



Mrs. Doris A. Minardi

December 19, 1928 - January 31, 2016

Mrs. Doris Ann (Knechtel) Minardi, 87, of 65 Orchard St. Adams, died early Sunday morning, January 31, 2016, at Williamstown Commons.

She was born in Adams on December 19, 1928, the daughter of the late William and Alice (Giroux) Knechtel. She attended Adams schools, graduating from the former Adams High School. She then earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the former North Adams State Teacher's College (now MCLA).

Mrs. Minardi began her teaching career as an elementary school teacher in Dalton, then Lanesboro. She then spent 23 years as a teacher in the Adams – Cheshire Regional School District in several of their former neighborhood schools. While still teaching, she also owned and operated the former Modern Bridal Shop in Adams for many years.

Following her retirement, she worked part-time as the manager of the former North Adams Cinema Center on Curran Highway , and also had worked part-time at the former Lechter's store at the Berkshire Mall, and at the Orchards Inn in Williamstown.

She was a communicant of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire, where she sang in the Choir; and was a member of the Adams Turners.

She enjoyed bowling, volleyball, crocheting and animals, especially cats.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, William R. Minardi, whom she married on July 28, 1951;

6 daughters, Dina Poplaski and her husband, Jim, of Cheshire; Maria Lahey

and her husband, Mike, of Adams; Lisa Tetlow and her husband, Bob, of Cheshire; Carla Stewart and her husband, John, of St. Charles, Illinois; Nora Minardi of Adams; and Gayna Cross and her husband, Marshall, of Salem, NY;

as well as 13 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial celebrating Doris' life will be held on Friday, February 5th, at 12 Noon in St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire, celebrated by Rev. Matthew Guidi. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Burial will follow in Maple Street Cemetery, Adams.

There are no calling hours.

The PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Eleanor Sonsini Animal Shelter, 63 Downing Parkway, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Maria, I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Marya Kozik LaRoche - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

CT

“ *Dear Bill & family,
So sorry for your loss. Please know that we are all thinking of you during this sad time. Our deepest sympathy to all of you from the Lemanski family.*

Chris Tietgens - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

GM

“ *Doris was one of the sweetest woman I ever met she made me feel so welcomed 24 years ago when I came to North Adams, she will always be in my heartwhen ever I go to the movies I think of her. To her wonderful family Im sorry for your lost. Remember and cherish all the good memories. She was amazing*

Gene Messenger - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

WC

“ *Dearest Bill and Minardi Family, so sorry for the loss of a Lady who was not only an inspirational part of your entire life, but also the many life's that she touch during her lifetime. Eternally, a light shall cast a reflection of a Life, well lived and well served. Bill Caprari*

William J. Caprari - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

RM

“ Dear Uncle Bill & girls,
So very sorry to hear of Aunt Doris' passing. I hope you are well and find comfort in many, many fond memories of your life together. I know that she's in good company. Sincerely,
Ray & Linda Minardi

Ray Minardi - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

JS

“ We so enjoyed our visit with your mom a while back, Carla. She was a lovely lady.

Our hearts go out to you, your dad and your sisters and your extended family at this sad time.

Love and condolences from Jill & David

Jill Stewart - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

S(

“ Dear Minardi family - I am sorry for your loss - my thoughts are with ALL of you - but what a great person to have had in your lives - I know I will never forget her ever. LoVe Sara

Sara McLaughlin (Bullett) - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

CE

“ Bill, I was so sorry to read about Doris' passing. I am not sure you will remember me, but I remember you both so well. Doris used to baby sit all of us Trimarchi's on Columbia St. I remember that you used to come later in the evening and bring us kids ice cream. Gosh, the things we remember. You both were wonderful, kind people and I never forgot that kindness . Doris was a wonderful person and made many people happy. Peace be with you. Carmela Trimarchi Emerald

Carmela Trimarchi Emerald - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

PL

“ Your Mom, and all of you are so much a part of who I am. Your friendship over the years has been a constant. I am so sorry for your loss. Wishing you strength and peace in this difficult time. With love.

Pat Morin Labendz - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

SD

“ My thoughts are with the whole Minardi family at this great loss in your life. I send my prayers.

susan dube - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

KW

“ Dear Lisa and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. Please accept my deepest condolences. I will always remember the fond memories that we shared. Mr. Minardi, my deepest sympathy for your loss.

Karen Whalen - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

CG

“ Dear Jordan - My sincerest condolences to all of you on the passing of your Gram, Doris. Respectively shared condolences to your Grand Father, your Mom, Aunts and all. I'm thankful Jordan, that you introduced me to Mrs. Minardi at Williamstown Commons. I will always remember her smile. May your entire family find comfort in knowing you are in my prayers. May you also find comfort in the strength of family, memories and faith...Sincerely, Carrie Gaylord

carrie gaylord - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

NM

“ Dear Bill,

I was so deeply saddened to read of the passing of your wife Doris. She was an inspiring teacher and mentor, and the both of you always represented the highest standards of the teaching profession. What we give to others in this life is always remembered and passed on, and so shall it be with Doris, your beloved wife. My thoughts are with you and your entire family.

Neil N. McLeod

Neil N. McLeod - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

DS

“ Dear Uncle Bill and girls,
Bill and I extend our heartfelt condolences to you and all of your family. May you find comfort in each other as you remember her love for you and may God gently welcome her to the peace of her eternal life.

*Love,
Dianne and Bill*

Dianne Sale - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

EB

“ Sorry about the death of your mother. Worked at the theater several yrs. ago and enjoyed her friendship. You can take comfort in knowing that at last she is content and happy and now will watch over her entire family who did so much for her.

Elaine Barry - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

DM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Billy and the Minardi family during this difficult time. RIP

Derek Malcolm - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

JN

“ Minardi family, I am so sorry for your loss. I only got to know Doris a few years ago when she was my mom's "roommate" at Williamstown Commons. She was such a lovely, caring lady, and will be missed by all. My prayers are with your family at this difficult time. May she Rest In Peace..

Jane (Pikul) Nevares - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

PK

“ Maria and the entire Minardi Family, We are sorry for your loss and our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. We have so many memories of our time up at the pool with Doris and all of you. We are thinking of you. Take care.

Pat, David & Stephanie Kolis - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

MM

“ *To the entire Minardi Family,
We are so sorry to learn of Doris's passing. Your entire family has
always meant so much to us. We are away and just learned the
news today February 14th. Our thoughts and prayers are with you
today and always.
Love, Mike and Jeanne Morin*

Mike and Jeanne Morin - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ *Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you. (James 4:8)*

March 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM