



Mrs. Barbara "Bobbe" Clary

September 10, 1922 - July 8, 2016

Barbara (Bobbe) Louise Clary (1922-2016) died peacefully in the comfort of her beloved home and family on July 8th. Daughter of Pittsfield police officer Albert Haskins and Molly Murray Haskins, she spent her childhood on Seymour St. and Pontoosuc Lake. Although widely traveled, she was most at home in and loved Pittsfield.

A 1940 graduate of Pittsfield High, she married James R. Clary in 1943 just prior to his Air Corps deployment and subsequent POW internment in Germany. Their first child was born while he was in solitary confinement. In 1949 they together built a home on Barker Rd. where they raised 15 children, opened their doors to countless more and participated in varied community organizations. She was a lifelong communicant of St. Marks Church, deeply devout in faith and committed to the well-being of all people, the poor everywhere and especially ex-POWs and Veterans.

While family and children were her primary interests, she enjoyed a range of hobbies. She was an avid bird watcher, a collector of miniatures, porcelain dolls, willow ware, music boxes and antiques. She painted, sketched, wrote verse, was a handy bridge player, skier and golfer, explored the world at every chance, invented myriad games, stories and entertainments for kids, and, once her family had grown, Bobbe co-founded and taught at the St. Mark's pre-school program. She also took up travel, camping, college courses, road tripping, bicycling, river tubing and community volunteering, especially at food pantries in Pittsfield. She lived every hour to its fullest and looked upon each

as a blessing. She read Thomas Merton, Thomas Aquinas, Teresa of Avila, Elvis, Abraham Lincoln, Gore Vidal, histories of the American Revolution, and was particularly fond of Teddy Roosevelt.

She traveled extensively to Mexico, through Europe and the United States, and took several cross-country trips by train and car to Alameda, CA, where she wintered for several years, made more friends and enjoyed exploring the Bay Area.

She spent her final years in her beloved home, continuing to entertain all ages with lively stories, games, daily adventures and the curiosities of science and nature. She most recently liked bingeing Downton Abbey. She lived long, heartily, wisely, and leaves a legacy of dignity, grace and enduring faith in the unknown. Her companionship and love will be greatly missed.

Bobbe was widowed in 1989 and predeceased by three children: Nancy, John and Sheila; grandson Clary Edwards; sisters Norma Formel, Helen Wade, Alberta and Vera Haskins and two brothers, Albert and Murray Haskins. She is survived by Mollie Clary Allen and Bruce Allen of Exeter, NH; Kathleen Clary Edwards of Plano, TX; James Clary and Theresa Szymanski of West Hartford, CT; Michael Clary and Elizabeth Wedge of NY, NY; Peggy Clary of Pittsfield; Marynancy Clary of NY, NY; Theresa Clary of Pittsfield; Eileen Clary and Paul Szontagh of Raleigh, NC.; Joseph Clary and Clare LaPlante of Evanston, IL.; PM Clary of Alameda, CA; Thomas and Leanne Clary of Richardson, TX; and Frank and Jean Clary of Kensington, MD, as well as seventeen grandchildren ranging in age from 2 to 48, and eight great-grandchildren. She especially loved the kindness and affections she received throughout her life from her many nieces and nephews in the Haskins, Magner and Formel families and her good friends: the Higgins family.

Funeral Notice:

A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Barbara (Bobbe) Louise Clary will be Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 10 a.m. at St. Mark's Church celebrated by the Rev. John C. Salatino, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Calling hours at the Dwyer Funeral Home will be Wednesday, July 13, 2016 from 4 to

7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Mark's Food Pantry, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA 01201.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 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

JUL 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Church
400 West St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall

JC

“ 9 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Joseph Clary - October 03, 2016 at 04:28 PM

RM

“ *The McHale family from Ireland send their heartfelt condolences. We never had the privilege of meeting Bobbe, but felt we knew her from the lovely stories Frank and Jean shared with us in Kuwait. We saw many pictures of this amazing lady and her love of family, and spirit of fun shone through her smile. I guess I will always remember the photo of her on the bonnet of the car she took a fancy too :) Enjoy Heaven with your loved ones Bobbe, I'm sure you are dancing up there!*
John Rita Mary & Ellen x

Rita McHale - July 22, 2016 at 11:04 AM

BC

“ I just found out about Barbara's passing from a former neighbor in Pittsfield. She was such a remarkable person and a wonderful friend. I have never known anyone who lived her faith more each and every day. She was truly special and will be remembered by all who were lucky enough to know her. I know how much she will be missed by her loving family.

