



## Bena (D'Orazio) Brooks

May 19, 1913 - January 31, 2017

Bena (D'Orazio) Brooks, 103 of Hopewell Twp. passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by the family she treasured. She was born May 19, 1913 in Montenerdomo, Providence of Quarantadue, Italy. Bena was the oldest daughter of the late Carmine and Anna D'Orazio. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her beloved husband: William Cunningham Brooks, a son William Brooks, son-in-law: Jay Grable, a brother Tony D'Orazio, two sisters and brother-in-law: Angela Rossi, Edith and Ralph DiStanislao, granddaughter: Theresa Brooks, grandson: William Grable, grandson-in-law: Richard Hubbell, and a great grandson: Daniel Hubbell. Bena was a devoted member of St. Titus Roman Catholic Church and the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. She was the loving mother and grandmother to her children and grandchildren who survive her: Mary Grable, Deanna and John "Jaggers" Ross, Robert and Betty Brooks, 11 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her cherished sister: Mary Rossi along with numerous loving nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in the Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home Inc. 2026 McMinn Street, Aliquippa 15001 724-375-0496. Departing prayers will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in St. Titus Church, with Father Martin Bartel, O.S.B. and pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Church officiating the Mass. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Bena's life was full and she savored much. Her greatest joy was her family. Every Sunday she would share her wonderful

culinary skills and cook for them. There was always laughter, love and of course a lot of food to be enjoyed, her home was truly the gathering place for her family to be. This strong, kind and loving woman may have left this earth but the bond that was forged with her, the memories and the love she gave to each of us will never leave.