



## Happy Beacham

January 8, 1936 - December 25, 2020

BEACHAM, Mary L. "Happy" – 84, of Cape May Point and more recently of North Cape May, passed away on Christmas morning, December 25, 2020. "Happy," a nickname given to her by her mother when she was just a baby, was born on January 8, 1936 in the Mt. Airy Section of Philadelphia to Joseph and Mary McMenammin. Happy attended Germantown High School; moved to Cape May Point in 1953 with her mother and sister and graduated from Cape May High School in 1954. She later attended East Stroudsburg State Teachers College. Happy worked as a dental assistant in Wildwood. She also worked for various businesses on the Cape May Boardwalk including Morrow's Nut House; was a housekeeper for a number of people in Cape May Point and Cape May, and worked at the Cape May Point General Store for a few summers. She was a member of The Point Civic Club for many years; vice president of the Episcopal Church of the Advent (ECW), Cape May and St. Peter's Sea Episcopal Church, Cape May Point; a member of the VFW Auxiliary since 1970 holding various offices including chaplain for 20 years and president for 2 years; and was a member of the MOCA (Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary). She also enjoyed bowling and was a member of a small league in Wildwood. She was a loyal Philadelphia Eagles fan. Happy is dearly missed and forever loved by her family which includes her daughter, Marjorie (Smith) Johnston (Robert) and son, James T. Smith, Sr. (Linda); two grandsons, Jimmie Smith and Brandon Smith; granddaughter, Lynn Johnston; great grandchildren, Hailey Rose Smith, Jesse James Smith and Benjamin Hays; her sister, Joan Flanagan and brother-in-law, John. Memorial services will take place at a later date. Interment will take place in the Cape May County Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Cape May County Animal Shelter, 110 Shelter Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210.

# Comments

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“ I have only known Happy for about 5 years but have enjoyed knowing her and she has given me many happy moments. With love Georgeanna



**Georgeanna Sexton** - January 12 at 04:50 PM

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“ I have had the privilege of knowing Happy from being members of VFW Auxiliary. She was a true lady.

**Lori Cannon** - January 03 at 08:20 PM

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“ Will always remember going down the shore to Cape May to spend summer vacations with Aunt Happy and Margie. Spending all day at the beach and nights at Frank's on the boardwalk. You will be missed. Rest in Peace Aunt Happy. Love Denise and Frank

**Denise Daleo** - December 31, 2020 at 08:58 PM

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“ My deepest, heartfelt sympathy to Happy's family. So glad I finally met Happy in 2002 and will always treasure the bond we shared over the years and will miss her always. Such a fine woman of courage & strength.

**Cynthia Rende** - December 30, 2020 at 02:24 PM

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“ I met Happy through Cape May's Post 386 Auxiliary. She had been a member long before I joined. It was clear and obvious she had dedicated much of her life to honoring those who had served our great country. I so respected that, especially because both my parents were WWII veterans. Her endless volunteerism to military personnel was admirable and worthy of emulation. Rest in Peace, dear Happy! You did bless America more than you could ever know!

Eileen Oleksiak-Hall

Eileen Oleksiak-Hall - December 30, 2020 at 01:55 AM

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“ We had a lot of good times down the shore growing up with Aunt Happy and Margie. I will remember all the summers we spent with her. You will always be missed by everyone. I love you Aunt Happy.  
Love, Donna, Jim and Matthew

Donna Murphy - December 29, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ Dear Marge and Family of our dear, dear Happy,  
We are so saddened to learn of Happy's passing away. She had just sent me a card saying that she missed me. I was planning to call her this week.  
She had cared for my mother, Jane Laurence Hawley, in so many ways for so many years...so very well...they had a unique relationship...NO ONE could have provided the kind of unique, care that Happy did. I am forever grateful to her and wished that I could have communicated more often than we did. I have always admired her deep sense of commitment to her beliefs, her sense of independence, her sense of who she was...a Woman to be admired. I like her laugh. I feel fortunate to have known Happy ... a life to reflect upon...I am FOREVER GRATEFUL to her and know that she is with our Savior Jesus, completely healed and with ALL the ANGELS praising God saying GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST and on Earth, Peace, Goodwill to all People.  
Happy will always be a part of me. I will miss her.  
With Love and Sympathy,  
Susan and Bill Covert

Susan Covert - December 30, 2020 at 02:52 AM



“ Please let me know if you have a Memorial Service for Happy.

