



Mrs. Betty C. Drury

November 4, 1930 - November 4, 2022

Betty Arlene Chapman Drury, of Pittsfield, passed away on her 92nd birthday. She was surrounded by family in her home on Bryan Street, where she had resided for 47 years.

Born in North Adams, MA, on November 4, 1930, to Raymond J. Chapman and Annie Elizabeth Rowbotham Chapman, Betty attended Pittsfield schools and was a 1948 graduate of Pittsfield High School. On June 6, 1953, Betty wed her childhood sweetheart, Bartholomew J. Drury, Jr., at St. Stephen's Church in Pittsfield. They were married for almost 30 years until his death in 1983.

In 1987, Betty retired from AT&T, formerly New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., after 34 years of service as an operator. Many close friendships were formed during her time at "the phone company" that endured long beyond retirement.

When not busy caring for her family, pets, neighbors, and anyone else who needed her, Betty was an avid gardener who maintained beautiful flower beds and an immaculate yard. She was also an amazing cook and baker who took great pleasure in and insisted upon feeding everyone who visited her home.

Betty will be best remembered for her witty sense of humor and seemingly

endless repertoire of songs, as well as her generous and selfless spirit. She was the cherished matriarch of her family and will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Betty is survived by her daughter and caregiver, Karen Mackey, of Pittsfield; daughter-in-law Angela Drury, of Lee; grandchildren Mark (Valarie), Mindy, Megan, Melissa, and Matthew; great-grandchildren Kaden, Jaci, Logan, and Alana; nieces and nephews Judy, Dave, Jim, Randy, George, and Kathy; “other daughter” Victoria Gregory; and further extended family and friends.

In addition to her husband, Betty was preceded in death by her son, Mark Drury, of Lee; siblings and their spouses Raymond (Marion), Clarence (Dot), Doris (Ray), and Bernie (Ted); and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Betty C. Drury will be Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 12 noon at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201. Burial will follow at Pittsfield Cemetery. There will be an hour of visitation at the funeral home prior to the service, from 11 am to 12 noon. In celebration of Betty’s lifelong love of animals, memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Animal Dreams, Berkshire Humane Society, or Sonsini Animal Shelter, in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Pittsfield Cemetery

203 Wahconah St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
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Tribute Wall

JA

“ *oh betty i'll miss giving u ur pills, all the laughs we've shared together and the sleepovers i've had w/ you. i hope heaven is nice up there. i love you so much and i'll always love you- JC penny.<3*



Jaci - November 10, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty C. Drury.*



November 10, 2022 at 09:43 AM

LK

“ *Karen,
I'm so sorry for your loss. When I think of Betty my mind goes to, When I was a little kid I lived 5 houses away from the Drurys. Betty was always nice to all us kids, I remember stopping at by the porch if Betty was sitting out. We would chat for only a couple minutes, but I remember her telling or saying things to make us laugh. I also remember if we were outside being little SH!@# she new it was us and she didn't have a problem telling us to be quiet and go home. And no matter what I was doing, where I was or how old I was, when I seen her, I always stop to say hi. R.I.P. Betty.
Linda Kickery Kavey*

Linda Kickery Kavey - November 09, 2022 at 06:00 PM

KM

*Linda,
Thank you. She always watched out for the kids in the neighborhood.
We did have a lot of fun growing up there.*

Karen Mackey - November 14, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Mrs. Betty C. Drury.*



November 08, 2022 at 01:57 PM

MC

“ *Betty was always my favorite Aunt! She had the best sense of humor - full of delicious sarcasm delivered with the perfect combination of truth and irony. She had a lovely optimistic view of life. Growing up I was luck enough to be able to be their house guest when the Bailey crew came to town. Betty taught me to whistle - loud - with my fingers. A skill I still possess that is admired by many. She would cook my favorite food - even though I was a pretty picky eater. She'd give us some money so we could walk down the hill to Hajars and get a treat - saying about money "you can't take it with you". She would try to curl my straight hair with bobby-pin curls and when I'd wiggle around tell me to be still and offered some worldly advice "You have to suffer to be beautiful". She had perfect handwriting - her cards were always written so you could hear her voice in each word. Her house would be decorated for every holiday. Her life was about love of family, love of animals (cats, dogs and even the ones who lived under the backyard pool) and love of life. The world will miss you Betty and so will the many people who love you, including me. xoxo Maureen*

Maureen Carter - November 08, 2022 at 12:43 PM

MI

*I remember coming to see Aunt Betty when we (the Baileys) were growing up and everytime we came to town. We always loved seeing her
With her upbeat attitude and laughter. What a role model for everyone.
Love to all*

Mary Pat Irwin - November 09, 2022 at 03:45 PM

KM

It was always a fun time when you all were there.

Karen Mackey - November 14, 2022 at 11:43 AM

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“*Love, Mary Pat, Maureen, Richard & Laurie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Betty C. Drury.*



Love, Mary Pat, Maureen, Richard & Laurie - November 08, 2022 at 12:04 PM