



## Mary C. Rice

March 23, 1919 - June 22, 2011

Mary C. (Connolly) Rice, 92, formerly of 140 Melbourne Rd., died Wednesday morning at Berkshire Place. Born on March 23, 1919 the daughter of John J. and Mary E. (Feeney) Connolly she was a 1936 graduate of St. Joseph's High School and class Valedictorian. She was a 1939 graduate of the St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in New York, NY where she was also Student Council President. After graduation Mary Rice stayed in New York, where she would make her home for the next forty seven years until moving back to Pittsfield in 1998.

She was a US Army Veteran of WWII where she served as an Anesthetist Nurse and earned the rank of 1st Lieutenant. She was awarded the American Defense Service Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal.

Mary Rice had a lifelong love of travel. She and her late husband Frank A. Rice, whom she married on December 1, 1951 in Pittsfield, traveled extensively in the U.S., Europe, Africa, Asia and South America. Frank passed away in 2004.

She leaves a daughter, Mary Ellen Staley of Berlin, VT and a son Robert Rice and his wife Debbie and their daughter Hailey Houde of Gansevoort, NY; 2 sisters, Kathleen T. Connolly of Pittsfield and Sheila A. Connolly of Milford, PA; a sister in law, Marie Connolly; many nieces and nephews. Mary Rice was predeceased by her son, John F. Rice, who died in 1990, and 3 brothers, Francis W. Connolly, John R. Connolly and Thomas M. Connolly. The family of Mary C. Rice would like to express a special thanks to the staff at Berkshire

Place and Hospice Care in the Berkshires for their kind compassion and care. Funeral services for Mary C. Rice will be Monday, June 27, 2011 at 10 am from the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 am in Sacred Heart Church. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Sunday, June 26, 2011 from 3 – 5 pm. If friends desire, donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Church Campaign Fund, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, in her memory.