



Mrs. Doreen Cooper Butler

November 29, 1920 - December 10, 2020

Former Pittsfield First Lady Doreen Cooper Butler Passes at 100.

Doreen Cooper Butler, who was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on November 29, 1920, and came to Massachusetts to attend the Clarke School for the Deaf, peacefully passed away at home on December 10, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. Born deaf, Doreen attended Clarke School in Northampton, Massachusetts, graduating in 1938. While at Clarke School, Doreen and her classmates would enjoy having tea with Grace Coolidge, President Calvin Coolidge's wife, who would visit the school often after church services.

Doreen moved to Pittsfield, MA where she met her future husband, Donald Butler the 26th mayor of Pittsfield, MA while both worked at General Electric. Known for her love of travel, Doreen would visit her favorite vacation spot, Ogunquit Maine every year up until her 98th birthday. As the New England weather got colder Doreen would travel to Arizona and Florida and many points in between including Hawaii and Europe. She was known to travel cross country with several of her girlfriends, also deaf, who were known as the "Golden Girls." Doreen was active up until her last days as she made sure to tend to her cat Brady.

Doreen is pre-deceased by her late husband Donald G. Butler, her brothers Stanley, Francis, (2) sets of twins Arthur and Allen, Richard and Robert, and her sister Ella Albert. She is survived by her daughter Jeanne Butler Boino (Daniel Sr.), Grandson Matthew Vanasse (Jodi) of Upton, MA, Grandson Jack

Vanasse (Jenny) of Leeds, MA, and great grand-children Grace, Sophia, Sydney, Alex, and Ella as well as many nieces and nephews whom she adored.

Funeral Notice:

A celebration of life for Doreen will be held at a later date, when Covid restrictions are lifted and all are able to gather together safely. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Berkshire Humane Society in care of Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA, 01201. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

HF

“ *Jeanne, I'm very sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*In Sympathy,
Hank Frydel*

Hank Frydel - December 16, 2020 at 09:52 AM

DF

“ *Jeanne, Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. It was great to see the pictures Matt posted. Beautiful family!*

*Sincerely,
Bob and Diane Fields*

Diane Fields - December 14, 2020 at 10:08 PM

DR

“ *Doreen was an inspiring and caring woman. She always had a smile for you whenever you saw her. Rest in Peace Doreen.*

*Sincerely,
Donna Rouette*

Donna Rouette - December 13, 2020 at 08:27 PM

CM

“ *Jeanne and family, My sincere condolences. Your Mom was a very special lady. Boylston Street neighbors from many years ago. Rest In Peace. Carol Juranics Mazza*

Carol Mazza - December 12, 2020 at 07:38 AM

BS

“ Oh my goodness! I had the privilege of meeting and getting to know Doreen through her daughter, Jeannie. Doreen was always a lady who smiled easily and was both interesting and interested. She had a warm, engaging personality and I always enjoyed our time together. I am so sorry for the family's loss, but hope you all will be able to treasure the many decades of fond memories Doreen made for those around her.

My sincere condolences.

Bob Storm

Bob Storm - December 11, 2020 at 10:51 PM

LC

“ *Condolences to the family. Jeanne you were a wonderful daughter and caretaker to your mom. Remember all the great times and keep your memories close, they will help you through the sadness*

linda carter - December 11, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



Matt Vanasse - December 11, 2020 at 05:12 PM

CM

“ I am so so sorry to read about Mrs Butler. The world has loss an exceptional very special LADY. Last time I saw her was down in Florida at the Berkshire Bash with Jeannie. I thought the world of her.

Jeannie and family please accept my Deepest Condolences and I am sending you Love and Prayers.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,

Love leaves a memory no one can steal

Fondly,

Claire Marchand



Claire Marchand - December 11, 2020 at 04:48 PM