



Claire Bassie-Strickland

November 14, 2011

Mrs. Claire Ann Bassie-Strickland, 68, of 17 Newark St. Adams, died early Monday morning, November 14, 2011, at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield.

She was born in Adams on February 20, 1943, a daughter of the late Florind and Catherine (Bossi) Bassie. She attended schools in Adams, and graduated from the former Adams High School in 1961. She also attended the former North Adams State College and Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield. She earned a Medical Assistant Degree from Maria College in Albany, NY and completed the Life Underwriter Training Course at Carolina State University. Mrs. Bassie-Strickland was self-employed as an insurance broker and tax preparer for many years.

She was a member of the former Adams Chamber of Commerce, the Friends Helping Friends group at Carolina State University, and was a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society.

Her husband, Wilbur C. Strickland, whom she married in 1987, died on October 26, 2010.

She is survived by a niece, Iris A. Epps of White Pine, TN; 2 stepsons, Edwin W. Strickland II of New Britain, CT; and Clifford Strickland of Otis, MA;

a step daughter, Chrystal O'Brien of Sandisfield, MA; and 2 step grandchildren, Michelle Ransom and April DeHaas.

She was predeceased by 2 sisters, Alma Ziarnik and Josephine Brown; a

brother, Floyd Bassie; and a step grandson, David Strickland.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, November 17th, at 1:30 PM in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams. Rev. Michael Mullany, Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Adams, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Thursday from 12:30 PM until the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society through the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ Thank you for you condolences, My Aunt Claire was so very dear to me, my heart is heavy the sorrow is great. I know she is at rest now, free of pain.

Alma and Cassie's daughter, Iris

November 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ You may not recognize the names but we shared a bond with Claire and her family that went back many years our families emigrated from the same village(Certara)in Canton Ticino Switzerland. I did speak to Claire in 2010 at the time of her husband's passing Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely. The Moresi family Joe Bob and Rose

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