



Sirkka I. Kulish

April 28, 1916 - October 24, 2010

Mrs. Sirkka Irene (Jarvela) Kulish, 94, of 83 Walling Road, Adams, died on Sunday, October 24, 2010, at Sweet Brook Care Center, Williamstown.

She was born in Gardner, MA on April 28, 1916, a daughter of the late Charles and Helmi (Lahtinen) Jarvela. She attended schools in Gardner and was a 1934 graduate of Gardner High School.

Mrs. Kulish was employed for many years by Smith Bros-McAndrews Insurance Co., Adams, and prior to moving Adams she had worked for Mahoney Chair and Florence Stove in Gardner and for one year in Washington D.C. for the Department of Interiors. Sirkka was a member and past Deaconess of the First Congregational Church, Adams. She was also a member of its Women's Society. She was a former member of the Northern Berkshire YMCA and an avid lap swimmer prior to her stroke in 2000. She was a member of the Adams Arts and Crafts Club, an avid reader and scrabble player. In her early years she was an outdoorsman, excelling in skiing, bicycling and mountain climbing. Her husband, William J. Kulish, whom she married on March 16, 1946, died on November 4, 1985.

She is survived by her nephew Ellis Paakkonen of Holden, MA and by her niece Linda Wilber of East Templeton, MA.

She was predeceased by her only son, William J. Kulish, Jr., who died in 2000, and by her sister Irja Paakkonen who died in 2003.

A service will be held on Wednesday, October 27th at 6:00PM in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac Street, Adams, MA, with Rev. Mike Mullany, Pastor of the First Congregational Church officiating.

Sirkka will be cremated and an interment will be at a later date.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 5:00PM until the time of the service at the funeral home.

The family requests the omission of flowers and suggests memorial donations be made to the First Congregational Church of Adams or and charity of the donor's choice through the funeral home.