



Mrs. Shirley R. Lesniak

May 17, 1926 - December 30, 2020

Mrs. Shirley R. (Barnard) Lesniak, 94, of Clarksburg, died on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at North Adams Commons.

She was born in Bennington on May 17, 1926, a daughter of the late William and Mildred (Clark) Barnard. She attended schools in North Adams.

Mrs. Lesniak last worked for the former Sprague Electric Company in North Adams until her retirement.

She was a communicant of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, North Adams.

She was a dedicated homemaker for her children. She loved traveling, playing cards with her sisters and going to the casinos.

Her husband, Chester Lesniak, whom she married on September 19, 1945, died on January 23, 1987.

She is survived by her son, Richard Lesniak and his wife Diane of Clarksburg; her daughter Cheryl Canale and her husband Robert of Clarksburg; four grandchildren, Justin Gillespie and his significant other Eytta Fremont of Boston, Jessica Catalano of Adams, Heather Calnan and her husband Dr. Daniel Calnan of Hanover, NH and Hilary Shepley and her husband Collin of Bennington; three great grandchildren, Madison and Haley Catalano and Remington Calnan and by many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son Gary Lesniak, who died on February 1, 2009, by her half brother William Barnard and by her three sisters, Marjorie Kenyon, Phyllis Toniatti and Kathleen Sommerville.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, January 8, 2021 at

11:00 A.M. in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, North Adams. Per current restrictions, all attending must wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

Burial will be at a later date in the spring,
There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care in the Berkshires, 877 South St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 or to the Clarksburg Volunteer Fire Company, 181 Cross Road, Clarksburg, MA 01247.

Previous Events

Liturgy of Christian Burial

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church
Marshall Street
North Adams, MA 01247

Tribute Wall

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“ I grew up on West Main Street near Shirley. We were friends with Gary, Ricky and later Cheryl. We (Murphy's) spent so much time at Shirley's home that it was like a second home to us. Shirley and Chet always made us feel at home. We are going to miss her so much, but we have a lot of happy memories❤️🙏-Carla (Murphy) Romero

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