



## Margaret A Leskowich

August 2, 1933 - July 29, 2020

Margaret Leskowich, 86, of Tinton Falls, NJ, died on July 29th, 2020, at home. Margaret grew up in county Cavan, Ireland, emigrated to New York as a teen, and lived in Allentown PA, and Bradley Beach NJ, before moving to Seabrook 4 years ago.

Margaret was born on Aug 2, 1933, in Castletara to Helen McCormack, widow of Arthur Kavanagh. She was their only child. She married the love of her life Frank Leskowich 64 years ago and is the loving mother of three children and very proud grandmother of five. She self-nominated herself as “Your Irish Grandmother” to many friends and acquaintances.

She is survived by her devoted husband Frank; son, Arthur and his wife, Natasha, of St Helens, Oregon; daughter, Melissa Hickey and her husband Pat, of Oceanport; son, Vincent and his wife Dr. Irene Chiotis-Leskowich of Karpathos, Greece; her grandchildren Patrick Hickey, Portland Oregon, Dr. Erin Hickey, Philadelphia, Connor Hickey and his fiancé Roma Patel, Jersey City, Frank Leskowich, Slovakia, and Sophia Leskowich, Greece.

Margaret was active in every parish she ever lived. She carried the water from the well to fill the fonts in Castletara; she served in many capacities at Ascension Church, Bradley Beach, notably founding a popular Irish dance event, the monthly ceili. Margaret served both on the altar and in the kitchen, both with tireless devotion.

Margaret loved to cook and was a prolific baker. She often delivered meals and cookies to families and convents in need. She had an Irish feistiness that

stayed with her into her last days. Above all, Margaret had a grateful heart for her many blessings.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at The Church of the Nativity, Fair Haven on August 5th, at 10 AM. Masks are required. In lieu of flowers, donations in Margaret's name may be made to St Francis Society of the St Teresa of Calcutta Parish church, Bradley Beach. All other services are private. For online condolences and directions please visit her memorial website at [www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com](http://www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Mass**

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Nativity  
180 Ridge road  
Fair Haven, NJ 07704

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ Dearest Frank, Art, Meliss, and Vincent,  
I have so many fond memories of Margaret as  
a young girl growing up. Your home was “the  
home away from home”. Whenever our  
parents couldn’t find us, they knew right  
where to look. Margaret was  
always welcoming with a great smile and a handful of cookies and  
then chased us outside where we would set off exploring the nature  
path for hours!!



*In later years we were fortunate to visit a few times at the beach that  
she and Frank loved so much. She surely has a great seat right  
next to her best friend, the Lord himself!! I was truly saddened to  
hear of the loss of such a loving, giving, most devout woman I have  
ever known. I will forever keep fond memories of your entire family  
in my heart!  
May God bless you all.  
Sincerely,  
Patsy (Frano) Marshall*

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**Pat Marshall** - August 28, 2020 at 12:30 AM

SF

“ So sad to hear of Margaret's passing and your family loss. Had no ideal where are the kids were., but got up dated on line. Hi to all.... I remember when she met Frank in Slatington, PA, and I had such a crust on Frank's brother ... and I was just a kid. LOL. I grew up with Margaret, her mother Helen, and my grandmother Susan Herman and remember Margaret very well.... Jim and I just last March went To Cavan County and went to mass with the rest of the family that is still there. Saw the home Margaret lived in and visit my great grandmother's grave. Wow It was something... I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers Susan Frano and James Davis Pine, AZ stown2613@gmail.com 602-616-4059

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**susan frano** - August 12, 2020 at 07:05 PM

JS

“ Dear Frank and family,  
I was so very sorry to hear of Margaret's passing, she will be so missed. I had the pleasure of meeting Margaret while working at Ascension Church in Bradley Beach, she was one of the kindest, caring and wonderful woman I have ever met. Thank you, Margaret, for your many kindnesses! You were indeed a very special lady!

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**Joan Schuler** - August 05, 2020 at 06:58 AM

CC

“ Dear Mr. Leskowich and family  
I'm so very sorry to learn of Mrs. Leskowich's (Margaret's) passing. My mom and dad spent a lot of time with both of you during those wonderful years at Ascension Church with Father Brady. So many wonderful memories. I know she will be dearly missed. I will remember Margaret and all of you in my prayers.  
With Heartfelt Sympathy  
Catherine Crowley

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**catherine crowley** - August 04, 2020 at 10:53 AM

CP

“ *Catherine Flatley Paul*  
*So sorry to hear of Margaret's passing.*  
*My condolence to Frank and family.*  
*I grew up in castle Tara, Cavan Too. My memory of Margaret was riding her bicycle to Cavan technical school.*  
*My younger brother didn't like going to school and would cry and Margaret would stop her bike and give him some of her lunch. She gave him a nice ripe plum. She will be surely missed.*

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**catherine Flatley Paul** - August 02, 2020 at 08:07 PM

BS

“ *To the family of Margret: I am very sorry for your loss and the passing of a memorable lady. I did not know her but my entire Smith family on my Fathers side was from Cavan, Cavan, Ireland. I just wanted to extend my condolences to the family of a Bonnie lass Bob Smith, Freehold (the Villiages)*



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**Bob Smith** - August 02, 2020 at 12:57 PM

BE

“ *Frank and family, We are saddened by the passing of Margret. We were looking forward to having one of our cousins get together this summer,too bad it took us so long to get together. We will keep Margret and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Betty** - August 01, 2020 at 03:59 PM

SM

*Margaret always had a lovely word to say to me at 8am mass. She told me I was a blessing serving God with my singing. I felt honored to know such a women of God. My Mom adored her.*

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**Susan Malizia** - August 01, 2020 at 05:44 PM

MF

“ I am so sad to learn of Margaret’s death. She was a wonderful neighbor in Bradley Beach .  
One fond memory remains: as I would pass Margaret and Frank’s home on the way to the beach with 3 grandchildren in tow Margaret would rush out and hand them newly baked cookies. It happened every time. She brought the Eucharist to me when I was ill. Those are just 2 of the many kindnesses that Margaret shared with others. We loved her. RIP.

Maureen Fitzsimmons - August 01, 2020 at 08:56 AM

AC

“ Dear Frank, I have so many wonderful memories of our times together at Ascension Church. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Fondly, Ann Cramer

Ann Cramer - July 31, 2020 at 07:23 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Margaret A Leskowich



Bongarzone Funeral Home - July 31, 2020 at 11:21 AM