



Mrs. Dorothy M. Frederick

April 1, 1927 - July 19, 2023

Mrs. Dorothy M. Frederick, of Dalton, passed away so peacefully at the home she shared with her daughter Christine for the past 3 years on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, surrounded by Christine and several of her grandchildren.

Affectionately known as Mom and Nana, she was born on April 1, 1927, and would probably be unhappy I just shared her age, but she lived a healthy 96 years until very recently. Mom loved spending time with her family, shopping, tending to her flowers and feeding and watching the birds. She was always a part of pumpkin picking every fall and our annual holiday trip to Yankee Candle along with so many family gatherings. She went camping up until the age of 95 and we were pretty sure she was the oldest camper there. Every August she would go camping with Christine and her family and enjoyed staying in a cabin, which she referred to as “the Ritz” and would put up lights and decorations and each morning would host breakfast. She had a great sense of humor and loved to tell and hear a good joke. She was an amazing cook and baker, and her Chocolate Cake and Polenta will be missed.

Mom/Nana always made sure she was at the window waving goodbye when you left. Our family gatherings will never be the same, but we are thankful for all the fun memories (and voicemails)!

Dorothy was predeceased by her beloved husband Everett C. Frederick who passed away on March 14, 1965, and her son-in-law Steven Polansky, who died on October 19, 2019. She is survived by her son Donald Frederick of Victor, NY and his 3 children Ilona, Amanda and Alisha.

Daughter Diane Polansky of Milford, CT and her children Rachael and Lauren Polansky.

Daughter Christine Frederick, and her children Alyssa (Van Fleet) Gallagher and husband

Brandon and their 2 children Everett and Eliot of Pittsfield, MA. Kevin Van Fleet and wife Jayna of Hinsdale, MA and their daughter Wren. Dustin Van Fleet of Medford, MA and Jeffrey Van Fleet of Dalton, MA

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Dorothy M. Frederick will be Monday, July 24, 2023, at 12 noon at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home in Dalton, 525 Main Street, Dalton MA. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery in West Stockbridge.

There will be an hour of visitation at the funeral home prior to the service, from 11 am to 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, and due to her love of birds, donations in her memory can be made to the Mass Audubon Society in care of the

Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home. A very special thank you to her caregivers Lisa Turner, Peggy, Becky and Cherie. You all provided such loving and amazing care which allowed her to remain at home and always remember her smile and to HospiceCare in the Berkshires for their care and compassion.

Please visit www.dwyerfuneral.com to leave condolences and remembrances.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

West Stockbridge, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Funeral Service
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Brian Bresnan - January 30, 2025 at 08:31 PM

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Beloved Family ~ We are with you remembering Dorothy and all of the family in Alford and all the way back to Monteviasco Italy through Pasquale and Rosalinda. Her stories--oh her stories--especially the "how to make" conversations over the phone to us in Maine and back. We treasure, especially her Italian wedding cookies and polenta instructions demonstrated here when she came for one of our kids' weddings along with Ranzoni cousins. The precious stories folded into the ingredients! We remember that flower-gathering day at the homestead in Alford, Angela. Am I remembering right that they were wild mountain laurel? Longed-for pink blossoms on short shrubs up through the pasture slope? She went for them the way we, here in Maine, return to patches of Mayflower's (arbutus) from our childhoods. We were in awe of her style and beauty, finding it hard to believe she was the age she was. We cherish our ties back through her mother, Ed's father's sister, and are everlastingly grateful for the ancestors and descendants that will keep us bound forever.

*In sadness and joy with all of you for having had her,
Cousins Ed and Pat Ranzoni and family*

Ed & Pat Ranzoni - July 30, 2023 at 01:39 PM

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*Hi Pat. I tried finding your phone number. Would love to catch up. Thank you for sharing your memories of my mom. She is so missed.
Christine*

christine Fred - July 30, 2023 at 08:35 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences are with all of you. We have been talking about our memories of Dorothy since learning this news. My uncle Jim Ranzoni, my mom Gail, and my sisters Ginni and Robyn in particular have been looking at this beautiful picture of Dorothy, reading about her life and family, and remembering her together.

Personally I enjoyed reading about what a wonderful woman she was to her closest family, her zest for life (all that cooking and camping! Let me guess - no leftovers ever of that Polenta.) I remember her arrivals at my grandparents' home when I was quite small to be a fun occurrence - a great smile and a fashionable woman whose hairstyle I loved. (Of course I was most impressed that she got the same name as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz!)

I wish I could say I remember more about her, and that I had known her better. I have not lived anywhere near home in a long time. The last time I saw her was at "the homestead" in Alford when either my father, grandfather or grandmother had passed, and the family was gathering at the two homes across the field from each other. She requested some gardening shears to collect some flowers from a flowering bush up back. I could see that these flowers meant a lot to her and that her love of nature and gardening were strong. It was a very short time with her that day, but I was lifted out of my sadness by the twinkle in her eye and happiness to walk up the hill for the flowers, probably something she had done many times. I learned today she lived there until she was 7. I will always appreciate her and her bright flowers. Love, Angela Ranzoni (and Will Gayer)

Angela Rose Ranzoni - July 26, 2023 at 04:50 PM

CF

Angela. Thank you so much for sharing your memories of my mom. It means so much!

christine Fred - July 30, 2023 at 08:32 PM

PR

“ Christine and family, Dot was my bus monitor for many years...we had more laughs and shared a friendship that was special...I tried to call a few times but no luck...I am so sorry to read of her passing...we were away...please know that I am sending prayers and love to you all...❤️🍀🙏

Paula Ryan - July 24, 2023 at 02:57 PM

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Hi Paula. I so remember you and your times with my mom. She always enjoyed a good laugh with you! Thank you for sharing!

christine Fred - July 30, 2023 at 08:33 PM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - July 24, 2023 at 09:40 AM