



Josephine L. Matlack

April 11, 1956 - January 4, 2016

Josephine L. Matlack, 77, of Canton died January 4, 2016 at the home of her daughter and son in law in West Hartford. Josephine was born April 11, 1938 in Chicago and was raised by her parents Joseph George Martin and Mary Louise Shelton. Josephine's first love was taking care of her family and home. She loved babies and children, and babysat and took care of eight children as well as her own 2 daughters in the early to mid-70's before going to work for Stihl, Incorporated, in Virginia Beach, VA, where she was employed for 18 years before retiring in 1995. She had a flair for decorating, landscaping and gardening, and entertaining. She continually put others first and found the need to always help and do for others. Her greatest love, however, was her two daughters and three grandchildren (as well as her furbaby grandchildren). Josephine fought a long and courageous battle and, through it all, she handled herself with dignity, grace, and strength. She never complained and always considered herself to be very blessed no matter what difficult hands she was dealt throughout her life. Her spirit cannot be put into words to explain just how large it was. She is survived by her daughters; Tracy Matlack Odlum (David) of West Hartford, and Desiree Matlack (Michael Stokes) of Kill Devil Hills, NC, as well as her beloved grandchildren; Hunter Merle Stokes of Tampa, FL, Megan Nicole Stokes of Kill Devil Hills, NC, and Ava Elizabeth Odlum of West Hartford. The family would like to extend a special thanks to W. Jeffrey Baker, M.D., and his entire staff, Oncology Associates, P.C., at the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center at Hartford Hospital as well as Masonicare

Partners Home Health & Hospice in East Hartford. In lieu of flowers,
Donations may be made to: The Myelodysplastic Syndrome Foundation, Inc. -
www.mds-foundation.org/donate or Masonicare Partners Home Health &
Hospice, 111 Founders Plaza, Suite 200, East Hartford, CT 06108 - [www.mas
onicare.org](http://www.masonicare.org). At Josephine's request all services are private.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Rich, Phyllis, & Jesse Morneau purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Josephine L. Matlack.*



Rich, Phyllis, & Jesse Morneau - January 08, 2016 at 04:26 PM

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“ *David Odlum lit a candle in memory of Josephine L. Matlack*



David Odlum - January 08, 2016 at 01:27 PM

TO

“ *Tracy Odlum lit a candle in memory of Josephine L. Matlack*



Tracy Odlum - January 08, 2016 at 12:55 PM