



Mrs. Rita S. Ferry

September 28, 1915 - October 20, 2012

Rita Seckler Ferry, 97, formerly of 418 Pomeroy Ave., passed away Saturday, October 20, 2012 after a lengthy stay at Craneville Place of Dalton. Rita was born in Pittsfield and resided there most of her life. She was the daughter of August J. and Mary Walsh Seckler.

Rita was a 1934 graduate of Pittsfield High School and also graduated from Berkshire Business College.

She was employed by Berkshire Life Insurance Co. for ten years and did fundraising for a number of national and local charities; her most important job, however, was that of wife and mother-family was most important to her.

Rita and her husband, the late William T. Ferry, were founding members and faithful parishioners of the former St. Teresa's Church. William died on November 9, 2006.

She loved to entertain, travel and garden.

Rita was predeceased by her older daughter, Rosemary St. Peter.

She leaves a daughter Nancy S. Colgan of Sandwich, MA, her son Michael J. Ferry and his wife JoAnn of Dalton; her grandchildren, Christopher St. Peter, Deborah St. Peter Mckeown Mirra, Mitchel Colgan, Sean and Charles Ferry; and her two great grandchildren, Christopher and Kristine McKeown; and her special cousin, Donald Seckler of Pittsfield.

She also leaves her extended family of kind and compassionate nurses and staff who made her ten-year stay at Craneville Place of Dalton safe, peaceful and dignified.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Rita S. Ferry will be Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 10 a.m. from the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA with a Liturgy of Christian burial at 11 a.m. at St. Agnes Church in Dalton celebrated by the Rev. Christopher Malatesta, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Wednesday, October 24, 2012 from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Berkshire County Arc care of the Dwyer Funeral Home in her memory. Please visit www.dwyerfuneral.com to leave condolences and remembrances.

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“ Dear Nancy and Family,
My husband & I were on vacation the week of your mother's wake & funeral, & I just learned of her passing when reading old Berkshire Eagle's. She & your Dad were good friends & fellow dancers with my parents many years ago. Aside from visiting in your home when I was there with you, I have great memories of working with her at the St. Teresa's bazaar and other events there. I often visited both your parents in their corner "apartment" at Sugar Hill where we laughed often when talking about the past and especially of her children & grandchildren. When I visited her at Craneville, it became obvious that her memories were slipping away from her as dementia set in. I realized my visits were becoming less helpful and more confusing to her as she didn't know who I was so I stopped going.
Needless to say, I know her passing is in many ways a "blessing" to her & your family, but knowing that she made a difference in the lives of so many people and was a genuinely kind & caring person should bring you & other members of your family great consolation.
Sincerely,
Nancy (Shields) Vosburgh

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