



## Myrtle E. Sawyer

March 22, 1927 - April 1, 2016

Myrtle E. Sawyer, 89, of Pittsfield, passed away peacefully on Friday April 1, 2016, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Providence, RI, March 22, 1927, the daughter of Walter and Leona Riel Benson, she attended schools in Westfield, MA.

Mrs. Sawyer started her 30-year career at General Electric Company in the Ordnance Division as a Wireman/Assembler in 1960. She worked in the Main Plant, OP-1, OP-2, and OP-3.

A longtime communicant of St. Charles Church, she was an active member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Lodge 272 where she was initiated as the first female member on February 19, 1997, and was the first woman Officer of the Lodge. She was also a member of the GE Quarter Century and Pensioners' Clubs. She enjoyed cooking for her family and friends, cross stich, embroidery, knitting, puzzles, and taking trips to Mohegan Sun.

She leaves her son, William V. Sawyer and his wife Elizabeth of Pittsfield, her daughter Dianna Cahalen and her companion Russell Jansen with whom she made her home, her sister, Lorraine Goss of Chesapeake, VA, her brother, Gordon Benson of Florida, six grandchildren, Cory L. and Travis B. Sawyer, Rachel M. Rosier, Robert J. Sawyer Jr., Kimberly M. Sawyer-Wheeler, and

Kari E. Mathes, and 11 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by two sons, George R. Sawyer who died October 15, 2006 and Robert J. Sawyer who died September 6, 2014.

#### FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral for Myrtle E. Sawyer will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 with Rev. Rich Hayes, Chaplain of HospiceCare in The Berkshires officiating. Burial will be private. Calling hours will be on Wednesday from 4:00 until 7:00 PM at the funeral home. The Elks Lodge will gather at the funeral home at 5:30 PM for The Lodge of Sorrows Service. In lieu of flowers, if friends desire, donations in her memory may be made to the Elks Scholarship Fund or HospiceCare in The Berkshires in care of the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

APR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *RIP Myrtle you are a great lady and were a great friend to me. I always have thought of you and will always be in my heart. So sorry to hear she has passed. I just learned of it this morning.*

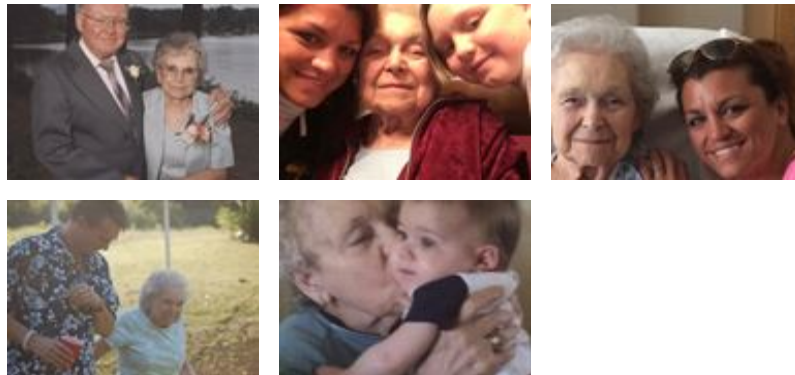
*Roberta Dence*

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**Roberta Dence** - June 13, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ *44 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - April 06, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Myrtle E. Sawyer.*



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April 05, 2016 at 10:53 AM

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“ *Kathy Sinopoli lit a candle in memory of Myrtle E. Sawyer*



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**Kathy Sinopoli** - April 05, 2016 at 06:47 AM

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“ *Dear William and Family,*

*Please accept our sympathy in the loss of your Mother. Even though we did not know her we enjoyed your talking about her and pointing out the ceiling panels, at the Elks, with her name on them. Our deepest condolences and prayers are with all of you. Myrtle, rest in peace.*

*Patrick & Marie Gormalley*

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**Patrick and Marie Gormalley** - April 05, 2016 at 04:50 AM