



Mrs. Dorothy E. Gentile

December 8, 1923 - April 7, 2015

Dorothy Elizabeth (Bentz) Gentile, 91, formerly of 27 Murray St. Adams, died Tuesday evening, April 7, 2015, at Fairview Commons, Great Barrington, where she had been a resident for the past 5 years. Her beloved husband, Michael A. Gentile, whom she married in 1943, predeceased her after a long marriage that was the cornerstone of her life. It is a joy to know they are together again.

Born in Adams on December 8, 1923, Dorothy spent the majority of her life living in her much loved hometown. Daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Schneider) Bentz, she graduated from Adams High School and attended classes at North Adams State College. She trained to be a technician at Sprague Electric Co. and later helped to establish the Audio-visual department at McCann Technical High School in North Adams. Mrs. Gentile's competence with emerging technology and interest in expanding education led to the creation of McCann's first TV Studio where she oversaw many of its productions. She was a favorite instructor whom many students returned to visit during her 22 years of service. She retired in 1991.

Dorothy was a communicant of the Parish of Notre Dame in Adams and a participant in its Ladies of St. Anne organization. She was a member of the Adams Historical Society, the Adams Quilters and the Adams Senior Center. An accomplished seamstress, quilter and photographer, Dorothy was an avid reader with a life long curiosity for learning.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Donna Fenton (Jon) of Pittsfield, Michele

Gentile (Terry Giesler) of Big Pine Key, FL and Teresa Gentile (Todd Lewis) of Great Barrington and a son Michael J. Gentile of Vaughn, WA; 5 grandchildren, Christopher (Karen) Fenton, Abby (Jon) Adinolfi, Shane and Jacob Gentile and Julia Lewis. She leaves 6 great grandchildren as well as several nieces , nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Francis Bentz, and sister, Kathleen Thomas. The funeral will be held on Monday, April 13, at 9:00 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor. Burial will follow in Southview Cemetery, North Adams. Calling Hours are Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Fairview Commons Activities Fund, Fairview Commons, 151 Christian Hill Rd. Gt. Barrington, MA. 01230.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Prayers, peace and love at this very sad time. Dorothy always had a smile, she touched many people's life in a very positive way and will be missed by all who knew her.

Betty Sartori - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

MT

“ Dear Donna - your mom lived a long life because of the love of a caring daughter. Sincerely, Mary Thorne

Mary Thorne - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ Gentile Family....your mother was the smile I will always remember. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Carolyn Menard South Carolina

June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

ES

“ I am happy that Dorothy is in a much better place! She and I chatted briefly, but frequently when I would visit my own Mom, Gertrude, who is still there. Dorothy was a fine lady who always maintained her dignity in her home away from home. Condolences to all of you. I shall miss her, too.

Elizabeth Sermini - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

ST

“ Dot touched my life and brought smiles and laughter. Now she's with her Michael again. Love you Dot! God Bless!

Sandy Totter - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

FB

“ I never kept in touch I was little when I knew her sometime you get busy in your life and you forget family that should never happen but sometime you loose track of time my prayers are we you all

frank Bentz - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

CC

“ Dot was a lovely person. Raised nice children and was a wonderful neighbor. Sorely missed. Our deepest sympathies.Bill and Cherylene Czaja-Hillard

Cherylene Czaja-Hillard - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

SC

“ Teresa and Todd, I am so sorry for your loss. No matter how old we are we are never prepared to lose loved ones. Our parents are the life line for our beginnings. Your Mom lived a full life, and is now resting in peace with your Dad and in the loving hands of Jesus. Her life has changed not ended, her earthly journey has won her the crown of heaven. Her eyes may have closed in this world, but they opened to see the face of God, who welcomed her home. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. The world is a better place to have had Dorothy in it. What an example of love and dedication she gave. Her absence will be greatly felt because her presence meant so very much to all whom she touched. She's only a prayer away.

Sandy Cummings - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ Donna & Jon. Our deepest sympathy & prayers are with you & your family. Cherish the memories & know that you will be together again someday.Love, Fran & Jackie

June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

AG

“ Dorothy was a woman that amazed me. Her love of life and family will always be remembered. May memories of your mother be a joy to help the many tears that will fall.

Art & Cathy Gwozdz - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

JM

“ To the Gentile family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. Dorothy was a very special lady as she always had a smile and a very positive outlook. I worked with her at McCann, knew both her and Mike, and Bless her and him, as they are now back together. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Fondly, Ed and Joan Morandi

Joan Morandi - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

SM

“ Sorry for your loss. Stories in our childhood always started with "My friend Dorothy".. Dad sends his thoughts and prayers Sally Morris, Daughter of Romeo & Nora Scerbo

Sally Morris - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

AB

“ Michelle and the Gentile family, My sympathy on your mother's passing. Sorry was not able to be at any of the services. She was a wonderful lady with an awesome smile. May wonderful memories of your Mother feel your hearts and ease your loss

Ann Haddad Bartlett - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ Dear Donna & Family Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you all on the passing of your Mom. Remembering her fondly. Barbara & Tom Bessette

June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ Donna, so sorry to read of your mother's passing. I hope you have warm memories of your mother to help soothe the grief.

Leo Dextrateur - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ To The Gentile Family, my condolences... Mom was a sweet lady who loved her family...

Mitchell Massaconi - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ A lovely and caring lady I am sorry to see her leave us, a loss for all

John Segala - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ Sorry to hear of the loss of Mrs Gentile. She was an amazing woman who taught me so much as a student in the Electronics Department at McCann. Not only did we work hard in the television studio, but we had a lot of fun! My condolences to the Gentile family. Mrs G touched a lot of lives. May she rest in peace.

Jim Lescarbeau - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

GB

“ Dorothy was a wonderful human being. I treasure time spent with her and Mike. She will truly be missed. My deepest condolences to her family.

greg believeau - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

LH

“ Dear Michele and your family,I was sorry to learn of the loss of your mom. I remember her from a long time ago. She had a great life with a wonderful family!

Larry Herzig - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM

MG

“ Thank all of you for your kind words and thanks so much to those who attended the wake, the mass, burial ceremony and luncheon for our dear mother Dorothy. She was a strong parent who wanted her children to be the best and she did her best for us. She left a mark on all our hearts that will be with us till our own passing. We loved her and will never forget her. And we thank all of you at Paciorek Funeral Home for all the attention to detail in the arrangements following her passing but also for making it a celebration of Dorothy's life.

Michele Gentile-Giesler - June 07, 2018 at 11:59 AM