



Mylla-Jeanne Russo

November 7, 1929 - April 23, 2023

Mylla-Jeanne Kratina was born in the Cullom area on November 7, 1929. She was the daughter of Joseph & Margaret Kratina and had one sibling, Marilyn. Mylla-Jeanne was a happy farmer's daughter and enjoyed time spent in her father's melon patch, learning music, playing with her sister, and studying. She loved animals and had a pet pig named Salome. Mylla-Jeanne graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a degree in Music Education. M-J, as she was called by close friends, moved to the Rockford, IL area after graduation and taught music at Guzzardo's School of Music. It was in Rockford that she met her life-long love and husband of 73 years, Samuel Russo. They married on her birthday, November 7, 1951, and moved to Kankakee, IL. Mylla-Jeanne worked as a typesetter for Ropers, Imperial International Learning, and Shoup Printing. She also taught music throughout the years at Marquette Conservatory of Music and later on at King Music. Her love of music was firmly planted in her children and grandchildren.

Mylla-Jeanne loved traveling with her daughter, Tina, to music contests in Chicago, Springfield, and other areas in the Illinois region. She also developed a love for motocross racing and traveled the circuit to enjoy her son, Tony's racing career. Mylla-Jeanne loved traveling in general and often took vacations with her husband, Sam. Together they enjoyed family reunions in Las Vegas and seeing other sites across the country as well. Mylla-Jeanne also loved to laugh, and comedy movies were much enjoyed.

Mylla-Jeanne was a cherished friend to all who were lucky enough to get to know her. She had many special qualities and acts of kindness that will make her missed by all who knew her.

Mylla-Jeanne slipped quietly out of this life on April 23, 2023.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no public services held.

Arrangements by Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.