



Mrs. Barbara D. Malnati

December 11, 1930 - May 28, 2023

Mrs. Barbara D. Malnati, 92, of Richmond, passed away at her home on Sunday, May 28, 2023. Born in Bennington, VT, on December 11, 1930, the daughter of the late William and M. Eleanor Quackenbush DeForge, she was one of four children and grew up among a large extended family in the Bennington area. After graduation from high school, she worked for 11 years at a local Bennington bank.

Once married, Barbara focused on homemaking and caring for her family, raising three children and doting on the many pet cats the family had over the years. She enjoyed sharing recipes and homemade foods of all kinds with family, friends, and neighbors. She made over 100 different types of bread and spent months every year making homemade cookies and hand-dipped chocolates for Christmas giving. She developed a reputation for her beautiful decorated birthday and wedding cakes and even had a small cake business for a time. She enjoyed needlework, reading, flower gardening, and tackling new recipes.

Barbara was predeceased by her beloved husband of 58 years, Joseph A. Malnati, whom she married on June 20, 1959. Joseph passed away in 2017. She also outlived her son Michael J. Malnati, who died in 1994 and her daughter Anne Marie Bateman, who died in 2020.

She is survived by her daughter Peggy, and Anne Marie's children, Melanie (Ray) Groah and Elliott Ray as well as Melanie's husband Jordan Groah.

Funeral Notice:

A graveside service for Mrs. Barbara D. Malnati will be Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 10 am at St. Peter's Cemetery in Great Barrington. Directly following the service, all are invited to celebrate Barbara's life at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East St, Pittsfield MA 01201. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to either Berkshire Humane Society at <https://berkshirehumane.org/> or The Lily Pond Sanctuary, Inc. at <https://lilypondsanctuary.org/>

Previous Events

Gravside Service

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Cemetery
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Celebration of Life

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Peggy and all of the extended Malnati family,
My sincerest condolences on the loss of your mom Barb. I have very fond memories of growing up on and near the farm where we skated on Barb and Joe’s pond, Michael and I got chased by the bull, Annie taught me how to curl my hair with a curling iron, and so much more. Barb’s cakes were wonderful! Barb was always welcoming and I especially enjoyed a visit with her and Joe several years ago when Kevin Delmolino) was in town and we stopped by. I hope that you will find some comfort in your memories, she truly was a lovely lady!
Louise Stover Brogan

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