



## Margaret Mary Callan-Schoen

August 20, 1925 - January 22, 2015

Margaret Callan Schoen liked to be called "Peggie" by everyone. She was married to Alfred E. Schoen, Jr. for over 56 years before his passing. She often said: "Her greatest accomplishment in her life was the births of her four children, Christina, Debra, Sandra and Gregory. Sandra has predeceased her. She also has 5 beautiful grandchildren: Ryan, Mallory and Dustin Maciurzynski and Leo and Shannon Brace. Leo predeceased her as well. She was a quiet yet strong woman when it came to handling life's hardship's and always had a firm belief in her faith and passed that on to her children. She was one of three children born to immigrant parents from Ireland John J. Callan and Helen Reidy. As a child, she lived through the Great Depression, when work and food were scare they stayed strong and kept their faith. She graduated from St. Mary's Grammar School in Yonkers, NY with honors and later graduated from Yonkers High School. Times were still to hard and her chances for College were out of the question, it was off to work in New York City as a secretary for the NY Mirror Newspaper until her marriage to Alfred Schoen, Jr. where they moved to Yorktown, NY and raised (4) children. When her children were older, she returned to the business world and worked for B.O.C.E.S. After work she was able to enroll at Mercy College in Yorktown for graduate courses in literature and writing, her life- long dream. Both she and her husband took early retirement and bought a home in Lehigh Acres, Florida where they both enjoyed life to the fullest for more than 25 years. God Bless you Mom WE Love You!