



## Jessie Morris Puchaty

June 13, 1925 - February 5, 2012

### JESSIE PEARL (MORRIS) PUCHATY

Jessie passed away at home on February 5, 2012 surrounded by the love of a close and caring family after a brief illness. Jessie was born in Olyphant, PA on June 13, 1925, the fourth of six children born to Jessie and Charles Morris.

Jessie graduated from Olyphant HS in 1942 and earned her degree in 1946 as a registered nurse from Scranton State Hospital Training School for Nurses. Nursing was an important part of her life for 56 years, whether professionally, as a volunteer, or as a trusted and compassionate resource to family and friends.

While Jessie grew up in the coal mining center of northeastern Pennsylvania, she spent the early years of her married life in Louisiana and Oklahoma during the formative years of the gulf oil exploration industry. Both children, Karen and Brian, were born in Oklahoma, but raised in the Florida sunshine in the glory days of the space program. Later experiences took Jessie to Washington state, South Africa and back to Florida.

As a grandmother, she became known as Mamie to Erin and Megan, a role in

which she excelled and thoroughly enjoyed. Yet that was only preparation for the time she would spend with her great-grandchildren, Emma and Sam, who were a source daily delight to their “GG.”

Jessie’s quick wit, sense of humor, and love of conversation will always be remembered, as well as her intense love of and devotion to family. She had a keen interest in politics and current events, and was always up for a spirited discussion of issues. Jessie was an accomplished knitter and loved to read. She kept her sense of humor and feistiness even during difficult health challenges, proof of her strong faith and Yankee independence. Her loss leaves a void in our family that cannot be replaced.

She is survived by her daughter Karen of Bartlesville, son Brian and daughter-in-law Ingrid, Granada, Spain, brother-in-law Pat of Richland, WA, brother Joe (and wife Chiyoko) of Aberdeen, MD, grand-daughters Erin (and husband Travis) and Megan of Galveston, TX, and their father Russ (and wife Diane) of Huntsville, AL, great-grandchildren Emma and Sam, and numerous nieces and nephews around the country. Jessie was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Jessie Morris, sisters Eleanor, Marion and Frances, and brother Charlie.

A memorial service will be held at 2pm Saturday, February 11, 2012 at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Bartlesville, OK along with a brief blessing in the memorial garden. A reception will follow at the home of Jessie’s daughter, Karen Lewey, 1720-Cherokee Place. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)). Please express your thoughts and memories in the online guest book ([www.stumpff.org](http://www.stumpff.org)).

Memorial services and cremation were under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jessie Morris Puchaty*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Jessie Morris Puchaty*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Mrs. Puchaty was the mother of my friend, Karen. Karen and I went to school together through 9th grade at Hoover Jr. High. I used to spend the night at the Puchaty house many times. I think of those times often. I hope Karen will contact me.*

**Lois Wagner Caldwell** - September 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Love and prayer to Jessie and her family. I know her since when I start working here at St. Luke's in 1999.*

**Vic Standage from HIM department** - February 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My mom and dad were friends with Jessie for many years when they lived in Oklahoma. I didn't know she lived so close, in Bartlesville. I remember her fondly and my sympathies to Karen and Brian.*

**Elizabeth Betts** - February 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Karen & Family,  
Am so saddend by the passing of your Mom and my friend.  
She was so loved by all. I  
will treasure my knitted  
scarf. It is truly beautiful.  
Love, Norma

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**normahennessey** - February 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ What a beautifully written obituary for a beautiful woman.I wish I  
could have known your mother and maybe had one of those political  
discussions. So glad Emma and Sam got to know her! Kathi

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**kathi swanson** - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I met Jessie here in San Antonio, Texas. We both volunteer at St.  
Luke's. She will be miss by all of us. Such a lovely women. I send  
my condolences to her family and friends.

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**Agnes Rosa** - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Ms.  
Jessie. She was a fun and "spunky" lady who will be greatly missed.  
She was so kind and wonderful to me...much love to you.

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**Debbie Williams** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *What a blessing Jessie's life has been. Keith and I are so grateful for the time we knew her. Jessie was surrounded by a loving family. Karen, you could not have been a more devoted daughter and Erin and Megan could not have been better granddaughters. Love you all.*

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**Keith & Cinda Perry** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathies for the loss of Jessie. May the legacy of your life be honored through cherished memories.*

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**Staff at Stumpff Funeral Home** - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM