

Adele M. Matern

June 4, 2014

Adele M. Matern, Frackville, passed away peacefully Wednesday morning at home with her family by her side.

Born in Frackville, she was a daughter of the late Elias and Elizabeth Haddad Nahas.

She graduated from the former Frackville High School and attended Tombrock College and Seton Hall College in Paterson, N.J.

Adele was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Frackville.

She was a teacher at St. Mary's Elementary School, Paterson, and upon returning to Frackville, she taught at the former St. Joseph's Elementary School. She retired from teaching and was a manager of the former Old River Road Bakery, Schuylkill Mall, Frackville.

Adele was active and volunteered in many community and church affairs. She was elected to Frackville borough council, was past president and served for 18 years.

Family was everything to Adele. She enjoyed cooking, had a great sense of humor and was happiest as she helped raise her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carol A. Matern Andrews, March 17, 2011; two sisters; Dorothy Rader and Sarah Welikonich; and a brother, James Nahas.

Adele is survived by her husband, Charles J. Matern, with whom she celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 5, 2013; daughter, Maureen McNelis and husband, Thomas, Ringtown; two sons, Charles Matern, Frackville, and Todd Matern and his wife, Eileen, Ashland; daughter-in-law, Barbara Matern, Frackville; grandchildren, Jessie Matern, Joshua Matern, Jacquelyn Conapinski, John Matern, Allie Andrews, T.J. Matern and Molly McNelis; great-grandchildren, Paige Matern and Kolton and Kirsten Conapinski; a brother, Robert Nahas, New York City, N.Y.; four sisters, Marie Hayek, Frackville, Rose Matthews, Easton, Joan Griffin, Morristown, N.J., and Helene Nahas, Frackville; sister-in-law, Bernadette Nahas, Frackville; loving nieces and nephews; grandnieces and -nephews; and her faithful companion, Gizmo.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Frackville, with the Rev. Robert Finlan, pastor, as the celebrant. Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the church and from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday before Mass.

Interment will be in St. Joseph's parish cemetery, Englewood/Frackville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Adele's name to Melanoma International Foundation, 250 Mapleflower Road, Glenmoore, PA 19343. Albert L. Gricoski Funeral Home, Frackville, has charge of arrangements. Visit www.gricoskifuneralhome.com.

Charles J. Matern, Jr.

Died: Oct 23, 2020

Charles J. Matern, Jr., 94, of Frackville passed away Friday, October 23, 2020 at Lehigh Valley Medical Center-East, Pottsville.

Born in Paterson, NJ, September 26, 1926, he was a son of the late Charles J. Sr. and Helen Devaney Matern.

He attended St. Bonaventures Grammar and High School,
Paterson, NJ

He was a U.S. Navy veteran having served during WWII obtained the rank of Seaman 2nd class and was last stationed in Lido Beach, Long Island, NY.

He worked for Curtis Wright Corporation, Caldwell, NJ for 32 years as a Radiographer Technician.

He was a member of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Parish, Frackville.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Adele M. Nahas Matern, in 2014; daughter; Carol A. Andrews, in 2011.

Charles was affectionately known as Jiddu and is survived by a daughter; Maureen McNelis and husband Thomas, Ringtown; two sons; Charles Matern, Frackville and Todd Matern and his wife Eileen, Ashland; daughter-in-law Barbara Matern, Frackville; grandchildren; Jessie Matern, Joshua Matern, Jacquelyn Conapinski, John Matern, Allie Andrews, T.J. Matern and Molly McNelis; great-grandchildren; Paige Matern, Kolton and Kirsten

Conapinski, Christian Smith, Matthew and Destiny Matern; three sister-in-laws; Helene Nahas, Rose Matthews and Bernadette Nahas; a brother-in-law, Robert Nahas; many nieces and nephews; grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 27th, St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, Frackville, with Rev. Brian Miller as celebrant; Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation from 10 a.m. till time of Mass in the Church; following all CDC guideline.

Interment will be St. Joseph Cemetery, Englewood/Frackville.