



## Anne Elizabeth Nesbit

December 6, 1921 - October 29, 2017

Anne Elizabeth Nesbit, 95, of Kimball Farms, Lenox, previously of Richmond and Pittsfield, passed away October 29, after a brief illness surrounded by her extensive, loving family. A remarkable woman, Anne was born on the Feast of Saint Nicholas, December 6, 1921, the second of ten children, to Jane E. Daley and George W. Nesbit.

Anne was a 1939 cum laude graduate of St. Joseph's High School as well as a cum laude 1943 graduate of Our Lady of the Elms College. She started her professional career as an analytic chemist at Winthrop Pharmaceutical in Rensselaer, NY. After being given increasing responsibilities for the training of new hires, Anne realized her true calling was the development of young minds in the field of science. She began a long and distinguished career in the Pittsfield Public Schools, first as a beloved classroom teacher and department head and then as the Director of Science and Health Curriculum. Always a learner herself, Anne received her Masters of Education from North Adams State College and attended advance graduate programs at Columbia, Harvard, Wesleyan, Wellesley, University of Indiana and University of Wisconsin.

Professionally, Anne was best known for her groundbreaking and nationally recognized sexual education program developed in the 1970s. Learning About Myself and Others (LAMO) was a curriculum designed to be taught outside

the school day to elementary aged children with parent involvement mandated. While an instructor led the classes, the parent was the primary teacher of each lesson and was empowered to impart the information through the lens of their own family's values. Anne was awarded an honorary doctorate from Assumption College, Worcester in 1992 in recognition of this work. She was also honored as an Elms College Distinguished Alumni in 1981 and was inducted into St. Joseph's High School Hall of Fame. During Pittsfield's 250 Celebration, Anne was one of the few women in the Berkshire Eagle's year-long daily series of notable people in Pittsfield history.

Anne was an athlete. She was always picked first for the team when the Morningside neighborhood kids were choosing up sides. She spent many years playing softball, tennis and golf and was a downhill and cross-country skier. Her advanced age and loss of sight did not keep Anne from strapping on her skis up until last winter. She was an avid gardener and an excellent bridge player.

Anne was a great friend. She stayed close to school chums and former colleagues, brought people together and never stopped making new friends. Everyone knew they could rely on Anne.

Anne's faith was central to her life. She was a longtime, active and daily communicant of St Mary, the Morningstar Parish in Pittsfield and St. Patrick's Catholic Church in West Stockbridge; later St Mark's and St Anne's parishes. In the last several years, she would travel most days to spend the afternoon in prayer at the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge.

Anne is predeceased by her parents and her sisters, MaryJane (Stauch) Gonia, Margaret Farley and Kathleen and her brothers John, George, Leo and Robert. She is survived her brother Paul Nesbit of Pittsfield and by her sister Sheila Keator of Lenox as well as three generations of devoted nieces and nephews who have seen her as a central role model and guiding star of their lives.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Anne Elizabeth Nesbit will be Saturday, November 4, 2017, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 1030 a.m. held at St. Ann Church in Lenox, celebrated by the Rev. Msgr. John J. Bonzagni. Burial will be private. Calling hours will be held Friday, November 3, 2017 from 4 p.m. until 7p.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA. A Rosary Ceremony will follow promptly at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Thanksgiving Angels, a local food distribution program, or to Berkshire County Pregnancy Support Services, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, in her memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, BUT MAY BE MADE THROUGH THE FUNERAL HOME.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 442-5094  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Service

NOV 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann  
134 Main St.  
Lenox, MA 01240

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ We remember Anne and George Nesbit very well for their grace and kindness. We rented their property on Lincoln street in Pittsfield for several years in the late 1980's and early 1990's. I stayed with them while the house was being de-leaded and they were so gracious, like my parents would be.

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**Mr Anant Dabholkar** - January 13, 2021 at 06:07 PM

MV

“ I just read this and I am saddened. Ann was my science teacher in the 70s and I remember her as a very caring, positive teacher.

