Mary Ryan

Mary Rita Collins "Mickey" Ryan, 93, of 75 Marion Ave., passed away Friday (Aug. 12, 2016) at The Pavilion at Bradford Regional Medical Center.

Born on Dec. 12, 1922, in Bradford, she was a daughter of Harry J. Collins and Margaret Louise Booth Collins. She graduated from St. Bernard High School in 1940 and was chosen salutatorian of her class.

On Nov. 22, 1948, in St. Bernard Church, she married William L. Ryan, who preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 1988.

Mickey was employed as a secretary for various companies her entire life, including Healy Petroleum, Hanley Brick, the office of doctors Roche, Luckett & Huff (and later, Herbert), the Bradford Airport, and the Bradford School District.

Her passions in life were writing and contesting. She was the author of many published articles and delighted in entering contests that relied on cleverly written entries, winning over 1,000 prizes in her lifetime. In 1957 she wrote a Burma Shave jingle that was placed on the highway outside of Erie and which is included in the book, "The Verse by the Side of the Road."

She was a longtime volunteer at the Bradford Landmark Society, ending her service there at the age of 92. She often traveled, visiting the Netherlands, France, California, Florida, North Carolina, Hawaii and Virginia. She was a member of St. Bernard Church.

Surviving are her five children, Thomas W. (Olga Lagunova) Ryan of Butler, Lynne R. (Thomas) Hobbs of Bristow, Va., Sally (John) Costik of Bradford, Michael B. (Lisa) Ryan of Los Gatos, Calif.; and Kristin M. (Mark) Claypool of North East; 18 grandchildren, Hillary Morgan, Zachary Ryan, Seth Ryan, Jacob Ryan, Nicholas Ryan, Matthew Hobbs, Nicholas Hobbs, Tavis Costik, William Costik, Cara Costik, Leah Costik, Benjamin Claypool, Daniel Claypool, Grace Claypool, Lily Ryan, William Ryan, Emi Ryan and Milo Ryan; and six great-grandchildren, Harrison Hobbs, Penelope Hobbs, Samantha Morgan, Flynn Morgan, Parker Ryan and Magnolia Ryan.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Geraldine Farrar Collins, in 1936.

Friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Sept. 3 in St. Bernard Church with the Rev. Dominic Monti, OFM, of St. Bonaventure as celebrant. Burial will be in St. Bernard Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Hollenbeck-Cahill Funeral Homes Inc.

Memorials may be made to the Bradford Landmark Society, St. Bernard School or the 50 Plus Club of St. Francis.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.hollenbeckcahill.com