



Mrs. Mary "Theresa" Dugan

July 2, 1927 - August 8, 2023

Mary "Theresa" Dugan (née Rose) died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on August 8th, 2023, in Pittsfield, MA at the age of 96.

Theresa was born on July 2nd, 1927 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. She was the seventh of nine children to Alfred and Florence Rose, the only child to be born in a hospital. As young women Theresa and her sister Flo bravely moved to Boston where they worked and proudly became US citizens. During that time while attending a dance she met her future husband, Donald Dugan. They fell in love and married in 1949. Theresa and Donald moved several times for work before settling in Pittsfield, MA in 1962.

Theresa enjoyed hosting parties, sharing a cocktail, cooking, knitting, ceramics, word searches, card games (Auction), playing the organ, travelling, and most of all spending time with her family whom she loved more than words can express.

Every year, full of excitement, love, and anticipation, Theresa and Flo prepared for the summer long visit back home to P.E.I. They were two women with six carsick, bored children making the 700 mile, 2 day trip on rural roads in a small Rambler sedan with no air conditioning. Now that's determination. Each summer they made the trip and cherished every minute with family back

on “the island”.

Theresa worked for the Pittsfield School system for many years and was an active and dedicated member of the former St. Francis Catholic church where she was a Eucharistic minister. Theresa remained an active member at St. Agnes church of Dalton. Even when her health declined, she still made a point to attend Mass via livestream every Saturday.

She is preceded in death by her husband Donald N. Dugan of Pittsfield, MA (1985), her sister-in-laws Natalie and her husband Dick and Barbara, her parents Alfred and Florence Rose of Lakeville, P.E.I., Canada as well as her siblings; Anna and her husband Joseph, Elizabeth and her husband Ernie, Margaret and her husband Stuart, Francis and his wife Fran, Ernest and his wife Patricia, and Kenneth of P.E.I., Canada and most recently her sister and best friend Florence at the age of 99 and her husband Angus (Clemy) of Chalfont, PA.

Theresa is survived by her four children; Cheryle (Alfred) Veit of Pahrump, NV, Donna Sadighi of Richmond, MA, Glenn (Kelly) Dugan of Pittsfield, MA, Laurie (Robert) Macchi of Pittsfield, MA, her brother Daniel Rose of Lakeville, P.E.I, Canada as well many nieces and nephews. Theresa is survived by her nine grandchildren; Diana (Benjamin), E.J (Caitlin), Lisa, Courtney (Brad), D.J, Lindsey (Dave), Allison (Eric), Katie (Kevin) and Ryan, her beloved 10 great-grandchildren; Maddie, Jetty, Mae, Lily, Mina, McKenna, Farrah, Emily, Maverick, and Riley. Along with her family Theresa leaves many friends that will miss her dearly.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Theresa will be Friday, August 18, 2023, at 11am at St. Agnes Church, celebrated by the Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Pastor. Private burial will follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shiner's Hospitals for Children. The family would like to thank Missy, her HospiceCare nurse, Theresa's nephew Rick Healy and niece Cindy McDonald Isenhardt, and the many other caregivers at hospice for their efforts, care and dedication.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

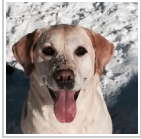
Previous Events

Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Laurie,
We were so sad to hear off the passing of your mother! She was always so much fun! A very classy lady with a twinkle in her eye! Steve and I send our sympathy. You will be in our thoughts!
Steve and Sandi Sakowski.

Sandi Sakowski - August 24, 2023 at 01:25 PM

RG

“ To Cheryl, Donna, Glenn and Laurie, and family:

My siblings and I were saddened to hear of your loss. Your mom was such a kind friend to our mother (Marge Griffith) and our family over the decades - long after we were no longer neighbors. Countless times when visiting by ailing mother in her nursing home, I would hear my mother say, “Theresa Dugan called me today.” - and that inevitably meant my mother would be in great spirits.

She will be remembered fondly by many.

Rod Griffith - August 18, 2023 at 09:40 AM

JM

“ Dear Cheryl, Donna, Glenn, Laurie and families.
Thinking of you as you celebrate a life well lived and a beautiful person in your Mother.
I hope your memories will comfort you💕
Our sympathies and loving thoughts are being sent to you.
Love Randy, Jeanette and family

jeanette macaulay - August 18, 2023 at 07:29 AM

TR

“ I admittedly didn't know granny for very long but she was the type of person to whom that didn't matter. Whether she knew you for five minutes or five decades, she always treated you and everyone you loved as one of her own. I met her only a few times but she treated me as if I was the most interesting person in the room, she would ask how you were doing and would genuinely care how you actually are doing. Her legacy lives on in the beautiful souls she helped to mold into amazing people that I am honored to call friends. Rest in eternal peace, until we meet again.

Troy

Troy - August 18, 2023 at 12:55 AM

VM

“ Cheryl, Donna, Glenn and Laurie, and family.

I'm so sorry for your loss.

Your mom was a wonderful person. I'll miss her a great deal.

I remember your mom from the school cafeterias, she was always a welcoming smile in the lunch line.

I'll especially miss how your mom could make someone feel when they visited, that no matter what was happening in life at the time she always had a smile for you and wanted you to sit down for a bit and talk. I loved the stories her and Flo shared with me.

Your mom was a gem, and the world has a little less light without her in it.

Love
Val

val mongue - August 16, 2023 at 10:20 PM

DA

“ So very sorry for your loss , memories will be always be in my heart of Aunt Theresa and the trips she and family made to the Rose homestead in North Lake PEI. Love from Donald Avery and family

Donald Avery - August 16, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary "Theresa" Dugan.



August 16, 2023 at 04:03 PM