

## **Julia Ann Bellone | 1924-2014**

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Julia Ann Bellone, 90, of Bridgeport, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2014, at her home, surrounded by loved ones.

Funeral arrangements were pending at press time with Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Mrs. Bellone was born in Jersey City, N.J., and graduated from Snyder High School in Jersey City, where she participated in drama, sports, choral society, prom committee and yearbook. She was a Snyder High air raid warden and won the Palmer Method of Penmanship Award.

During World War II, she moved to Long Branch, N.J., to attend a special U.S. Army volunteer wartime nursing school program. She went on to graduate from nursing school in three years and was employed by Monmouth Memorial Hospital as an emergency room nurse for almost 20 years.

It was during this time, while roller skating, that she met the man who would become her loving friend and husband for the next 62 years – Joseph.

The couple had one child, Michael, and resided over the years in Long Branch, West Long Branch, N.J., Palmyra, Va., and recently, Bridgeport.

Mrs. Bellone was a loving wife and mother, devoting herself to her husband, home and child for more than 60 years. She worked tirelessly to ensure her family not only had the necessities of life, but also enjoyed the many blessings life had to offer.

Her hobbies and interests included cultivating, caring for and harvesting a garden, harvesting berries both in her backyard and along country roads, walking, road trips, games, cooking and cookbook collecting.

In her later years as a resident of assisted living centers, she won the hearts of her caregivers. She proudly displayed a certificate from a physical rehab program that proclaimed her the "Most Funny Patient" of the year. Mrs. Bellone and her family fondly thought of one such caregiver, Judith, as a semi-adopted daughter.

Mrs. Bellone will be missed greatly, and her family will continue to celebrate her contributions to them, this world and her preparation for the next life.

She is survived by her loving husband, Joseph; son Michael of Decatur; and grandson Ryan Joseph, who is currently attending college in Florida. Also surviving Mrs. Bellone are Michael's wife, Karin and her children Jennifer and Jeff and grandchildren Colin, Daisy, Joshua, Justin, Teagan and Quinn.