



Mrs. Sarah A. Mottershead

December 11, 1930 - January 15, 2025

Mrs. Sarah Anne Mottershead, (Sally) formerly of Pittsfield, MA, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, just one month after celebrating her 94th birthday. Born in Crove, Carrick, County Donegal, Ireland, on December 11, 1930, the daughter of John and Sarah Byrne she graduated from the one-room Crove School.

At the age of 19, Sarah moved to Manchester, England, where she joined her elder sisters working various jobs. It was in England that she met the love of her life, Robert. Robert fell in love with an Irish lass who was witty, always good fun, and quick with a joke. The two wed in 1960 and moved to Timperley Village, Altrincham to start their family. In 1969, an opportunity arose abroad for Robert to work at General Electric in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. They put down roots that have lasted into the new generation of grandchildren, Sarah's home is affectionately referred to as "121" by her daughters, and is the location of many happy family occasions hosted by Sarah, who took great pride in her home.

The love between Sarah and Robert was great and evident to whoever met them. Together they traveled often, regularly visiting their beloved England and Ireland. In their later years, it became commonplace for people they encountered to comment upon their continuing devotion to and love for one another. Sarah was known for her stories, love of family, and devout faith. She

was a longtime parishioner of the former St. Francis Church and former St. Mary's Church, Pittsfield, and currently St. Agnes Church in Dalton

Sarah is survived by her husband, Robert Mottershead, with whom she would have celebrated her 65th wedding anniversary on February 27, 2025. She leaves behind her children, Deborah Evans and husband, Jim, of Richmond MA; Yvonne Grove and husband, Nate, of Durham, NH; and Cheryl Mottershead of Amherst, MA as well as her six grandchildren Justin Evans (Meg), Jennifer Evans (Wyatt), Connor Grove (Kelsy), Keenan Grove and wife Jillian Kaufman Grove, Fiona Grove and William Grove. She leaves behind her brother, Michael Byrne of Coventry England and sister-in-law Brid Byrne of Crove, Carrick, Ireland.

Besides her parents, Sarah was predeceased by her brothers Paddy Byrne, Johnny Byrne, Con Byrne, Frank Byrne and Joe Byrne; and by her sisters Hannah Cannon, Ellen Byrne, Bridget Walton and Mary Dawe along with their spouses.

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the staff at Mount Carmel for their love and care of Sarah this past year.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Anne Mottershead will be Tuesday, January 21, 2025, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:30 am at St. Agnes Church, celebrated by the Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Pastor. Entombment will follow at St. Michael The Archangel Chapel Mausoleum at St. Joseph Cemetery. There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sarah's memory can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Service

JAN 21. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church
489 Main St.
Dalton, MA 01226

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathies to Mrs. Mottershead's husband, family and friends. May your memories and prayerful support of others bring you peace and comfort. I and all the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged & Infirm, sponsors of Mount Carmel Care Center, will keep you in our prayers. It was a privilege to be able to care for Sarah at Mount Carmel.

*Sr. Sean Damien Flynn
Sponsor Representative
Mount Carmel Care Center*

Sister Sean D Flynn - February 11, 2025 at 01:31 PM

RP

“ Respectfully referred to as "Mrs. M.", I will always remember Sally as a wonderful neighbor and family friend. With a beautiful accent and a ready smile, she brought a message of joy and caring to every conversation.

Rest in peace, Mrs. M., knowing that you had an impact on everyone you encountered.

Rick Pearce - January 20, 2025 at 04:53 PM

MW

“ Such a lovely lady and Auntie. Auntie Sally and Uncle Robert were always good friends to my Mum and Dad (Brigid and Geoffrey) when visiting family. My wife Lynn also loved talking to Sally who always showed interest in our family and son Adam. Will be greatly missed. Feeling very sad an hope all goes well for tomorrow. Love from Michael Lynn and Adam

Michael Walton - January 20, 2025 at 02:58 PM

MM

“ *One life lived, so many lives touched. Your loss will be felt by many hearts. With deepest sympathy on your mother's passing.*
Maureen Marrone

Maureen Marrone - January 19, 2025 at 05:06 PM

LM

“ *My sincere sympathy to the family of Sarah Motterhead. I met her only a few times through my friend Yvonne Grove many decades ago when we taught school together. I did a small painting of Sarah's home in Ireland for her. I am also Irish (1/2) and one of 11 siblings. So reading her obituary, I felt many connections. I wish her peace and blessings for all of her family.* *Lennie Mullaney*

Lennie Mullaney - January 19, 2025 at 10:42 AM

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“ *Your BES 4th grade team. purchased the Arrive i
n Style for the family of Mrs. Sarah A.
Mottershead.*



Your BES 4th grade team. - January 17, 2025 at 05:59 PM