



Mrs. Jean E. Govoni

November 21, 1923 - April 7, 2021

Jean E. Govoni, 97, formerly of Lenox Dale, died Wednesday morning at Mount Greylock Extended Care in Pittsfield. Born in Pittsfield on November 21, 1923, the daughter of Arthur and Mary Barris Harper, she grew up in the Morningside neighborhood of Pittsfield with her 7 brothers and sisters and attended Pittsfield schools.

Mrs. Govoni was first employed at the Glix Brandt Pajama Factory in Pittsfield and later worked at Pine Acres, Cranwell Preparatory School, the Lenox Public Schools, and was last employed by Country Curtains.

She enjoyed cooking for family gatherings especially summertime backyard picnics and Christmas. Baking Christmas cookies became a signature family treasure. She also enjoyed knitting and handcrafts and was active in her Parish of St. Vincent de Paul in Lenox Dale.

Mrs. Govoni and her husband, Ceasar C. Govoni, were married at Mt. Carmel Church in Pittsfield on September 20, 1941. Mr. Govoni died in 1991.

Jean is survived by three daughters; Rosemary Casey of Pittsfield, Marilyn Herrman of Pittsfield, Jean Hughes (John) of California; and son Richard Govoni of Lenox Dale; grandchildren Linda Tyer, Sean Casey, Amy Heath, Gregory Herrman, Michael Hughes and Sarah Bunker, and Matthew Govoni and Melissa Govoni; great-grandchildren Caroline Casey, Anna Grace Casey, Anthony Heath, Hadley Herrman, Jocelyn Herrman, Tanner Hughes, Alissa Hughes, Adeline Bunker, Emily Bunker, Harper Govoni, and Daeshon Clifford, and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents and husband, she was also predeceased by her brothers Louis, James, Charles, and Carson Harper and her sisters Margaret Robitaille, Ruth Lowry, and Shirley Desantis.

The funeral for Mrs. Jean E. Govoni will be Monday morning at 10:30 from the ROCHE FUNERAL HOME followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Lenox Dale celebrated by the Rev. Monsignor John J. Bonzagni, Pastor. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Calling hours the morning of the funeral are from 9-10:30. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mrs. Govoni's memory may be made to Hospice Care of the Berkshires in care of the funeral home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Vincent de Paul
Crystal Street
Lenox Dale, MA 01242

Burial

APR 12. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Mountain View Cemetery
Housatonic Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

PR

“ *Matt and Melissa-*
I am so so sorry for the loss of your grandmother. She was always so sweet and welcoming to us neighborhood kids, and she had the best baked goods. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.
Paris

Paris Roosa - April 25, 2021 at 08:41 PM

EC

“ *To the Family of Jean,*

I thank Jean for all the lovely dresses she would make for me, and fix.
I go way back. Loved visiting her always sweet and a big smile. She truly gave light
to others who meet her.
Rest in peace Jean.

Love Elizabeth Smith Celli

elizabeth celli - April 17, 2021 at 08:40 AM

BK

“ Dear Marilyn and Richard and Matt and families.

When I saw Jean's lovely picture and saw the Govoni name, I knew right away she had a connection to Morris Elementary School and a former student of mine, Matt. Matt, I am so very sorry you lost your grandmother.

Marilyn, I had no idea that Jean was your mother. Small world. I am so very sorry for your loss. She certainly lived a long life. 97 years! May she Rest In Peace now. I remember her as such a sweet lady who loved her family.

I am sure that you have many lovely memories which will warm your hearts. Sending prayers for peace and comfort in the days ahead.

God bless.

Sincerely,

Becky Knox



Becky Knox - April 12, 2021 at 10:41 PM

AK

“ To Jean's Family: So sorry for your loss. Jean was very special to me; I would sit and talk with her and help her with what I could, I was Jean's housekeeper. I heard all her memories of her family and she showed me her photo album and knew who everyone was, she was proud of all of you. The memory I want to share is one afternoon we were getting a good snow storm and she said that I couldn't go home because she didn't want anything to happen to me and I could stay in her room with her. I assured her I would be ok and I would see her in the morning, the next morning I went down the hall where she sat and looked outside and watched her face light up when she saw me and I told her I'm back and she laughed. She sure will be missed.

Amy M. Kokindo - April 11, 2021 at 01:12 PM

BN

“ *To the Govoni Family,*

Sympathy and prayers to the family. So sorry for the loss of your Mother.

Beverly Nourse

Beverly Ann Nourse - April 11, 2021 at 11:02 AM

SC

“ *To Jean's Family,*

My deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mom..

She was an incredible person.

Before the pandemic, I'd meet her in the grocery store, and we'd catch up on everything going on in the world.

It was always a joy to talk with her. Her smile and kindness will never be forgotten.

Rest in peace, Jean. God called you home to share your new everlasting life, with loved ones who have gone before you.

You were a true and loving servant of God on your journey, and now you are rewarded to share in eternal life at the table of the Lord.

Sandy Cummings - April 10, 2021 at 05:10 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jean E. Govoni.*



April 09, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jean E. Govoni.



April 09, 2021 at 03:14 PM