



Elizabeth "Betty" Chludzinski

December 2, 2019

Elizabeth "Betty" Shalley Chludzinski passed away December 2, 2019 at the age of 78 at Kimball Farms in Lenox, Massachusetts after a long illness. She was born in Lee, Massachusetts, the daughter of John F. and Marion Finning Shalley in 1941. Betty lived in Lee, Great Barrington, Windsor, and mostly in Pittsfield.

She graduated from Searles High School in Great Barrington where she was the class secretary of the class of 1958. She also graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in 1961; she was the class president each of the 3 years in nursing school. She later graduated from American International College in 1979 with a baccalaureate in human services. In 1981, she graduated from Russell Sage College with a master's degree in health education. She also took many courses at the Harvard School of Public Health.

In her early career, Betty worked at the former St. Luke's Hospital in the pediatric department; she followed this assignment by joining the faculty at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing. Perhaps she was known best as independently teaching childbirth education classes for many years. She brought these classes with her when she became the health promotion coordinator at Berkshire Medical Center. She later became the health promotion coordinator for western Massachusetts for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health; through this position she chaired a health promotion council that carried out many public events including a district-wide

walking program. She later became the associate director, and then the executive director, for the Lee Regional Visiting Nurse Association. She closed out her career by becoming the vice president of operations for the REACH Community Health Foundation, part of Northern Berkshire Healthcare, in North Adams.

Betty served on many boards during her career. She was president of the St. Luke's Alumni Association for a period of time. Her interests included gardening, reading, and following the Red Sox and Patriots. She enjoyed many of the cultural events that Berkshire County has to offer. She especially enjoyed the time spent with her family. She surrounded herself with friends and never lost contact if she could help it. Many of her friendships grew over the years and her closest friends were as dear to her as family. She was also involved with fundraising for nursing students in Tanzania and she was part of the Seton group, a local prayer group led by Sister Colette Hanlon, S.C. She married Theodore S. Chludzinski on May 25, 1963. Mr. Chludzinski passed away on November 25, 2011.

She is survived by four children, Stephen F. Chludzinski of Framingham, MA; Dr. Paula M. Shaw, her husband Dr. David Shaw and their two children, Alexis and Rebecca, all of San Diego, CA; Anne E. Law, her husband Christopher and their children, Emily and William, all of Concord, MA; and Michael J. Chludzinski, his wife Christina and their children, Jackson and Campbell, all of Chelmsford, MA. She is also survived by her sisters Patricia J. Boudreau of Pittsfield, MA and Maureen F. Yaffe of Great Barrington MA.

Funeral Services:

Friends and family are invited to attend visiting hours Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 4 pm until 7 pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St.

Pittsfield, MA. Funeral services for Betty will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 191 Elm St. in Pittsfield, MA celebrated by the Rev. Frank Lawlor. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Great Barrington, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kimball Farms Activity Funds LEP, 235 Walker

St., Lenox, MA 01240 or to the National Aphasia Association, P.O. Box 87, Scarsdale, NY 10583, both in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home in her memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

90 Stockbridge Rd
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
191 Elm St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Condolences to the Chludzinski family, I met Betty in person once when my mother came to America. Her whole life she sent letters to her husband’s family in Poland, who she only got to meet towards the end of her life. Her letters were always heartfelt and pure, she always updated us on how her family was doing and asked about ours. We thank her for her always reaching out to us despite the fact she hardly knew us. We will surely miss Betty and hope she is resting in peace*
Sokolowscy family, NY



renata sokolowska - December 25, 2019 at 11:27 PM

LF

“ *Your Mom and I worked together for a brief three years, but she impacted my life enormously. She was a great person and shared her warmth and intelligence without reserve.*

I'm thinking of you and wishing you peace at this impossible time.

Laura Flint

laura flint - December 12, 2019 at 07:06 PM

MS

“ *Condolences to the Chludzinski family on the passing of Betty. A donation has been made to Kimball Farm Activity Fund in her memory. I'll always remember her as a good friend. May she rest in peace.*

Marvin Sandler

Marvin Sandler - December 06, 2019 at 12:59 PM

MG

“ To Betty's Family,
Please accept our prayers and sympathy. Betty always wore a wonderful smile. Seeing her always brought back wonderful memories of St. Luke's Hospital where she was on staff with me Aunt Marguerite ("Tris"). My mom was at Providence Care the same time your dad was there. Betty and I would always see each other and exchange conversation on how our "patients" were doing. What a wonderful reunion for your dad. Keep memories close to your hearts.

Marie & Patrick Gormalley - December 06, 2019 at 06:00 AM

JF

“ Betty was a very special person. She was our nursing class organizer and held reunions at her home periodically. Early on we took trips together , notably our tour of Europe. If you needed some one to talk to ,she was always there to listen and give good advice. Betty has been missed during her illness and will continued to be missed. She will continued to be in my prayers and I know she will be looking out for all of us.



Nettie

Jeanette FURMAN - December 05, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - December 05, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Chludzinski.



December 04, 2019 at 11:07 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Chludzinski.



December 04, 2019 at 04:27 PM

JM

“ My first encounter with your mother was as a patient at St. Luke's Hospital, "back in '64". She was expecting Stephen, and was the NICEST of all the nurses. I was a little 7-year-old sick kid, and she fussed over me like I was her own. I'll always remember this and how in future visits she was positive and encouraging about all things in life. I just loved being with her. Our deepest sympathy to each of you; her wonderful children and grandchildren.

Jeanne McDonald - December 03, 2019 at 08:11 PM