Susan Covert - December 30, 2020 at 02:53 AM



“ I will..probably in the spring when we can be outside safely and comfortable.

Marge - January 07 at 06:59 PM

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“ Marge and family. Deepest Sympathy on the loss of your mother.  
Jim and Petrice Vogdes



Pat Vogdes - December 29, 2020 at 07:01 PM

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“ JOAN FLANAGAN is following this tribute.

JOAN FLANAGAN - December 29, 2020 at 05:29 PM

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“ JOHN & I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR SISTER HAPPY AND ALL THE GOOD TIMES WE HAD TOGETHER OVER THE YEARS..WE WILL ALWAYS MISS HER..I HAVE NEVER KNOWN LIFE W/O HER, SHE WAS BIG SISTER AND ALWAYS LOOKED OUT FOR ME..RIP HAPPY..WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU XOXOXO, LOVE JOAN & JOHNNY..

JOAN FLANAGAN - December 29, 2020 at 05:25 PM

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“ We became friends with Happy at St. Peter's By-the-Sea church. Since we also lived in North Cape May, we would often give her a ride, which, of course, lead to breakfast after church. That always had to be at The Cove. She would not even consider anywhere else! She would regale us with stories of growing up..what an interesting life she lead! Happy and I manned the Linen Table at St. Pete's famous bazaar for several years. She had that down to a science and trained me well. We will miss this woman whose name suited her well.

Cathy Deesch - December 29, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ Thank you!

Marge - December 29, 2020 at 04:36 PM

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“ I only knew Happy short time, but I found out what a sweet and kind person she was. My sister, Connie, who lived next door to Happy, had early to mid-stage dementia. Happy was very kind to Connie, took her shopping occasionally, would check on her, stop in to chat with her, and would call me if need be. Connie only lived there 2 years, but she always said, Happy was her “new best friend”.

**Suzanne Gibson** - December 29, 2020 at 02:35 AM

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“ Always a pleasure to see Happy while visiting with Marge and Bob on holidays, whether going out for Thanksgiving dinner, opening gifts on Christmas, or sharing a meal for Easter. Those little things are what we remember. A genuinely nice person.who will be missed by many. Special sympathies for her daughter Marge.

**Bill Johnston** - December 28, 2020 at 01:16 PM

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“ I will always remember going to the shore with my parents and sisters to my Aunt Happy's house.Always a good time with my cousin Margie.I will miss her.Love Douglas Flanagan

**Douglas Flanagan** - December 28, 2020 at 12:32 PM

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“ I will always remember you taking me and Margie to the 'golden arches' and you putting up with our shenanigans...we were definitely a handful. I will remember you always....you were such a big part of my childhood. Rest easy 'mom'...you will be missed

**Elizabeth ("little bit" )** - December 28, 2020 at 11:26 AM

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“ I will forever miss you! We grew up together and you were always there for me! Love Dolly

**Dolly** - December 28, 2020 at 09:55 AM

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“ Peg Cox lit a candle in memory of Happy Beacham



Peg cox - December 28, 2020 at 09:29 AM

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“ Happy, you will be sadly missed by so many people, especially me and my sisters!  
R.I.P. sweet angel

Peg cox - December 28, 2020 at 09:29 AM

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“ Lissy Holroyd-Giansante lit a candle in memory of Happy Beacham



Lissy Holroyd-Giansante - December 28, 2020 at 08:36 AM

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“ David & Charlotte Holman lit a candle in memory of Happy Beacham



David & Charlotte Holman - December 28, 2020 at 08:06 AM

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“ Meredith Markley lit a candle in memory of Happy Beacham



**Meredith Markley** - December 27, 2020 at 08:49 PM