Bea Urban Chawla

Beatrice Chawla - July 20, 2016 at 02:41 PM

PJ

“ For all the trouble I gave you, You took it like a champ. You where so consistent You taught me every rule. To trick ever player and catch ever fool. The younger days are over. The songs have all been song. Thank you forever thing , Aunt Barbara, Keep those dancing shoes on. Take care- beware. I am coming . Love, Philly JR..

phillip formel jr - July 18, 2016 at 07:18 PM

LT

“ What an honor and joy it was to get to spend some time with Ms. Bobbe here in North Carolina. She was a vital, happy, and adventurous lady who loved life. We are saddened to hear about her passing but glad she got to go surrounded by those she loved. Our deepest condolences to all of her family. May she rejoice now in the presence of her Maker. Leena, Pasi, Annika and Erika Taimela, Wake Forest, NC

Leena Taimela - July 18, 2016 at 06:35 AM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - July 13, 2016 at 01:34 PM

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“ *Robert, Sally, & Samantha Lee (Maryland) purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Barbara "Bobbe" Clary.*



Robert, Sally, & Samantha Lee (Maryland) - July 13, 2016 at 10:03 AM

MC

“ *To the Clary Family-my favorite memories of my childhood was at Barker Road with all of you and your parents. My mother has another friend with her, forever resting and laughing, in peace. Sending love to you all. Mary K Collins, Rochester, NY*

Mary K. Collins - July 13, 2016 at 09:24 AM

MW

“ I knew Ms Clary a short time. But during the time I spent with her was the nicest time I shared with her and her family she was so kind and friendly to me I will miss her dearly. God bless her may she rest in peace. Michelle wellington

Michelle wellington - July 12, 2016 at 04:48 PM

PC

“ Pat, Cynthia, Joseph, Ryan, Claire and Emma Caton purchased the Blushing Lilies for the family of Mrs. Barbara "Bobbe" Clary.



Pat, Cynthia, Joseph, Ryan, Claire and Emma Caton - July 12, 2016 at 03:27 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara "Bobbe" Clary.



July 12, 2016 at 08:28 AM

KS

“ Your family is in my prayers.

Ken Swenson

Ken Swenson - July 12, 2016 at 06:09 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara "Bobbe" Clary.



July 11, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara "Bobbe" Clary.



July 11, 2016 at 08:34 PM



“ George Szontagh purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Barbara "Bobbe" Clary.



George Szontagh - July 11, 2016 at 04:55 PM



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July 11, 2016 at 04:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara "Bobbe" Clary.



July 11, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ I have a sadness in my heart as I read about Mrs, Clary's passing. I am sending thoughts and prayers in hopes they may bring some comfort during this difficult time. The last time I was home I ran into your mom in church. I said "Hi Mrs. Clary" and she said "I know you are a Colvin I just can't recall your name." We chatted a bit about the times our families spent together either on Barker Rd or on Hungerford St. When you all came to Hungerford all of us kids would go swimming in the river and then we would have lunch, usually PB&J at the picnic table. Mrs. Clary is Walking in the Sunlight with the Spirit. Rest in Peace Mrs. Clary, rest in peace.

Nancy Colvin - July 11, 2016 at 10:18 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara "Bobbe" Clary.



July 10, 2016 at 01:32 PM

GK

“ Without Aunt Barbara, the Berkshires won't be the same when I visit. I always looked forward to our conversations where we poured the tea, caught up on each other's lives, shared our thoughts about the world & the family and always had a good laugh or two. Aunt Barbara set such a good example of how to deal with adversity, how to be kind to others and how to enjoy life. I feel fortunate to have had her as part of my family and as a friend for so long. I will miss having her here with us.

Ginny

Ginny Killfoile - July 10, 2016 at 12:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara "Bobbe" Clary.



July 09, 2016 at 05:32 PM

RP

“ The world is more empty today with the passing of "Aunt Bobbe" Clary. I will always remember her as a woman who embodied love, dignity and grace. She lived her Faith fully every day of her life, and everyone she encountered became her friend. I had the good fortune of speaking with her by phone a few weeks ago, and was so impressed (but not at all surprised) by her continued interest in me, my family and my life. Her hallmark impish sense of humor was still very much intact! She made her mark on me and everyone who knew her. She will be missed.

Sending love to all of my Clary cousins at this time.

Rosanne Phillips A.K.A. "Roxie" xoxo

Rosanne Phillips - July 09, 2016 at 11:10 AM