



## Mary Margaret Perna

November 16, 1921 - January 29, 2024

Mary M. Perna (Cappello), 102, of North Haledon, passed away on Monday, January 29th, 2024. Mary was born in 1921 to Mary (Ventinove) and Salvatore

Cappello in Bridgeport, CT. After Mary graduated from high school, she went on to study education at Paterson State in Wayne, NJ. After graduating, she started her first job as a secretary at Roosevelt School in Hawthorne, NJ and eventually became the librarian at Lincoln Middle School in Hawthorne, NJ until her retirement. In 1943, Mary met Rocco J. Perna. Mary and Rocco were married on April 25th and went on to have one child, John R. Mary and Rocco

enjoyed spending time with family, playing cards, going to the Monticello horse races, and country road drives up to Pine Bush NY on the weekends.

Mary was fondly known for being a substitute teacher for many years in the North Haledon school district. Mary spent her retired years enjoying cruises, taking trips down to Atlantic City, and spending time with her grandchildren until her husband, Rocco, passed away. She spent the remainder of her years as

a member of the North Haledon Golden Age Club, visiting the North Haledon library, crocheting, making cookies, and watching her grandchildren have children of their own. She enjoyed her nightly tv shows, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, and was also an avid reader of books. Mary will be most remembered for her tenacity for life, generosity, and thoughtfulness. 102

years

was a life well-lived, and while it never seems long enough, we know Mary is now at peace resting with her life's greatest love.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, her brothers, Anthony and Daniel Cappello, and her sister Louise Burkett. She is survived by her brother, Arthur, and his wife Roserene Cappello; her son John and wife, Linda Perna, who cared for her until her passing; grandchildren Heather, and her husband Giancarlo LaCognata, Nicole and her husband Anthony, and John Michael Perna; and her great grandchildren Angelo, Luca and Alessio LaCognata and Sam and Vincenzo.

Services will be held at DeWitt-Martinez Funeral Home in Pine Bush, NY on Thursday, February 1st, 2024 at 10 AM.

# Cemetery Details

## New Prospect Cemetery

Pine Bush, NY 12566

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

DeWitt-Martinez Funeral and Cremation Services

64 Center St

Pine Bush, NY 12566

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## Graveside Service

FEB 1. 12:15 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Martinez Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Margaret Perna*



Martinez Funeral Homes - January 31, 2024 at 12:52 PM

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*Rest in peace my beautiful Aunt Mary. Your kindness and love will never be forgotten.*

Louann Crotty - March 19, 2024 at 07:34 PM



“ *33 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Martinez Funeral Homes - January 31, 2024 at 12:54 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Perna.*



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January 31, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ *Fonzie, Paula, Justin, and Giuliana xoxo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret Perna.*

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**Fonzie, Paula, Justin, and Giuliana xoxo** - January 31, 2024 at 12:37 PM