



Mrs. Theresa Ahern

September 1, 1936 - December 15, 2022

Mrs. Theresa Ahern, 86, of Pittsfield, passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2022. Born on September 1, 1936, she was the daughter of the late August and Mabel Perron Castonguay.

Due to circumstances beyond her control, Theresa was sent to the Walter E. Fernald States School, where she was raised under less than desirable conditions. Despite, an unfortunate childhood, Theresa would go on to have a blessed and prosperous life.

In 1967, upon her discharge, Theresa began work with the housekeeping department for the Charter House in Waltham, Mass, where she quickly earned employee of the month and the respect of the ownership. She then relocated to the Berkshires to be closer to family. She began employment at the former Greylock Plastics Co, where she met her husband David. Later, she began housekeeping at the former Hillcrest Hospital, where she dedicated over 30 years of service. Theresa made many friends over the years while working at Hillcrest.

In her younger years Theresa enjoyed candlepin bowling, biking swimming and summer camping trips with her husband and son. She also enjoyed singing in the choir at St. Marks church.

In her retirement, she enjoyed vacationing in Maine with her husband, and caring for her pets. Throughout her life, Theresa was very adept at assembling jig-saw puzzles . In her later years puzzle making was a source of joy she shared with friends.

Theresa was predeceased by her husband of 42 years, David P. Ahern, whom she married on April 15, 1972. David passed away on September 28, 2014. She is survived by her son, William Ahern, wife Brenda, a sister Edwina Addison of Charlottesville Va, sister in law Nancy McGill of Pittsfield Ma, brother in law Richard Ahern , wife Shirley of Burlington VT. her caregiver Sharon Ciepiella of Lanesborough, Ma and dear friend Chris Petel of Pittsfield Ma. as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Theresa was predeceased by her husband David, sisters Louise Giosa, Jeanette Steeves, brothers Robert, August and Edward Castonguay.

While Theresa will be missed by all whom she leaves behind, her story--one of strength, perseverance, and inspiration-- will never be forgotten.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Theresa Ahern will be Thursday, December 22, 2022, at 3 pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA. There will be a time of visitation at the funeral home prior to the service, from 1pm to 3 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to the Berkshire Humane Society or the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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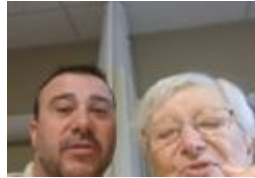
“ One thing not mentioned in her obituary was her love of dancing. Even though she used a walker or a scooter in her later years, she chose to participate in Barbara Pastie’s Shake Your Soul dance class at The Pittsfield Senior Center for several years. Before one class, I was selling my poetry book to other students, and Theresa said, “I can’t read.” “Wanta learn?,” I asked and that launched us on a several year tutoring experience. I still treasure our lessons, her poems and stories. She had beautiful penmanship from her earlier elementary days. She was a quick learner once she began to realize her own abilities again in writing, reading and a little arithmetic. We met in the board room or ceramics studio of the senior center for an hour or hour and a half before dance class or at her apartment. We often plyed classic board games. What a joy to see her improve to the point that she could read recipes and articles. She also loved to read beautifully illustrated picture books. One of her biggest triumphs was sending cards to her family members. I can still see her grooving and smiling at dance class where she made so many friends. .



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“ *Dear Bill and family,
I had the honor and pleasure of working with your mother during our days at Hillcrest Hospital.
She was a wonderful, dedicated and caring employee and a good friend.
Please accept my prayers and condolences,*

Ed Perlak

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