



## Mrs. Frances R. Martin

March 23, 1922 - September 20, 2020

Mrs. Frances R. Martin, 98, of Pittsfield, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 20, 2020. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on March 23, 1922, the daughter of the late Guiseppe and Mary Mirabile LoCascio, she graduated from Pittsfield High School.

Frances was the fourth daughter of the six beautiful LoCascio sisters from West Pittsfield. As a young girl, she worked at GE Ordinance as a secretary. She then worked at St. Luke's Hospital as a Nurse's Aide and retired from Berkshire Medical Center as a Surgical Technician in 1984 to care for her husband Bill.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, crossword puzzles, and old movies--especially *Wuthering Heights* and *Gone with the Wind*. She loved Italian songs from Bocelli and Pavarotti. But most of all, she loved being with and caring for her family. Whoever came to the door on East Street was welcomed with a cup of coffee and was made to feel at home and part of her family. Her children will never forget Sundays with conversation and laughter around her dining room table. She was our glue, our matriarch.

Frances was predeceased by her beloved husband Bill of 44 years, whom she married on November 9, 1940. Bill passed away on September 17, 1985. She is survived by her seven children, Anthony Martin (Sharon), Judy Wasuk (Don), Frances Mason (John), Mary Jane Apple (David), Barbara Bramer (Denny), William J. Martin, and Tina Archambault (Dean). Frances leaves 19 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren. She is

also survived by her sisters, Jenny Ramsey and Josephine Pigott, as well as many nieces and nephews. Frances was predeceased by her sisters, Julia Cary, Anne Geary, Augustine Parise (Dolly) and her granddaughter Karen Bramer.

The family would like to thank Mount Greylock ECF for their outstanding care of our mother in her final years.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances R. Martin will be Friday, September 25, 2020 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, celebrated by the Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Pastor. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. There will be an hour of visitation prior to the service from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 525 Main Street, Dalton, MA 01226. While COVID-19 safety measures will be enforced, those who are unable to attend can view a live webcast of the service on St. Agnes' direct website, [www.stagnesc.com](http://www.stagnesc.com). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Mount Greylock ECF-Resident's Activities Fund in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home in her memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church  
489 Main St.  
Dalton, MA 01226

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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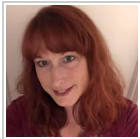
“ *My dear cousins and family. My sincerest sympathy to all. Such a sweetheart she was and that humor always made me laugh. She will be missed. The Mass was beautiful. She is smiling down with Uncle Bill. May they both now share eternal peace and happiness.*



*Love Cousin Debbie*

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**Debra Ramsey Fortune** - September 25, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ *Debbie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances R. Martin*



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**Debbie Jones** - September 25, 2020 at 07:27 AM

NP

“ *Dear Martin Family  
Francie's beautiful smile says it all! A life well lived full of caring, loving, and open arms for all. So many wonderful memories of visiting on East St with my Mom and always being welcomed with her lovely smile. Please know that your Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma, and Great Great Grandma will be remembered as a gentle soul who graced this planet with her presence and that we all are so blessed to have been a part of her life. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, thank you for sharing her with us.  
Much love  
Nancy (Curley) Peterson, Jack, and Jim*

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**Nancy Peterson** - September 24, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ 106 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - September 24, 2020 at 10:06 AM

EC

“ *Dear Judy Don and family,  
May all the wonderful memories of your Mom  
live on in your hearts and help two during this  
difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts are  
with you  
Love Elaine and Ron Clausen.*



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**Elaine and Ron Clausen** - September 23, 2020 at 11:02 AM

MA

“ Dear Tina and my second-family brothers and sisters of the Martin clan,

*Words cannot express how much your mother meant to me. She was a huge part of my life. I am so grateful that I had the honor of knowing her, and sitting at her table for her amazing cooking, and sharing all the love that she poured into those family meals. Her home was always warm and welcoming. She was a lovely, lovely, kind, and caring lady who always put others first. I will never forget her.*

*Love you all,  
Mary*

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**Mary** - September 23, 2020 at 10:10 AM

CM

“ Cheri and I offer our heartfelt condolences to Tina, Dean & the entire Martin family. We got the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Martin at gatherings on Christmas Day at Tina & Dean's home, enjoying visiting & the most amazing desserts. Mrs. Martin was a wonderful welcoming person with a quick wit and who clearly was loved and cherished, and was center of the Martin family. There's no doubt Mrs Martin will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace Mrs. Martin. ❤️

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**Cheri and Marcel** - September 23, 2020 at 06:09 AM