



Mrs. Elizabeth A. Pope

September 24, 1921 - March 9, 2015

Elizabeth Anne Malloy Sheehan Pope left this earthly realm on Monday, March 9, 2015 to finally rejoin her beloved husband. She died in her own bed after a short illness, with her granddaughters by her side.

Betty was beautiful, smart, kind, witty, and proud to be Irish. She was always late, loved shopping, chocolate, baking, reading, seeing her friends, correcting any improper grammar, adored animals of all shapes and sizes, and above all, loved her family. Betty doted on her children and grandchildren, always striving to do the right thing. She encouraged creativity and frivolity, but was strict about schooling and behavior. She was humble but stately, meek, yet fierce, and seriously funny. She was “eminently loveable,” and so very wise. In her last years, Betty battled dementia, but her pleasant and kind spirit never left her. She astounded us with her profound observations, her infallible humor, and her indelible grace. She thanked us often for taking care of her, and made doing so such an honor and a pleasure.

Betty entered the world on September 24, 1921 as the darling middle child of William E. and Mary (Malloy) Sheehan. She attended Longmeadow and Springfield schools, graduating with honors from Cathedral High School in 1939.

She continued her education at Our Lady of the Elms College, where she majored in Spanish and was her class treasurer. She graduated with honors in 1943. She worked as a substitute teacher in Springfield area schools for a short time.

She met the love of her life, Frederick J. Pope, Jr, at the historic Tech-Cathedral football game on November 11, 1941. While she failed to impress him on that cold rainy day with her red nose and dripping wet hair, she captured his heart on their first date, as she walked down the stairs to greet him. He would be enamored with her for the rest of his life. Fred and Betty married after he completed his service in WWII, at St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow, MA, on June 8, 1946.

They lived for a short time with her parents until Fred took a job at GE in Pittsfield, MA. They lived in Lenoxdale while looking for a permanent home. They bought a home in 1951 and rebuilt it together. They lived in their home until their passing. She volunteered as a Grey Lady at the local hospital, she worked as a proofreader for the Berkshire Eagle, and she ensured that her children and husband were fed, clean, and clothed. When she retired from the Eagle, she filled her time with her family, traveling to Europe three times, and frequenting the Cape in the fall months.

"Queen Bett" leaves her three children, Frederick J. Pope, MD and his wife Jean, of Rocky Hill, CT; Elizabeth P. Gregory, of Pittsfield, MA; and Christopher Charles Pope, of Belchertown, MA. She also leaves eight grandchildren-Christopher Jr., Frederick Jr., Timothy, and Jonathan Pope; Darlene and Kirstie Gregory; and Kevin and Daniel Flynn, as well as five great-grandchildren and multiple nieces and nephews. Betty also leaves behind her treasured cat, Troubles. She was predeceased by her husband "Freddie" on May 18, 2013, her sister and brother-in-law, Mary (Sheehan) and John C. Moore, her brother William E. Sheehan, and a granddaughter, Kimberly Jill Parker.

We would like to thank Home Instead Senior Care, especially Dianne, Patrice, and Theresa, not only for caring for her when we were unavailable, but for showing her such love and respect.

Funeral Notice:

Please celebrate her life with us at Dwyer Funeral Home on March 13, 2015. Calling hours will be from 11am-12:30pm, followed by a Liturgy of Christian

Burial at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Church celebrated by Msgr. Michael Shershanovich, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery with a ceremony to wish her a final farewell. We ask that everyone wear something purple in her memory. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Eleanor Sonsini Animal Rescue, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA, in her memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Church
414 North St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ellen Pope Middleton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Pope*



Barbara Ellen Pope Middleton - March 22, 2015 at 03:11 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Pope.*



March 12, 2015 at 06:23 AM