



## Mrs. M. Elaine Bentley

January 2, 1933 - March 31, 2017

Mrs. M. Elaine (Blair) Bentley, 84, of Adams, formerly of North Adams, died Friday afternoon, March 31, 2017, at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington.

She was born in Clarksburg on January 2, 1933, a daughter of the late John F. and Mary Catherine (Schneider) Blair. She attended local schools, including Drury High School.

Elaine worked in the facilities dept. at Williams College for over 20 years until retiring.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of North Adams, where she served on many committees and participated in many church activities, including the Handbell and Sanctuary Choirs.

Elaine enjoyed gardening, crocheting, reading, and playing cards and Scrabble. An avid bowler, she was a former member of bowling leagues at both Mt. Greylock Bowl and Valley Park Lanes.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Ray O. Bentley, whom she married on April 13, 1957;

three daughters, Ruth Goyette and her husband, Paul, of Adams; Kim Tabarini and her husband, Carlos, of Star, Idaho; and Patricia Jack of Sarasota, Florida;

two sons, David Bentley and his wife, April, of Clarksburg; and Dennis Bentley and his wife, Lisa, of Lunenburg, MA;

one sister, Betty Demarsico and her husband Donald of North Adams; twelve

grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, John and Raymond Blair; and by two sisters, Helen Hluboky and Ruth Blair.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 7th, at 11:00 AM in the First Baptist Church, North Adams.

Rev. David Anderson, Pastor, will officiate.

Calling hours are Friday morning from 10:00 AM until the service begins, at the First Baptist Church.

Burial will be later in the spring in Clarksburg Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the North Adams Public Library, 74 Church St. North Adams, MA 01247; or to Camp Ashmere, 131 Main St. North Adams, MA 01247.

# Tribute Wall

GM

“ Dennis, Lisa and Family -- My deepest condolences on the loss of your Mom/Grandmother. It is hard to lose a parent but one thing you will always have are the memories and love she gave throughout her life. You are in my prayers! God BlessGail

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**Gail McGillvary** - June 07, 2018 at 11:11 AM

RD

“ We are so sorry to learn of Elaine's passing. We have such good memories of our time together at First Baptist - singing in the choir, playing the "F & G" in hand bells. She was both faithful and loyal in her Christian walk. Please know you all are in our prayers.

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**Rev. Chris & Joyce Drew** - June 07, 2018 at 11:11 AM

EH

“ Dear Ray, Ruth and families, So sorry to learn of Elaine's passing. May happy memories comfort you at this difficult time. I remember some good times at the bowling alley. Wish we were all younger again.

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**Esther Herrick** - June 07, 2018 at 11:11 AM