*She always made classes fun and was a very down to earth person.*

*I can still picture her as a wonderful, kind person with a wicked sense of humor.*

*I remember her passing out minerals and rocks and we had little bottles of acid. She warned us to never put acid on the Galena. Of course we all did and the odor smelled like a sewer.*

*She stood at the front of the class laughing as she had set us up.*

*God bless her, she was a wonderful human being.*

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**Mark Vinette** - July 14, 2020 at 03:01 AM

DF

“ Miss Nesbit was the best science teacher I ever had. When I discovered some years ago that she was still with us I took her out to lunch, and we have had the occasional lunch since then, sometimes with my mom, my sister, and Mrs. Tremblay of Williams School.

I had a career in a technical field, and one lunch Miss Nesbit said that she thought that she had been at least partly responsible for instilling a love of science in me. I agreed most heartily.

I'm sure that she had a great, positive influence on many of her students.

Today the post office returned the Christmas card I sent. Very sad to see that she has passed.

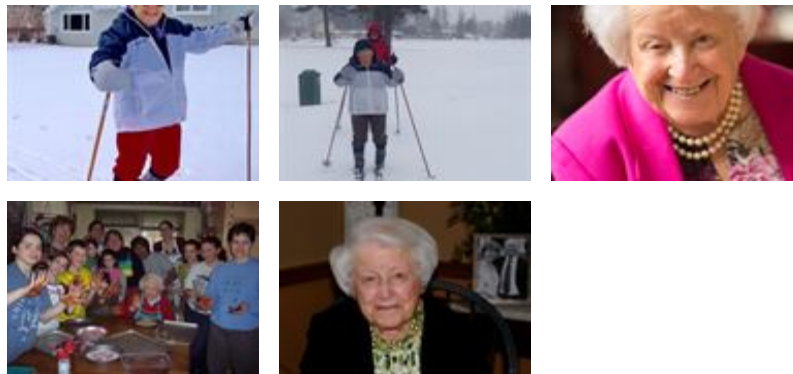
Dennis Foley  
South Junior High Class of 1968

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Dennis Foley - March 05, 2018 at 07:15 PM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - November 03, 2017 at 11:20 AM

RH

“ Anne Nesbit. Bob and I will always remember Anne to be a woman of great faith. She loved Our Lord and Blessed Mother Mary so very much. She great devotion to her family. We will miss her. Rest In Peace Anne. Our love and prayers to you. Bob and Maureen Heimann❤️

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**Robert & Maureen Heimann** - November 02, 2017 at 10:42 PM

KK

“ Anne was my favorite teacher. She inspired me and my classmates to go beyond the textbook, research things if interest to us. She assisted me in getting my first article published - in 9th grade! It was a study of planaria regeneration under different colored light, in *The Worm Runners Digest!* We stayed in touch over the years, & she got a kick out of showing me where she slipped out her slider to cross country ski in her tiny back yard at the retirement home. Ken Kelly, Lenox

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**Ken Kelly** - November 02, 2017 at 09:56 PM

PM

“ I remember Anne Nesbit fondly as my chemistry teacher at PHS and a lovely lady. Rest in peace.

*Phyllis McGee Middlebrook*

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**Phyllis Middlebrook** - November 02, 2017 at 09:35 AM

DA

“ I have many wonderful memories of Anne. She invited me to join a group of women going out West for a week of skiing at Heavenly Valley in Colorado. What a lovely time we had and after that I went with them to Vail, Winter Park, and Steamboat Springs. When we rode together on the chairlift Anne often said her rosary. She was a terrific bridge player and we enjoyed playing in the evening. We took turns cooking and her meals were the best. She was a good friend and I miss her.

*Lovingly, Dorcas Abell*

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**Dorcas Abell** - November 02, 2017 at 08:54 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Anne Elizabeth Nesbit.



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November 01, 2017 at 01:22 PM