



## Mrs. Mary B. Moesley

November 3, 1925 - July 5, 2025

Mrs. Mary B. Moesley, of Lanesborough, MA, passed away on Saturday, July 5, 2025, just months shy of celebrating her 100th birthday. Born in Worcester, MA, on November 3, 1925, daughter of the late Francis and Edna Cummings Burke, she graduated from the former St. Joseph High School with the class of 1943.

For the majority of her career, Mary was employed by the Lanesborough Public School where she worked as an aide. It was from there that she retired after 15 years of dedicated service. She was the director of the Girls Club After School Youth Program for 9 years. She was a substitute paraprofessional for Pittsfield Public Schools, taught at the Bearcare Preschool program, as well as dance at her home.

Mary was always very active in her church and community. She was devoted to her Catholic faith. At St. Charles Borromeo parish she served as a lector and Eucharist minister. She was very involved in the religious education programs, teaching both children and adults and was a faithful member of the Rosary Sodality. In addition, she supported her husband, Bill, during his formation in the diaconate program. For many years Mary was an associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph and was blessed to have many of the nuns in her life.

Mary found a special purpose with her ministry at the Berkshire County House of Correction where she regularly helped lead the Residents Encounter Christ program. She volunteered weekly with this program until she was 98 years old. She also volunteered at Lanesborough School until she was 95 helping children with Reading and Math skills.

As a young adult she founded an all girls band, Mary Burke and the Rhythm Girls. They entertained at various venues during World War II. She was happy to be able to contribute to raising morale on the home front during the war. She also marched as a drum majorette in the local parade celebrating VE Day.

Mary enjoyed traveling both within the United States and abroad. She had many fond memories of camping with her husband and family in their popup trailer. They had fun adventures in Maine, Myrtle Beach, Florida and many other destinations. Many of Mary and Bill's travels involved their dear friends, Jane and Harmon Witter. With the Witters they traveled to Nashville to listen to country music and to various other places to attend antique car shows. In recent years she particularly enjoyed her yearly summer visits to Cape Cod with her extended family.

She was extremely proud of her Irish heritage and had fond memories of visiting Ireland on two occasions. Other favorite overseas trips included Italy and attending the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany.

Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband of 64 years, Deacon William G. Moesley, whom she married on June 18, 1949. Bill passed away on July 5, 2013. She was also predeceased by her sister, Marita Burnick.

She is survived by her children, Susan Moesley, Ann Hall (John), William "Bif" Moesley, Joseph Moesley, and Patricia Moesley (Michael Ragusa), as well as

her 5 grandchildren, Laura Hall (Andrew Shaw), Karen Kaiser (Tracy), Joey Moesley, Jr., Chrissy Moesley (Andy Thompson) and Cassi Moesley (Rodney Cappotto). She leaves behind her 10 great grandchildren, Ethan, Hannah, Caroline, Chase, Shaniah, Cynthia, Drew, Lily, Jack, James, her brother, Raymond Ferrarin (Barbara), and several nieces and nephews.

Mary's family wishes to thank her physicians, Dr. Catherine Keating and Dr. David Albert both of whom provided outstanding care to Mary for many years. The family is also very grateful to her recent caregiver, Holly, who was always dedicated and compassionate during her time caring for Mary and to the many Hospice workers and volunteers who also faithfully provide care and comfort. Mary received excellent service from the Lanesborough Volunteer Fire Department, Police Department and especially EMT Jen Weber and her team. Mary's family wishes to thank them as well.

#### Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary B. Moesley will be Saturday, July 12, 2025, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9:30am at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. Matthew Barone, Pastor. Burial will follow at Mountain View Cemetery in Lanesborough. Calling hours will be Friday, July 11, 2025, from 4pm to 6pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Friends wishing to make a donation in Mary's memory may do so to either the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Lanesborough Volunteer Fire Department, or St. Charles Church, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Mountainview Cemetery

Lanesborough, MA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 442-5094  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Service

JUL 12. 9:30 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“*Mary is and always will be one of the kindest, smartest, sweetest, funniest, most curious and open hearted woman I ever had the pleasure to meet. Forgive me, Mary, flu kept me from saying a formal goodbye, but you will always have a place in my heart and in the heart of the Town.*”

Lorna Gayle - July 14, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“*54 files added to the album LifeTributes*”



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - July 11, 2025 at 08:39 AM

BY

*It is with heartfelt sadness that I learned of Mary's calling at St Charles Mass today. She was truly a child of God who selflessly led many souls to Christ with her deep abiding faith. Nonetheless, I am comforted to acknowledge with blessed assurance that she has been eternally reunited with Bill. God surely has a very special place in heaven reserved for Mary and Bill for the spreading of their deep faith. I will miss her beautiful cheery face at Church. I pray for Our Lord's comfort and grace upon all the Moesley family. Mary was blessed to have such fine daughters whose love, devotion and care carried her through her senior years feeling pride and comfort. Dear Mary - you will be dearly missed. 🥹🙏❤️*

Bob Yarmey - July 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Chrissy ,Cassi, Joey and Mary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary B. Moesley.*

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**Chrissy ,Cassi, Joey and Mary** - July 10, 2025 at 10:51 PM

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“ *Chrissy ,Cassi, Joey and Mary purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Mary B. Moesley.*



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**Chrissy ,Cassi, Joey and Mary** - July 10, 2025 at 10:51 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was a wonderful lady - loved by everyone who had the chance to know her. Heaven is a little bit brighter now that she is there, reunited with Bill. Rest in peace my friend. Job well done!*

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**Robbie Harrington Brassard** - July 10, 2025 at 03:20 PM

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“ *The Kaiser family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary B. Moesley.*



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**The Kaiser family** - July 10, 2025 at 09:21 AM

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“ Nancy O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary B. Moesley.

Nancy O. - July 09, 2025 at 05:43 PM

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“ My family has such wonderful memories of growing up with Mary, Bill, and the children! Mary had a great sense of humor. The Moesley children and the O'Brien children were close in age and so we spent a lot of time together. Mary and her girls reached out to my family when various members of my family passed away. Most recently was two years ago, when one of my brothers passed away. She was still pretty spry!

Nancy O'Brien Slade - July 09, 2025 at 05:37 PM

MT

“ Susan, Ann & Family - Very sorry for the loss of your mom. She was such a wonderful person - an angel here on earth. She was always so happy and positive and never missed an opportunity to stop and say hello. The world is a better place because of Mary Moesley. Rest in peace, Mary.

Mary Lou Prendergast Trzcinka - July 09, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ My condolences to Mary's family. I had the honor of working with Mary at Lanesborough School. She was well loved by children and teachers alike. Her kind and loving personality was like a magnet, drawing others to her. She will be missed greatly by all who knew her.

Kyle O'Brien - July 09, 2025 at 12:29 PM

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“ All our love, The Cantarella Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary B. Moesley.



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All our love, The Cantarella Family - July 09, 2025 at 11:48 AM

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All our love, The Cantarella Family - July 09, 2025 at 11:48 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to Mary's family. She was truly one remarkable woman. Mary and Bill were friends and neighbors of my parents in Lanesboro. All together again in eternal life.

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Patricia (O'DONNELL) Hogan - July 09, 2025 at 09:36 AM