



## Stella Westerling

May 12, 1922 - October 28, 2014

Stella Westerling, 92, of Kunz Road Broadalbin, died Tuesday evening at Albany Medical Center with loving family at her side.

She was born in Montreal, Canada on May 12, 1922 a daughter of Stephen and Anna Kancar Pynduss and moved to Connecticut as an infant, where she would receive her education. Stella was also a music student in New York City. She moved to Broadalbin in 1962.

Mrs. Westerling was employed as a reporter at the Patriot Newspaper, formerly in Johnstown, and later at the Amsterdam Recorder, working with her husband who was a news photographer.

She attended the First Presbyterian Church in Broadalbin and enjoyed singing in the church choir.

Stella was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Broadalbin-Kennytto Historical Society, the Red Hat Society, and was one of first members of the Broadalbin Senior Citizens, where she served as a past secretary. She also was a longtime area squaredancer.

Stella enjoyed traveling, especially on cruises, and was an avid reader. She loved movies and romantic comedies but her greatest delight was spending time with family and friends.

She married Oscar T. Westerling II on March 1, 1942 in Hatisburg, MI, after meeting him at the Liberty Watch Company, where they were both employed. He died December 26, 1993. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Walter, and sisters, Ann and Helen.

Survivors include two sons, O. Theodore "Ted" (Cathy) Westerling and Stephen G. (Peggy) Westerling, all of Broadalbin; a brother, Eugene (Kathy) Pynduss of Richford, VT; two sisters, Penny Fredrick of Edmonds, WA and Betty (Walter) Heim of Lugano, Switzerland; four grandchildren, Stephen, Brian, Adam, and Keith Westerling; several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11 am at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street) Johnstown with Deacon Ed Solomon, officiating. Burial will be in St. Basil's Cemetery, Broadalbin. Calling hours will be held at the funeral home on Friday from 4 – 7 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home.