



JESSIE D. RODDA

October 14, 1926 - April 18, 2025

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE SENT TO :

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NEWFOUNDLAND
PO BOX 288
NEWFOUNDLAND, NJ 07435

MEMORIAL VISITATION:

FRIDAY: MAY 2, 2025

9AM TO 11AM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

PRIVATE FINAL DISPOSITION

Jessie Douglas Highet Rodda, age 98, of West Milford, NJ, died on Friday, April 18, 2025 at Complete Care at Milford Manor in West Milford NJ.

She was born to the late John Highet of Paterson, NJ and the late Wilhelmina McReath born in Carleton, Fisher Ayrshire Scotland. Jessie was born October 14, 1926 in Paterson, NJ and grew up in North Haledon. She graduated from Hawthorne High School Class of 1944 and then graduated from Sherwood Secretarial School in Paterson, NJ. Jessie worked for Gelman's Department Store as a Bookkeeper in Pompton Lakes, NJ until her retirement.

Jessie married Arthur Hamilton Rodda, Jr., son of the late Arthur Hamilton Rodda, Sr. and the late Nancy Jennie Grimsted on July 26, 1946 at Mountain View Methodist Church in NJ. They lived with Art's brother Edwin and Almeda Rodda in Newfoundland, NJ above "The Village Sweet Shop" when they were first married. They built their home in Oak Ridge, NJ and lived there until her beloved Art died in 1990.

Jessie was predeceased by her husband Arthur and his siblings Edwin R. Rodda (Almeda J. Mackey), William King Rodda (Charlotte Acorn), Marion Rodda (James D. Mandeville) and (Arnold Hausamann). She is also predeceased by her brother Gilbert Highet (Edna Tillie Tenhoeve), who died in 1971 in NYC.

Jessie is survived by her nephew Forrest E. Rodda (Vickie) of Hardyston, NJ and her wonderful friend Carol (Little) Perry of Newfoundland.

In Jessie's photo album, you can tell she was always full of fun and had many friends. She was affectionately called "Aunt Nettie". On Sundays, Ed, Almeda, Uncle Art, and Aunt Nettie would visit Forrest "Bucky" and Vickie with snacks and dinner in hand. Aunt Nettie always prepared her famous deviled eggs and Jello salad. There were many stories and laughs around the dinner table. Those days are missed.

The family thanks everyone at Complete Care at Milford Manor and Serenity Hospice that cared for Jessie.

A memorial visitation will take place on Friday, May 2, 2025 from 9am to 11am with a prayer service starting at 11am at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

Final disposition will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the United Methodist Church at Newfoundland, PO Box 288, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

On line condolences and directions: www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home

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