



Josephine Beauchemin

December 10, 1927 - May 31, 2012

Mrs. Josephine "Dixie" Beauchemin, 84, of 1 Cedar Lane, Adams, died on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at the North Adams Regional Hospital.

She was born in Adams on December 10, 1927, a daughter of the late Joachim and Anna (Cyrulik) Dyka. She attended schools in Adams and graduated from the former Adams High School with the class of 1945. She then attended St. Mary's School of Nursing in Brooklyn, NY and became a Registered Nurse.

Mrs. Beauchemin last worked as a Nursing Supervisor for North Adams Regional Hospital until retiring. Earlier she had worked as the Director of Nursing for the former Plunkett Memorial Hospital, Adams, until its closing. She was a communicant of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire. She was actively involved in her class reunions, was past president and secretary of the Adams Senior Citizens, she was a member of the Ladies of Ste. Anne, the Adams Historical Society, the Massachusetts Nursing Association and had also been part of a Nurses Health Study through Harvard Medical School for 50 years. Dixie was a devoted mother and dedicated her life to helping everyone and making a difference in people's lives. She enjoyed bowling, traveling, bingo, reading, knitting, sewing, camping and spending time with her family.

Her husband, Bernard T. Beauchemin, whom she married on July 26, 1952, died on April 14, 2008.

She is survived by;

1 Son - Bernard T. Beauchemin, Jr. and his wife Patricia of Seekonk, MA;
4 Daughters - Kim Collamore and her husband Philip of Kent, WA, Margaret "Peg" Brown of Adams, Lynn Taft and her husband Lawrence of North Adams and Terri Melville and her husband Eugene "Mitty" of Pownal, VT;
8 Grandchildren - Michael and Molly Beauchemin, Sarah Molinari, Jacqueline Brown, Lauren Fleury, Jenna Taft and Lindsey and Jacob Melville;
1 Great Grandson - Gavin Fleury and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by 2 brothers, Joseph and Chester Dyka and by 3 Sisters, Genevieve Dyka, Sophie Gancarz and Monica Kalisz.

The funeral will be on Saturday, June 2 at 11:30am from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 12:00 NOON in St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire, celebrated by Rev. David R. Raymond, Pastor.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Saturday from 10:00AM until 11:30AM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary of the Assumption Church through the funeral home.

To leave a message of condolence, or for directions, please go online to www.apsfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ On behalf of the Adams Senior High School class of 1945, my condolences on the passing of Dixie. She served ably as our class secretary for over 40 years and was a super class-booster. It was worthwhile to phone her just to hear the lilting way she said "hello." That, among many other things, will surely be missed.

Bob Horn

President AHS Class '45

June 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Lucky, Kim, Peggy, Lynn and Terry; I am very sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. She was a special person and a super aunt to me.

Our deepest sympathy, Bruce and Michael

June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Lynn and Family,

My deepest sympathy~Sara

June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM