



## Mrs. Marianne E. Rud

March 30, 1931 - June 1, 2022

Mrs. Marianne E. Rud, of Pittsfield, passed away on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, shortly after celebrating her 91st birthday. Born in Mount Kisco, NY on March 30, 1931, the daughter of the late George and Ellen Hughes Ellis, she graduated from Oneonta State Teachers College and later received a master's degree from American International College and a doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts – Amherst.

Marianne was an educator in Berkshire County in public K-12 schools, and she and her family established The Berkshire Learning Center in Pittsfield in 1973. She retired in 1997. She strongly believed in paying attention to individual needs and abilities in education.

Among many things, she enjoyed flower gardening, helping others learn, reading, current events, as well as all the beautiful Berkshires offer, especially summer cultural activities. She always put her family first and foremost.

Marianne was predeceased by her beloved husband of 49 years, Anthony G. Rud, whom she married on August 15, 1959. Anthony passed away on November 19, 2008 and their son Ellis A. Rud passed away on November 27, 2018 (survived by his wife Flavia Mastellone) and adopted niece Barbara Berson Schwonke passed away on December 2, 2018 (survived by her husband Paul Schwonke and daughter Alda Schwonke Hilsinger). She is

survived by her son, Anthony G. Rud Jr. (Rita), adopted niece Betsyanne Berson Coes (Steve), as well as her grandchildren, Ellen Rud Gentile (Joseph), Rachel Rud, Alda Schwonke Hilsinger, and Daniel Coes, and great grandchildren Calvin and Mary Hilsinger, and Patton and Sterling Gentile.

Funeral Notice:

A memorial reception for Marianne E. Rud was held. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to Saint Stephen's Church in Pittsfield