



Mrs. Barbara Buckler Kiley

March 23, 1925 - May 26, 2018

Mrs. Barbara Buckler Kiley, age 93, of Dalton, died peacefully Saturday May 26, at Springside Rehabilitation Center after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's. She previously was a vital and beloved resident of Sugar Hill for 11 years.

Barbara was born March 23, 1925 at the family homestead on West Street in Pittsfield. She graduated from Williams High School in Stockbridge, after which she attended the Pittsfield Secretarial School. Barbara was employed by the Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce, The Austin Riggs Foundation in Stockbridge, and in later years as a desk clerk at the Red Lion Inn.

On February 1, 1947, Barbara married the love of her life, James Francis Kiley, at the bride's home in Stockbridge. Husband "Jim" Kiley became the operations manager at Tanglewood; as their home was on the premises, Barbara became the gracious face and voice of greeting for guests seeking information or direction. As well, she managed Tanglewood's Lost and Found Department.

Barbara was a member of the First Congregational Church of Stockbridge and was treasurer of the church for many years. She was a member of the Women's Fellowship of the church, and in keeping with her love of music, was an enthusiastic member of the choir. She was a past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Pittsfield.

Barbara is survived by her sister, Eleanor B. Dietrich of Sugar Hill in Dalton; her son David Kiley of Texas; her grandchildren: Brittany Kiley, Jared Kiley, Darcy Kiley Gregoire, James Tenney and Mikela Tenney, as well as a great-grand-daughter, Nicole Kiley Tenney Burchette. She will be missed as well by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Barbara is pre-deceased by her husband James Kiley, and her daughter Linda Kiley Tenney. Barb's family would like to extend their sincere thanks and love to all the staff and management at Sugar Hill in Dalton for their years of great care and support for Barb and her family. Also thanks to the wonderful care given by the staff at Springside, and especially those from HospiceCare in the Berkshires.

A celebration of Barbara's life will be held in the Chapel at Dalton Congregational Church on Friday, June 8 at 11:00 a.m. Calling hours will be in the parlor at the church an hour before the service.

Memorial donations in memory of Barbara may be made to the Berkshire Alzheimer's Partnership in care of Elder Services, 877 South St., Suite 4-E, Pittsfield, MA 01201 or the Eleanor Soncini Animal Shelter, 63 Downing Industrial Park, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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First Congregational Church of Dalton
514 Main Street, Dalton, MA, US, 01226

JUN **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ My dad was a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. We spent our summers at Seranak in Lenox, MA. I came to know the entire Kylie family due to our mutual involvement at Tanglewood. I especially remember Barbara because of her welcoming and unforgettable smile smile.

Sandy depasquale - June 06, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ "Our most heartfelt condolences to your family from everyone at Sugar Hill....things just are not the same without our dear sweet resident Barbara Kiley. Barbara so enjoyed life!
She was a participant in all our activities, and she always had a smile on her face. Thank you for letting us take care of her. She will be missed terribly by all of us here at Sugar Hill."

Sugar Hill - June 04, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Buckler Kiley.



June 04, 2018 at 08:06 AM



“ Oh my gosh. So many memories! My family spent so much time at Tanglewood it was like a second home. Len and I grew up with the Kiley kids. Mrs. Kiley always in a skirt, and without a hair out of place. We would get shushed whenever she had to answer the door. She'd call my mom, and we'd hear, I'm going shopping with Barb! My mom did not drive, and this was just about a weekly trip. There were countless evenings on our front porch or at Tanglewood, the adults playing Michigan rummy with pennies while we kids were doing who knows what.

I've been out of contact for some time, but offer my deepest condolences to Dave, and the rest of the family. She was a gracious person who will be missed.

Pat Smith Benham

pat benham - May 31, 2018 at 10:52 PM



“ Sincere sympathy to the family. Barbara was such a sweet lady. I met her at Sugar Hill when I played the piano on the last Friday of each month. She always smiled and commented how the music was so nice. She enjoyed the old songs. I will miss her smiling face.

Linda Fischer

Linda Fischer - May 31, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ Barb was a gracious lady. Enjoyed time I was able to spend with her for the last year. Heard many stories from Ellie about there childhood years.

Dee Sweeney - May 30, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ I cared for Barb for many years at sugar hill,when I first met her I always said to myself.”she's a beautiful person both inside and out. I will miss her dearly.Rip lovely lady

Arlene (Lee) Rodriguez - May 30, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ Warmest thought and memories of Barb and the Kiley family form years gone by. I can still smell the kitchen and remember the laughter, flowers and music. My condolences and prayers for peace for David, the grandchildren and extended family and friends who feel this great loss.

Kathie Bennett - May 30, 2018 at 03:25 PM



“ Condolences to David and and to your family at this time of loss. It was a great honor to work with Barb during our time at The Red Lion Inn. I will always recall her as the kindest, most elegant lady. Over the years, I have learned how precious these moments were...

Brooks Bradbury - May 30, 2018 at 03:20 PM



“ Please accept our sincere condolences at the passing of Mrs. Kiley. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lenox Police Department

Lenox Police Department - May 30, 2018 at 09:35 AM



“ Sorry to hear about Barbs passing. She was a beautiful, in many ways. I have so many memories of growing up with the Kiley family and Tanglewood. Im so sorry for your loss. Deepest sympathy. Len Smith

Len Smith - May 30, 2018 at 09:26 AM



“ I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Barb. I met her while working at Sugar Hill, Barb was a lovely lady who was always smiling and showing kindness to all.

With deepest sympathy,
Darlene Masengo

Darlene Masengo - May 30, 2018 at 09:09 AM



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Rebecca Tatro - May 30, 2018 at 07:28 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to David and family on Barb's passing. My family has so many fond memories of times spent at Tanglewood with all of you.
Sincerely, Kathy Naventi-Brown

Kathy Naventi-Brown - May 30, 2018 at 06:32 AM