



Mrs. Miriam Aikens

February 22, 1925 - October 8, 2011

Mrs. Miriam Allen Aikens, 86, died Saturday evening at Springside of Pittsfield. Born in Fall River, MA on February 22, 1925 the daughter of Ralph and Rita Willis Allen, she was a 1944 graduate of Northfield Mount Hermon High School.

Miriam's love of music, art, dance and nature was evident throughout her life in all she did. She instilled in her children that same love and appreciation. She was a soloist at various churches; she played the piano and took part in theatrical productions. She was also an artist, painting many of her favorite nature scenes.

Miriam enjoyed photography and travel, both of which she did extensively in her later years.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arnold Norris Aikens, whom she married in 1945. He died in 1992. She leaves 4 daughters, Laurie Donovan of Richmond, MA, Lynn Isabelle of Medway, MA, Meredith Pratt of Tinmouth, VT and Jane Gagnon of Virginia and 13 grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, Tom Aikens who died in 1999.

Funeral Services for Miriam Allen Aikens will be Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 10 am at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield conducted by the Rev. Gwen Sears. A calling hour will precede the service from 9 am to 10 am. Burial will follow at the High St. Cemetery in Hingham, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's association, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, in her memory.

Tribute Wall

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“ My husband and I have known Miriam only since my mother, Betty, moved onto her floor at Bridges. We liked Miriam very much and looked forward to seeing her when we visited. She visited Mom's room regularly because Mom's door was always open, and she usually had sirius radio tuned to the Sinatra station. Miriam would accept a piece of chocolate and dance with Hal to the big band songs. I can't be sure, of course, but it seemed like she got to recognize us, especially Hal. Our favorite Miriam memory is the time all the residents were ready to bowl. Deb turned on the music while Miriam was holding the ball. She started to dance, and resisted letting go of the ball. It was, for us, a perfect Miriam moment. We also detected flashes of what must have been a great sence of humor. We will miss her. Our condolences.

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