



Mrs. Joan M. Hayford

September 1, 1927 - September 28, 2022

Mrs. Joan M. Hayford, of Pittsfield, passed away on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, just three weeks after celebrating her 95th birthday. Born in North Adams, MA, on September 1, 1927, the daughter of the late Roger and Mildred Adams Saulnier, she graduated from Pittsfield High School with the class of 1944, and later from the Vocational School of Nursing in 1975. Joan also attended classes at Berkshire Community College.

For the majority of her career, Joan was employed by Berkshire Medical Center, where she worked as an LPN. It was there she dedicated 30 years and, in 1989, was voted the Nurse of the Year by her peers. Following her retirement, Joan worked in private nursing until she was 90 years old!

Among many things, she enjoyed traveling, especially to Florida, where she wintered. She loved knitting and sewing, especially for her family, who was of utmost importance to her.

Joan was predeceased by her beloved husband of nearly 60 years, Albert "Buddy" Hayford. Buddy passed away on March 31, 2004. She is survived by her sons, Albert C. Hayford, Jr (Joanie) and Gene Hayford, (Vicki) as well as her daughters, Sharon Dewey (Phil) and Susan Villanova (Tony). Joan was also blessed with 14 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren. Besides her husband, she was also predeceased by her

daughter, Gail Beron, as well as her longtime companion, Emil Marquis and his family.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Joan M. Hayford will be Tuesday, October 4, 2022 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 am at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, Pastor Emeritus. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, where Joan will be laid to rest beside her late husband, Albert. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St, Pittsfield MA 01201.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan M. Hayford.* ”



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