



## Erma H. Tamaccio

July 20, 1920 - December 26, 2013

TAMACCIO, Erma Kathleen (nee Hurst) – 93, of Cape May passed away peacefully on Thursday evening, December 26, 2013 in the comfort of her daughter's home. Erma was born on July 20, 1920 in Phila., PA to the late Thomas and Emma Hurst. She graduated from Frankford High School in 1939 where she was a member of the Senior 12 and Honor Society. Shortly thereafter she worked for nine years for Philadelphia Gas Works as a reporter for the Company Magazine and also in the accounting department. In 1948 she married Ralph A. Tamaccio and together they went to the Princeton Seminary where Ralph studied for the ministry and Erma worked for various companies (Van DeVenter News Analysis, Columbus Boys Choir and the Princeton Film Center). She and her husband served and held many positions in churches in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Missouri and most recently served in the Cape May Presbyterian Church from 1966-78. While in Cape May, Erma enjoyed working for the Cape May Star and Wave, J. McCray Mayflower Shop, and the Richard Teitelman School where she was the secretary to the principal. She enjoyed singing in the church choir, volunteering at the hospital, teaching Sunday School, and helping children. Erma was known for sending cards and remembering family and friends at special events in their lives through the written word. A devoted wife, she enjoyed a marriage of 55 years to her husband, the late Rev. Ralph A. Tamaccio who passed away in 2003. She is also predeceased by her sister, Harriet MacMorland (2009).

Most precious to her are her children who will dearly miss her. Her family includes her son, Thomas C. (and Patricia) Tamaccio of Herndon, VA, and her daughter, Nancy S. (and Robert) Tompkins of W. Cape May; five grandchildren, Gabriel, Erin, Michael, Claire and Ross; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Monday (Dec. 30th) at 12 noon in the Spilker Funeral Home, 815 Washington St., Cape May where there will be a viewing prior to the service from 11AM – 12 noon. Interment will follow in the Cold Spring Cem., Lower Twp.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Cape May United Methodist Church, 635 Washington St., Cape May, NJ 08204.

# Cemetery

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## Cold Spring Cemetery

### Mausoleum

780 Seashore Rd.

Cape May, NJ, 08204

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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**DEC** **Service** 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Nancy lit a candle in memory of Erma H. Tamaccio



**Nancy** - December 30, 2014 at 07:18 AM

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**nancy** - July 20, 2014 at 07:52 AM



“ Happy Birthday MOM!

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“ The qualities that I associate with Erma are grace, strength and humor. She truly was a very special person.

**Marguerite Tompkins** - January 02, 2014 at 07:33 PM

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“ Erma was a very special lady. She lived in the Victorian Towers, on the same floor as my father. I got to spend time with her this summer, when I was there taking care of my father. I enjoyed the time spent in her apartment and talking in the lobby. I was blessed to know her. She made hearts for my family. She was so talented. I believe the words to How Great Thou Art have come true "When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, My God how great thou art. Thank you Erma for being my friend. Love Beth Leggio (Joe Leggio's daughter)

**Beth Leggio** - December 29, 2013 at 07:37 PM

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“ Erma was a dear, funny lady with a big heart and a bright smile. We'll miss her, but we know she has received a warm welcome into her new home. With love, Christine and Leo McKenna

**Christine Tompkins McKenna** - December 29, 2013 at 05:35 PM

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“ What a wonderful woman! Our lives were enriched having know her. Deepest condolences to Erma's family.  
Kathleen Toomey & Linwood Haith

**Kathleen Toomey** - December 28, 2013 at 10:15 AM

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“ We were all so fortunate to have Erma in our lives. She will be missed. Love, thoughts and prayers to Erma's family.

**Margi and Steve Tompkins** - December 28, 2013 at 07:26 AM

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“ So, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing, but we were very fortunate to have met her & your dad. Such a loving, giving, woman will be missed by all who knew her. Her family & friends are in our thoughts during this difficult time.

Carol & Don Roberts

**Carol Roberts** - December 30, 2013 at 07:49 AM