



## Mrs Charlotte H Pignatelli

September 30, 1918 - November 26, 2016

Charlotte Hunt Pignatelli, long-time resident of Lenox, has died, unexpectedly, at 98. A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Charlotte delighted in her family and encouraged a close family bond among succeeding generations. She sent birthday cards, made phone calls, attended graduations and nuptials, even reading at her grandson's wedding in September.

She was an avid reader, a Celtics fan, and a patriotic person interested in current affairs. Until her last day, she lived independently with her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Okie in her Lenox home of 65 years, surrounded by family photos and with frequent visits from her sons, grandchildren and devoted friends.

Charlotte was born in 1918 as a twelfth generation American. The Hunt and Barnard families emigrated to Massachusetts in 1636. An only child to Roy and Ruby Hunt, Charlotte graduated as valedictorian from Charlemont High School and went on to earn her college degree from what was then North Adams State College. Her college roommate, Louise Pignatelli, introduced Charlotte to her brother, Bart. They became fast friends and married soulmates. When Bart returned from his years of active duty during World War II, they returned to Lenox and never wanted to leave. Bart, the love of her life, passed away in 2002.

While raising three children, Charlotte became a school teacher and school principal in Lenox Dale, leaving her mark on many local children. She was a Charter Member of the VFW Auxiliary and enjoyed her service on the Stewardship Committee and the Caregiving Committee of the Church on the Hill. In later years, Charlotte and Bart traveled to Florida, making friends there and meeting up with several Lenox friends.

She is survived by her three sons, Gary (Mary Jane) of Lenox, Michael (Debora), of Nashua, New Hampshire, and Nick (Maryellen), of Lenox; seven grandchildren, Adam (Jessica), of Concord, New Hampshire, Andrea, of New York City, Benjamin (Lizzie), of Jamaica Plain, Mark (Danni), of Boston, Naomi Siok (Tim), of Groton, and Sarah and Dan, of Lenox; and great-grandchildren, Ethan and Miles, of Concord, New Hampshire, and Delia, of Groton; as well as her beloved brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John and Mary Jane Pignatelli, of Lenox.

Charlotte also leaves behind many true friends, young and younger, who loved her over many years and accompanied her to concerts, lectures, plays, parades, town events, and dinners. They were so important to her.

Calling hours will be hosted at Roche Funeral Home in Lenox on Tuesday from 4 to 7 pm and funeral services will be held at the Church on the Hill in Lenox, where she was a long-time Congregant, on Wednesday at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, those interested might consider gifts to the Church on the Hill and the Berkshire Humane Society in care of the funeral home, 120 Main St., Lenox, MA 01240.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home  
120 Main Street  
P.O. Box 152  
Lenox, MA 01240  
(413) 637-0699  
eroche120fh@gmail.com

## Service

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Church on the Hill  
Main Street  
Lenox, MA 01240

## Burial

NOV **30**. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

St. Ann's Cemetery  
1 Ore Bed Road  
Lenox, MA 01240

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ Gramna was the best I am going to miss you terribly and I miss you much it was way to soon for you to go wish never got sick gramma you have been in my life for 29 years I am going to miss hanging out with you everyday eating lunch with you sleeping over every Mondays my heart really hurts knowing that your gone love you so much gramma rest in piece and keep watching over me and your whole family

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**sarah** - December 08, 2016 at 12:58 PM

JP

“ In this season of Thanksgiving, Charlotte Pignatelli passed away at age 98. Generations of Lenox people experienced her kindness, generosity, and loyalty. For so many of us she was a model of grace and dignity. She was extra special for the members of Lenox High School, Class of 1965, not just because one of her three fine sons was among our class officers and athletes, but because she was so often there for each of us, spiritually and literally. Just a few weeks ago she made a cake for a Lenox '65 classmate who is fighting his way through physical therapy. When my mother was widowed with four children under age eight, she could count on Charlotte Pignatelli, and Charlotte remained her loyal friend for life. When I brought my own children to visit Lenox they were immediately drawn to her presence. That makes three generations of thanks for the life and living example of Charlotte Pignatellii. She will surely rest in peace.

*Jeanne Marie Penvenne  
162 Oak Street  
Duxbury, MA 02332  
781-934-0961*

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**Jeanne Penvenne** - December 02, 2016 at 07:40 AM

DK

“Charlotte was a remarkable woman, citizen, and mentor for me and so many others who had the privilege to know her. Every time I have the occasion to visit with her, I knew that I would get a straight, honest, and still compassionate response in conversation with her. Somehow, knowing that I would spend these moments with her, I would feel that the world's problems and my own would seem less intrusive, more forgiving, and more prone to yielding to what matters most. Her wisdom and thoughtfulness are attributes that I will surely miss. She will remain in my thoughts and the source of my inspiration.

- Dennis Klein

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**Dennis Klein** - November 30, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“Pignatelli Family, sorry for your loss and will be thinking of you during this time. Mike and Amy Berry

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**Mike Berry** - November 30, 2016 at 07:54 AM

JH

“Charlotte was the most beautiful, kind, person I have ever known. She was very kind to my Uncle Joe, who always made sure she had everything she needed when she was teaching. She and Bart were the best! Love, Val and Jim

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**James and Valerie Herrick** - November 29, 2016 at 12:42 PM

JS

“ *My heart is with all of you as you mourn your truly wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and aunt, who died too soon, even at age 98. Charlotte was so present in the world, so caring of people, so bright and engaged. My family and my friends are also so saddened by the loss of Charlotte.*

*I never looked at Charlotte and saw a woman in her nineties. I saw a kind, smart, well-read woman, engaged with the world, who had a warm and giving heart. As they say in the Jewish tradition, she had a 'good neshama,' a good soul, and I loved her dearly and miss her terribly, and will always keep her memory alive in my heart.*

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**Judy Seaman** - November 29, 2016 at 09:08 AM

KP

“ *I was sad to read of your mother's passing. She was my favorite teacher in Lenox Dale. Whenever I would run into her we would talk about Lenox and what was going on in town. She was a great lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you .*

*Karen Hamberg Phillips*

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**Karen Phillips** - November 29, 2016 at 08:05 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mrs Charlotte H Pignatelli.*



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November 28, 2016 at 05:07 PM