 19, 2015 at 11:28 PM



“ I DO REMEMBER DONALD'S PARENTS FOR A LONG TIME AND SHE WAS VERY SWEET LADY AND EVEN HIS FATHER WAS GREAT GUY... NOW SHE IS BE WITH HER HUSBAND IN HEAVEN....  
DONNA MESSANA

DONNA MESSANA - August 19, 2015 at 07:44 PM

MR

“ Mike, Patti, and Kyle Rohde purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Helen R. Cassidy.



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**Mike, Patti, and Kyle Rohde** - August 19, 2015 at 01:05 PM

JD

“ Thoughts and prayers and hugs to Cathleen, Jimmy and Donald. Your mom was a wonderful lady, and I use lady as it is the essence of her. My mom has always said that about your mom, she thought the world of her and so do I. Cry for the physical loss for yourselves but know that she is with your dad and your loved ones and always in your hearts and memories. Nobody can take that away ever. Until you meet again, know your mom is always watching over you. xo

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**Jody Donnelly** - August 19, 2015 at 12:36 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



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**Mike Rohde** - August 19, 2015 at 11:57 AM

KW

“ My first memory of Ms.C is a drunken one. I attended one of Jim's parties at the house in Bellerose, and drank a bit too much too quickly. So I went upstairs to sit quietly and get my head together. Mrs. C was there, and we started a rambling conversation that has lasted a lifetime. I have had late night ,early morning ,telephone, drunk and sober conversations with Mrs. C, and topics have ranged widely, including personal and world history, theater, the arts, cooking, mystery novels (thank you Helen, for introducing me to Mrs. Pollifax!), crossword puzzles, religion, women's place in the world, politics,ecology, gardening, work and career, philosophy, love, and pretty much the whole gamut of the human condition. We didn't always agree, but we always disagreed politely. My favorite of Mrs. C's adages was "I refuse to have a battle of wits with an unarmed person ." I was honored in recent years when Mrs. C, complaining that too many of her contemporaries had passed, asked me to call her Helen "because no one does anymore ." Helen gave me her meatball recipe, but I'm still trying to work out why her macaroni salad was so special when it was also so simple. I'll know I've reached heaven if I walk into Helen's kitchen again, and Emma knocks me on my backside and Helen asks if I want a cup of tea.  
~Kassy

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**Kassy Wilson** - August 19, 2015 at 08:32 AM

JD

“ Judith D. purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs. Helen R. Cassidy.



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**Judith D.** - August 17, 2015 at 10:50 AM