



## Mrs. Harriet M. Hallas

September 3, 1930 - January 10, 2021

Harriet Masterman Hallas, 90, of Lee, MA and a longtime resident of Pittsfield, MA, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

Born in Lawrence, MA on September 3, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Dorothy Masterman and grew up in Beverly, MA where she graduated from Beverly High School with the Class of 1948. Harriet married her husband, the late Kenneth B. Hallas, on April 20, 1968 and soon started a family which they raised in Pittsfield. After her husband passed away, she moved to Pineville, NC to enjoy warmer weather and to spend time with her grandchildren.

Harriet worked most of her career in finance and accounting at the United Shoe Corp., WBZ Boston Radio Station, Friendly's Ice Cream, and L.F. Gigliotti, Inc. Harriet was most proud of being a homemaker and a mother to her three children. She enjoyed being a Girl Scout leader for her daughters' troops and took on the task of Area Cookie Coordinator for many years, filling up her house with hundreds of cases of Girl Scout cookies each year. Harriet was also an active member of South Congregational Church serving as Church Pledge Secretary for more the 20 years, volunteering endless hours with St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen, was a member of the church Bell and Chancel Choirs, knit many of prayer shawls with the Yarn Spinners, and was a member of the May H. Mattoon Class and Ladies Benevolent Society. She rarely turned down a glass of wine, an opportunity to socialize, or a chance to beat someone at a game of cards.

Harriet leaves her loving children Sheila H. Dunning and her husband Timothy and their daughter, Emerson Grace of Clinton, CT; David K. Hallas and his wife Kerri of Pittsfield and his stepchildren, Kaylee, Shawn and Luke, and Donna H. Nicosia and her husband Michael and their two sons, Riley and William, of Waxhaw, NC. She was predeceased by her brother, Charles Reed Masterman, who died as a young child.

Funeral Notice:

A memorial service celebrating the life of Harriet M. Hallas will be held at a later date when it is safe to gather again. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to South Congregational Church, 110 South Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Harriet M. Hallas.*



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June 15, 2021 at 01:50 PM

SO

“ *I met Harriet in the chancel choir at Pineville United Methodist Church, in Pineville, NC. To be honest, I was kind of scared of her to begin with! But once I got to know her, and she me, I started to learn a little about her and came to like and respect her. She cared about doing quality singing in the choir and didn't hesitate to say when she was displeased. I so wish I had known more of her life that I read about in her obituary. My husband Dave and I send our deepest condolences to the family.*  
*Sue Ogden, Charlotte, NC*

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**Susan Ogden** - January 21, 2021 at 08:18 AM

JW

“ *I remember my aunt Harriet as loving and caring for my Uncle Ken and their children, Sheila, Donna and David. I visited them many times in Pittsfield and they would often come visit my family in New Hampshire. My condolences to her family and especially to my cousins, She was a wonderful lady and will be missed, God Bless.*  
*Jay Webster*

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**Jay Webster** - January 18, 2021 at 10:14 AM

TF

“ Davy, Shelia, Donna and families, sorry about Harriet’s passing. Fondly remembered as a feisty girl, I always enjoyed the many encounters we shared. You guys played a big part in our early years at Flynnns which we will always be thankful for. Our best, Tom and Donna

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**Tom Flynn** - January 16, 2021 at 07:52 PM

DC

“ I grew up around the corner from Sheila, Dave and Donna and we were and are all friends since childhood and spent many an afternoon hanging out at their house. Harriet was always there watching over us and being a great mom to her 3 children. As an adult I moved away from Pittsfield but always made it a point to stop and visit and chat about what was going on in life. Her door was always open. Harriet was one of the funniest, warmest caring people I've ever known and fiercely proud of her children and grandchildren. She will be sorely missed.

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**Doug Carlson** - January 15, 2021 at 01:18 PM

MW

“ Harriet and Ken were such fun!  
They would always make you laugh.  
Many great memories on Commonwealth Ave.  
The hamsters in the kitchen, the ice rink in the backyard...many more!  
She and Mary did such a great job with the Girl Scout meetings. I know how hard it was for her when she lost her Ken. Sheila, David and Donna you all did a great job to help her move forward. She loved you all so much.  
Harriet was such a good person and always helping at her church and just plain FUN (even when she gave me look 🙄) !  
Meg Ward

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**Meg Ward** - January 15, 2021 at 12:25 PM

MD

“ So very sorry for your loss Dave, Kerri and family ❤️🙏 sending love and healing prayers May you all find peace in the day ahead love Michele Drysgola



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**michele Drysgola** - January 15, 2021 at 09:01 AM