



Mrs. Cecelia I. Pero

November 15, 1924 - March 16, 2013

Cecelia Irene Magdalenski Pero died Saturday at Mt. Greylock Extended Care Facility.

Cecelia was born in Old Forge, PA, in 1924 to Martin and Mary Dombrowski Magdalenski. Her father passed away just before she was born, and Celia moved to Housatonic, MA, with her mother and siblings. She graduated from Searles High School in Great Barrington in 1942, and moved to Pittsfield. She married Arthur Pero Jr. in 1944, while he was serving in the U.S. Army Air Force. They raised five devoted sons: Arthur III, James, Daniel, John, and Charles. Her husband died May 8, 2003.

While busy bringing up her children, Celia worked in the drafting department of General Electric Company, and for Berkshire Medical Center, retiring in 1986 as Admissions Supervisor.

In addition to her sons and their wives, Linda (John) and Diane (Charles), Celia leaves a legacy in her grandchildren Erin, Arthur IV, Kim, Laurie, Rebecca, and Jaycee, and in her great-grandchildren.

She was pre-deceased by brothers William (Bill); Bruno; Stan; her sisters Blanche Laska and Stella Pero; and daughters-in-law Nancy and Cheryl Pero. She is survived by her sister Bertha LaFontana, sister-in-law Alice, as well as her nieces and nephews, and long term friends.

Celia was a communicant of St. Charles Church. She was a compassionate woman who enjoyed helping others, as well as reading, knitting, gardening, bird-watching, baking, and preparing her family's favorite meals. As an avid

Red Sox and Giants fan, she matched her husband's and sons' enthusiasm for sports.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Cecelia I. Pero will be Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. from the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will precede the funeral service on Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Celia would wish her friends and family to remember her by donating to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ON THIS WEBSITE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.