



Mrs. Alma U. Beer

June 27, 1920 - July 25, 2020

Mrs. Alma U. Beer, 100, passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2020 in Lee, MA.

Born in

Pittsfield, MA, on June 27, 1920, the daughter of German immigrants, the late Alma Pastanier

Uhlig and Edmund Uhlig, owner of the U. S. Beef Company (bought by Wohrle's Food) in

Pittsfield. Alma began and ended her life as a resident of Pittsfield. She attended Pittsfield schools until college. She spent two years at Russell Sage College, Troy, NY, and finished her BA at Marshall University, Huntington, WV, where she met the love of her life, Stephen P. Beer.

Married on January 23, 1943, Alma and Steve spent over 68 years together, living in the

East and the Midwest for his work in the United Way. In 1959 they settled in Eastchester, NY, where they finished raising their four children and where Alma earned a master's in Education at the College of New Rochelle. She taught the first grade for 16 years at the Anne Hutchinson School, Eastchester, where she enjoyed many friends and colleagues.

In 1988, 50 years after her high school graduation, Alma and Steve returned to Pittsfield to live as some of the first residents of the Salisbury Estates retirement community. They were active pioneers in creating the community and activities there and enjoyed decades with good friends and neighbors. In addition to participating in Salisbury programs and games, Alma was active as

a volunteer reader in Pittsfield Elementary Schools, and a beloved member of the Zion Lutheran Church and the Pittsfield PEO Sisterhood Chapter F.

Alma was predeceased by her husband Steve (2011), her mother and father, and her brother Edmund Jr. (1933). She is survived by her sons: Richard Beer and wife Ellen Higgins; Thomas Beer and wife Linda Thompson; Christopher Beer and wife Deborah Beer; daughter: Jennifer Beer; her six grandchildren: Connie Higgins-Beer; Katharine Alma Higgins-Beer; Michael Beer and wife Ramela Ouzounian Beer; David Beer and wife Rachelle Beer; Courtney Beer and husband Jarred Panger; and Delaney Beer and partner Erica Chavez; and her two great-grandchildren: James Van Beer and Lexi Elisabeth Panger. The family would like to extend their appreciation for the wonderful care and compassion from caregivers of Home Instead Senior Care of Pittsfield and Lee Health Care, especially the Memory Unit of the Landing at Laurel Lake.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Alma U. Beer will be on conducted on-line Sunday, August 2, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., with the Rev. Anna Woofenden of Zion Lutheran Church, Pittsfield, officiating. For information about the service and to access livestreaming of the service, please visit <https://zionlutheranpittsfield.org/>.

Burial services will follow on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 9:30am at Pittsfield Cemetery, 203 Wahconah St, Pittsfield, MA 01201. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to Zion Lutheran Church of Pittsfield; Berkshire United Way; or Pittsfield PEO Sisterhood Chapter F, in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Pittsfield Cemetery

203 Wahconah St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

ONLINE ONLY

Tribute Wall



Debra
Marhefka

“ *My dear alma,
I met you as your caregiver in 2018,it wasn't long before we were
good friends.she loved playing cards,that I know!
Alma would say"play another one" even if I didn't I would say sure
with a smile.
Alma always thanked me for praying for our meal as well as praying
for her beautiful family whom she loved and spoke of with great
joy.alma,you are an inspiration to me and I will never forget you my
sweet friend,rest easy now with our lord.
To alma family,
You have so many memories to live by.
God bless you all!!
With love Deb marhefka*

Debra Marhefka - September 03, 2020 at 10:42 AM

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“ From Tom Beer:

A Few Memories of My Mother, Alma Beer:

My mother told me that as a young girl she and her friends would love to ride their bicycles all over the Pittsfield area, including trips up to the Onota and Pontoosuc lake areas. Mom was an excellent swimmer and related many stories about swimming out to the docks in the lakes. Swimming, bicycling and many picnics made for great times for her and her friends.

Years later living in Eastchester, New York on hot humid days, inevitably we would end up in water fights with hoses and buckets. Many of those days saw my mother as the instigator. The winter months would find us engaged in playful snowball fights that my parents had started. My parents both loved to laugh and loved to play with their children.

Fast forwarding to a later time, my friend told me he'd seen my mother intentionally bump into another car at a traffic light. Some years after, I asked her why she did that and she said, "They weren't moving fast enough and everyone needs a nudge once in a while."

Mom also loved to travel with my dad and would talk for hours about all they'd seen and experienced, but once home she was very happy to be there. She rarely complained, lived life to the fullest and had a very strong faith. Mom's appreciation for her family was always obvious. I am very fortunate and thankful that Alma Beer was my mother. I love and miss her.

Thomas J. Beer - August 21, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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“ I bid farewell to my dearest friend ALMA. A remarkable human being, so young at heart, so kind who only saw the good in everyone she met. I was reminded of her youthful attitude when at the age of 50 she came to teach at Anne Hutch. We hit it off immediately. At the end of this particular school year when the children had half days and we were having a heat wave, we both found water pistols that we had confiscated from one of our students. It was the perfect time for a water pistol fight. So there we were in the hall firing away at each other when the Superintendent of Schools walked into the building and caught sight of us. Thank God he had a good sense of humor and I think he thought it was the perfect way to cool off.

Hildie Matheis - August 01, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ Alma was in the 1st grade class next to mine when I first began teaching. She was always there to help if I had a question, always smiling. After we both retired Alma & Steve & my husband and I would meet for lunch once by her, next time by me. Kept on going for years even after our husbands passed away. I'll miss those happy times. I'll never forget Alma Beer, loved her.

My thoughts and my prayers are with the family. You have beautiful memories,

Gloria Lombardo - July 31, 2020 at 01:10 PM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - July 30, 2020 at 02:45 PM