



Joyce L. McGibbon-Eberth

January 22, 1928 - February 1, 2013

Joyce L. McGibbon-Eberth, age 85, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on Friday, February 1, 2013. Joyce is predeceased by her husband of 41 years, Peter Eberth, and is survived by her three sons, Paul Eberth of Ponoka, Alberta, Karl Eberth (Jacki) of West Pawlet, Vermont, and David Eberth (Marty) of Morrin, Alberta, by her grandchildren, Mark Eberth (Betsy) of Pittsfield, Sheila Eberth of Pittsfield, and Adrian Eberth of West Pawlet, Vermont, and her great grandchildren, Parker and Austin Blessing of Pittsfield.

Joyce originally moved to the Berkshires in 1963 with her husband Peter and their three children, living variously in Lee, East Lee, Lenox and Tyringham until Peter's death in 1988. During the past 22 years she resided in Pittsfield with her long time, and caring companion Gary Burke.

Joyce was fiercely committed to family and friends, and to learning about life and human nature. She read voraciously and was always eager to share and discuss her insights in the hope of bringing the best out in others.

She was born Joyce Lucille McGibbon in Winnipeg, Manitoba, January 22, 1928. She remained a proud Canadian and prairie girl throughout her life, maintaining ties with childhood and family friends. During WWII, Joyce's mother opened their home to RAF airmen who came to Canada to train. It was there that Joyce met her future husband, Peter. After the war they married and eventually settled in the Montreal area where their three sons were born. Peter's work and curiosity took them to Chile, where Joyce

developed her love of the Spanish language. Further opportunities took them back to Canada, Pennsylvania, and eventually the Berkshires, where they settled permanently. Joyce was a deeply devoted wife and mother. When her children left home she assisted Peter in his graphic arts business until his death, after which she was engaged in the volunteer community by reading for the blind and teaching at the adult learning center.

Funeral Notice:

A simple and private service has already been held by family and close friends; no other services are planned. We thank the staff of CCU at Berkshire Medical Center for the professional care and wonderful consideration they provided Joyce and all of us during her time at the unit. Donations in lieu of flowers or gifts can be made in Joyce's name to the Pittsfield Christian Center, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201.

DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ Paul, Karl, David and family,
We knew Joyce and Peter as neighbors when they resided at the Garfield House behind us. Joyce had a talent for decorating her place to make it feel comfortable and homey. She and I had many talks and although I never met you, she spoke of all your talents and how she loved you. She tried to understand all the intricacies of life and was an intelligent woman searching for the truth. We spent many evenings in conversations and playing bridge also after an enjoyable meal. She and Peter also shared with us the beautiful scenery of the Tyringham hills in their home there. Our sympathy goes out to all of you in your loss and Gary thank you for being a supportive, caring companion to Joyce.
Bob & Janice Welcome
Lee, MA

Robert A. Welcome - February 06, 2013 at 10:24 PM

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“ Paul, I remember when I first met your Mother in Lee when we were in college. I thought, "What a beautiful woman". She was a lovely person as well and extremely intelligent. She and I had many talks over the years and a few visits. I last spoke to her in the Summer of 2010. I only wish I knew she was ill and I could have visited her. I knew her these last 45 years as a kind ,caring, beautiful woman. I am very sorry for your and your children's loss. Love,Christine

Christine Finn-Decker - February 05, 2013 at 07:59 AM