



Mrs. Dorothy Daunais

April 3, 1917 - August 8, 2017

Mrs. Dorothy Mae (Shaw) Daunais, 100, of Adams, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at Williamstown Commons.

She was born in Adams on April 3, 1917, daughter of the late Joseph and Annie (Crombleholme) Shaw. She attended schools in Adams and graduated from the former Adams High School with the class of 1935.

Mrs. Daunais was a production clerk for the former Sprague Electric Co., North Adams for 25 years until retiring in 1979.

She was a member of the First Congregational Church, Adams.

Her husband, Francis "Sam" Daunais, whom she married on July 8, 1939, died on December 4, 1987.

She is survived by her daughter Cathleen Daunais of Fairbanks, Alaska; three granddaughters, Sadie Peters and her husband Jason of Portsmouth, RI, Megan Milano and her husband Vin of Georgetown, MA and Hannah Monzingo and her husband Domenic of Fairbanks, AK; six great grandchildren, Kaden and Rylen Monzingo, Logan and Violet Peters and Isla and Graylan Milano. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law Nancy Carlson, many nieces and nephews, and the Morey family Loretta, Tim, Cathleen, Kaylee and Nick. Dorothy cherished her many visits with family and friends, sharing wonderful stories always accompanied by lots of laughs. She was predeceased by her two sons, Richard Daunais and Gerald Daunais and his wife, Judith; seven brothers, William, Joseph, Fred, Frank "Babe", Ralph and Lawrence Shaw and by two sisters, Edith "Nicky" Frederick and

Hazel Potter.

A few weeks before her passing, Dorothy spent a glorious day sitting under a birch tree at Windsor Pond enjoying her great grandchildren playing in the water. She loved kids and over her long life babysat and nurtured many. She was always there to help and hold family members or friends who needed her. She especially liked to cook for everyone and was well known for her delicious meals and whoopie pies.

During her years at Williamstown Commons she befriended many staff members and residents, and could often be seen greeting visitors outside at the front door. She made it her "home" and treated everyone there like family. She will be greatly missed.

Her family and friends celebrated her long and wonderful life with her at her 100th birthday party in April, where she continued, as she always has, to make it the most enjoyable and fun party!

The family would like to thank the staff of Williamstown Commons for their compassionate care of Dorothy for the past five years, as well as the staffs of Berkshire Medical Center and HospiceCare in the Berkshires.

In lieu of flowers and because of Dorothy's great love for all children, donations can be made to the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), 3 United Nations Plz, New York, NY 10017.

Funeral services and burial will be private for the family.

There are no calling hours.

Tribute Wall



“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you all. Love, John and Elaine Daniels*

June 07, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *Dottie has been my friend since my children were little. She helped me with my children and became my darling friend. I will miss her and her famous sense of humor. Dot was truly a grand lady and a good person. Nicky is waiting for you with a deck of cards. Love you always. Eileen Cooney*

Eileen Cooney - June 07, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *She was a beacon. Our sympathy to you all. Tom and Pat Markland*

PAT MARKLAND - June 07, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *always had a wonderful time with Dottie. She will be greatly missed. Carol Srurtevant Andrews*

Carol An - June 07, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Dottie's passing she was a Fabulous woman with a great many stories I am so grateful for knowing her and being able to call her friend when I worked at Williamstown Commons. she will be greatly missed and thought of often.*

Brittany Jennings - June 07, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *Dottie was one of the highlights of my visits to Williamstown Commons. I miss her.* ”

Paulette Wein - June 07, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *To the Dauniais, With deepest sympathy.* ”

August 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM