



Mrs. Florence M. Avery

May 6, 1921 - January 9, 2022

Florence Avery, age 100, died peacefully on January 9, surrounded by loved ones. She was born in Corona, NY, to the late Maria Antonia Mazarella and Antonio Mazzone. She moved to the Berkshires as a young bride and was a 75-year resident of Pittsfield/Lanesboro. She started her career as a mail girl with GE and was later employed at Eaton Paper and then England Brothers as a sales clerk. Florence joined the Lanesborough Senior Center as a volunteer around age 80, finally "retiring" at age 95. She delighted her friends and family with delicious home-baked treats, including trays of Italian Christmas cookies, whipped cream cakes, cherry squares, rum cakes, and her famous brownies. Florence enjoyed playing Bingo and Uno with family and friends, and loved to hop on the bus to Foxwoods Casino with her friends, spending hours at the Triple Diamonds slots machine.

She was predeceased by her husband Lester Avery and daughter Carol Belcher. Survived by son William Avery; grandchildren Michael Belcher and Lindsay Avery; special grand nieces Leslie Smith and Diane Slack; grand nephew Jeff Simpson; niece Frances Mazzone; and a loving extended family too large to list including many other nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews, and great-grand nieces and nephews. Also survived by treasured friends Julie Taylor and Wendy & Pete Joyce.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Lanesborough

Council on Aging/Senior Center, 83 North Main Street, P.O. Box 1492,
Lanesborough, MA 01237.

Tribute Wall

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“ There are so many nice things that ca be said for this lovely lady! God bless her for her brownies and her kindness! Rest in peace dear Mrs. Avery.

Kathy Truden Brassard - January 19, 2022 at 02:58 PM

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“ Mrs. Avery was always so nice to us neighborhood kids. She was not only Mom to Billy and Carol, she was like a Mom to the rest of us kids. We were always welcome in her home. I was the local paper boy for many years and knew everyone in the neighborhood. Her and Lester were, like I said, so very nice. She will live on in my memory.

Michael Truden - January 17, 2022 at 04:53 PM

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“ In the 60's I lived with the Maschino family next store. I remember riding go karts and Honda motorcycle. Florence loved to make brownies for us kids. She was always very pleasant. She was our own Betty White. RIP

Mike(Mickey)Spelman

Mike Spelman - January 15, 2022 at 10:38 AM