



Mrs. Ann C. Shea

October 31, 1926 - July 8, 2021

Ann C. Fairfield Shea, 94, of 52 Euclid Ave. passed away on Thursday, July 8, 2021, after a short illness. Born in her home of nearly 95 years in Pittsfield on October 31, 1926, the daughter of Charles A. Fairfield and Elizabeth O'Connell Fairfield, Mrs. Shea was a 1944 graduate of Pittsfield High School where she served as Class Secretary through their 75th Class Reunion in 2019. She received a Certificate in Merchandising from the Modern School of Fashion and Design in May 1947.

Initially a homemaker, Mrs. Shea worked as an office assistant for Dr. George Grossman, a dentist in Pittsfield, in addition to working at her family's business Shea's Rugs and Upholstery on Wahconah Street into the 1980s. In her later years, Mrs. Shea worked as a school crossing guard for Pittsfield Public Schools in addition to volunteering and serving as a retail assistant for the gift shop at Berkshire Medical Center through the hospital's auxiliary program.

Mrs. Shea was a member of the Salvation Army, the Women's Club of the Berkshires, and a member of the Irish American Club of Berkshire County. She also belonged to various other civic and community organizations. She enjoyed boating, camping, snowmobiling and square dancing in addition to Citizens Band Radio.

Mrs. Shea was predeceased by her husband of 61 years John J. Shea, Jr. and son-in-law Nando Delmolino. She leaves two sons, Larry Shea and his wife Gail Senger of Pittsfield, and Jack Shea of Lanesborough; a daughter, Lorrie Delmolino of Pittsfield; grandchildren, Shannon Shea of Virginia, Ryan Shea and his wife, Marissa, of Midway, UT, Adam Delmolino and his wife, Tracy Scatterday, of Arlington, Nick Delmolino and his wife Elise of Jackson, WY, Devin Shea of Pittsfield, and Hayden Shea of Leadville, CO; great-grandchildren, Meaghan Shea, Brady Shea, Nora Delmolino, Carter Shea, Grace Delmolino, and Owen Shea Delmolino. Mrs. Shea's extended family also includes her daughter-in-law's family Kim and Scott McCann of Pittsfield and their children, Brianna and Mitchell McCann. She also leaves nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews in the Springfield area. Mrs. Shea was also predeceased by her sister-in-law, Beverly J. Filiault.

Mrs. Shea will be remembered as a loving wife, a great mother and a devoted and generous grandmother and great-grandmother.

Funeral Notice:

Burial services for Mrs. Ann C. Shea will be private. A celebration of Ann's life will be held at a later date, notice of which will be published. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Mrs. Shea's name to the Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Rd., Pittsfield, MA 01201 or the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress, 20 Burlington Mall Road, Suite 261, Burlington, MA 01803. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - August 04, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ It was a lovely ceremony... may all of you find peace in the words spoken here. From family, friends and strangers. Our hearts and minds are with you during these times and always. Love, Gayle and Jess

gayle andrew - August 06, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ On behalf of my mother, Mitzi Murphy Tole and my Grandmother Bessie Bohannah Murphy, my sister Mary Beth Lefave and I send our deepest sympathies on Ann's passing, knowing what a blessing it was to have had her in your lives for so many wonderful years.!!

MaryBeth and I have so many fond memories .
Sincerely,
Carol Ann Duquette

Carol-Ann Duquette - July 20, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ On behalf of my parents, my sister Mary Beth and my grandmother Bessie Bohannah Murphy please accept my condolences for your loss. She was very helpful to my mother and how wonderful you all had so many years together.

Mother, Mitzi Murphy Tole came to Pittsfield when my grandmother was asked to lend a hand in Mr. Shea's home helping with Jack and Bev after the passing of their mother.

Ann and Jack became part of their group of friends who will always be remembered and cherished by Mary Beth and myself forever!

Most sincerely,
Carol Ann Duquette

Carol Ann Tole Duquette - July 18, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ She always was smiling when I saw her. I remember the summer cookouts as a child with our families at her home in the backyard. And her smile when I saw her in the giftshop at the hospital. A long life well lived. Linda Melle Ross

Linda Ross - July 14, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ Lori, Larry and family,
Condolences on the loss of your mother. May she rest in peace.
Irene and Ike Frazier

Irene Frazier - July 13, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ Larry, Lori, and Jack:

I am so sorry you have lost your Mom, but know that you will all be together again in a better life some day. My fondest memories of her will always be the night we brought you to the airport, Lar, when you were going to leave for Viet Nam. I was so distraught, and she asked me if I wanted to stay at the house. I went to bed, and shortly after, she came in, tucked me in and kissed me goodnight.

The time she walked with me the first ten miles of the Fundraiser for the March of Dimes Walkathon, while I pushed Shannon and Ryan in the carriage. I realize now what a sacrifice that was on her legs, and I was so proud of her.

The Wednesday night dinners, snowmobiling, camping, hours at the pool, and a lot of laughs! This is what I will hold dear. We had a nice talk a few weeks before she passed, and I'm glad I had the chance.

May she rest in peace with Pops!

Love, M

Mary Brady Shea Knight - August 06, 2021 at 10:58 AM