



Valerie Walsh Gill

July 29, 1932 - August 7, 2013

Valerie Walsh Gill, 81, formerly of Pittsfield, passed away on August 7th in West Roxbury, MA after a long illness. She was born on July 29, 1932 in Pittsfield, MA to the late Dorothy (Hall) Walsh and Daniel Walsh. Valerie grew up, and spent much of her adult life, in Pittsfield. She graduated from St. Joseph Central High School in 1950 and from The College of Our Lady of the Elms in 1954. After graduating from The Elms, Valerie was an Elementary School teacher in West Hartford, CT as well as in Canada. Upon her return to Pittsfield, she was a social worker for many years at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC). Valerie's love of children was also on display with her volunteer work at the Christian Center, as a CCD teacher at Sacred Heart Church in Pittsfield and as the President of the Board of Berkshire County Head Start. Later in her career, Valerie was employed at Elder Services of Berkshire County.

Valerie greatly enjoyed traveling and was an enthusiastic skier and swimmer in her earlier years. In addition to her love of children and helping those in need, Valerie was an avid reader and liked spending time in her yard and gardens.

Valerie is survived by her daughter, Alexandra G. Brazeau and son-in-law, Daniel J. Brazeau, of Scituate, MA. She also leaves behind her two grandchildren, Christopher Brazeau and Collin Brazeau.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Valerie Walsh Gill passed away on August 7, 2013 in West Roxbury, MA after a long illness. Calling hours will be Monday, August 12, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the DWYER FUNERAL HOME followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Pittsfield. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Valerie's memory may be made to the Deutsches Altenheim Caregivers Fund care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To Alex, Dan & Family
I send my deepest sympathy to you all!*

*To Val, one of my closest friends for so many years, back to the days of OLE. I'm sure Our Lord and His Mother welcomed you along with Dot and Dan and Margo to name a few! Enjoy the rest, knowing that you will be missed! Sending you prayers and love,
CJ*

Connie Sullivan - August 11, 2013 at 09:02 AM

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“ *Dear Alex, I am very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I remember her fondly and am thinking of you and your family. My deepest condolences. Jill Borsello-Ash*

jill ash - August 10, 2013 at 09:15 PM

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“ *Dear Alexandra and family,
I am very sorry for the loss of your mom. I knew her many years ago as a struggling young mother with three young children. Your mother saved me. She taught me how to be a better mother and person. She was kind and caring, even loving to a young mother she didn't even know. I thought of her on Monday. I thought of her often. She was an incredible person and I will never forget her or what she did for my family. I will pray for you all as you suffer through this huge loss. The world has lost one of its best.
Sincerely,
Kelly (Bliss) Szklasz, Monica, Zach, and Seth*

Kelly Bliss szklasz - August 10, 2013 at 07:02 AM