



## Elizabeth A. "Betty" Harrington

September 27, 1936 - January 17, 2019

Elizabeth A. "Betty" Harrington, 82, of Pittsfield passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 17 at Berkshire Medical Center following a brief illness. Born on September 27, 1936 to Lewis F. and Helen "Red" McGivern Overbaugh, she was the fifth of seven children.

She was a 1954 Pro Merito graduate of Pittsfield High School where she was a member of the cheerleading squad.

An ambitious and hard-working woman, she began a 38 year career in the business office of The Berkshire Eagle after her graduation. She worked her way up the ladder and in 1971 she was promoted to the position of Display Advertising Manager. She was the first woman in the company's history to ever hold that position. During her career there she also wrote a column, "Cooking With Love" for the Sunday Sampler. At the time of her retirement in 1992 she served as the manager for the Advertising Production Department. She was proud to work for the Miller family.

In addition to her career, she enjoyed golfing, candlepin bowling, playing cards, traveling, and trips to the casinos, but the thing she enjoyed the most was cooking for her family and spending time at the various sporting events and dance recitals of her children and grandchildren and her cherished great-granddaughter.

She attended St. Charles Church.

On May 25, 1957 she married Robert J. "Manny" Harrington at St. Mark's Church in Pittsfield. They enjoyed 38 years of marriage until his death on

January 31, 1996. Betty retired early so that she could be the primary caregiver to her husband for several years before he passed, a job she handled with a lot of compassion and love.

She leaves behind to treasure her memory her daughter, Roberta L. "Robbie" or "Bird" Brassard and her husband Eric; her two sons, Christopher M. Harrington and his wife, Shauna and Patrick A. Harrington and his wife, Alison; her eight grandchildren, Halli Stewart and Brodi & Laken Harrington, Collin, Hayden & Cameron Harrington, and Michael & Ryleigh Brassard, and her great-granddaughter, Vera Rose Stewart. She also leaves her brothers, Lewis Overbaugh and his wife, Rita of Peabody, Mass. and James Overbaugh and his wife, Kim of Ballston Spa, New York, as well as her sister, Carole Jarvis, of Hollis, Maine, and her sister-in-law, Anne McGuigan.

In addition to her husband and parents she was predeceased by her siblings, Jeanne Overbaugh, Ann Huggins and her husband Frank, Mary Jones and her husband Jack; her mother-in-law, Anna "Muth" Harrington; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Glenna Benoit and her husband Art, Richard Harrington and his wife Hectarine, Donald Harrington and his wife Olive, Eunice Calkins and her husband Joel, Shirley Tart and her husband Ray, and Mike Harrington and his wife Clare, and Jimmy McGuigan, as well as several nieces, nephews, and close friends.

A shout out to the close group of friends that have included mom in lots of fun activities over the past 23 years She enjoyed your company immensely and looked forward to the time that she spent with each and every one of you. Especially thanks for the rides you gave her! Your friendship has been such a great source of comfort not only to her but to all of us as well. She leaves many friends, some of whom she has been friends with since elementary school. She always worked on her high school reunion and was looking forward to celebrating the 65th reunion this year.

The family would like to thank the staff of medical professionals at BMC 5th floor and 2nd floor as well as the ER staff as well as the staff at Mt. Greylock Extended Care, and the staff at HospiceCare in the Berkshires. A special

thanks to Dr. Sean Mulally.

Although she was plagued by health issues these past few years, she never gave up.

She was a loving Mom & Mimi. She stuck up for the underdog and always did the right thing. Her life was never easy but she made the best of the situation. She will be forever loved and missed.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Elizabeth A. "Betty" Harrington will be Wednesday, January 23, 2019 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrated by Msgr. Michael Shershanovich. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the Dwyer Funeral Home will be Tuesday evening, January 22, 2019 from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Moments House, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 in her memory.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 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

JAN 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church  
89 Briggs Ave.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

# Tribute Wall

HC

“ Betty we shared so many beautiful memories together from the start of working together at The Eagle being my Matron of Honor at my wedding with funny Manny being Ron's Best Man. Our trips to Pennsylvania and Vermont to look at timeshares, Oh what funny times. We even shared mutual Birthdays. Our family will miss you dearly, Helen, Ron, Glenn and Patricia. Love you Our Best Friend



Helen carr - January 25, 2019 at 03:19 PM

JJ

“ I left Pittsfield 42 years ago returning occasionally to visit. I always looked forward to seeing my Aunt Betty. She always had a smile on her face and joy in her heart. I'll miss her greatly. May she rest in peace.

John Jones - January 22, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - January 22, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elizabeth A. "Betty" Harrington.*



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January 22, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ *Robbie Christopher and Patrick. So sorry to hear of your beautiful mother's passing. I loved to see her playing cards with the girls at the Berkshire Hills C.C.. She always had a smile on her face. When ever Manny and your mom were in the room it was nothing but laughter, the jokes were endless. They were very of proud of you. Again so sorry for your loss. Frank and Trish Kellar. Winter Haven Florida*

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**Frank kellar** - January 22, 2019 at 06:56 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth A. "Betty" Harrington.*



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January 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I have many memories of Betty, but my besy memory is how she welcomed you into her house whether you were expected or not. The door was always open and the tea kettle was always on. Plus there was always something special in the oven. Sometimes it was something she made, but sometimes it was Entamin Cookies. That oven was never empty! Its the first place Ray looked when he entered! Rest in Peace my friend, we loved you a lot and will miss you forever.



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**Maureen Henault** - January 19, 2019 at 06:00 PM

SB

“ Sandra Baker lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth A. "Betty" Harrington



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**Sandra Baker** - January 19, 2019 at 02:59 PM

DB

“ Robbie and Family - so very sorry to hear of your Moms passing. She had a good life and from what I read she had quite a welcome when she reached the Pearly Gates. You were blessed to have a Mom who was loved by so many. May she rest in peace.

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**Dick & Kathy Brassard** - January 19, 2019 at 01:37 PM

DO

“ Betty you were always fun to work with and for. Enjoyed our few social events, breakfast on a recent Saturday with the Eagle people. RIP dear friend.

Donna Ostellino - January 18, 2019 at 11:45 PM

RO

“ Betty you will be missed so much. She was such a caring and thoughtful lady. She was more like a sister to me than a sister in law. Many happy memories will sustain us during this difficult time. RIP and fly with the angels, you earned your wings. Love you always.

Rita and Lew Overbaugh  
Peabody, Ma

rita overbaugh - January 18, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ One of the sweetest people I have ever known with a wicked sense of humor. I will miss that laugh and beautiful smile! Love to all you guys!! Cin and Tom

Cindy Sanford - January 18, 2019 at 08:58 PM

LF

Chris, Patrick and Robbie I am so sorry !! Betty and I have been close friends since high school. I will miss her.  
Love , Bunny

Loretta Fugman - January 21, 2019 at 03:39 PM