



Mrs. Louise Kirchner

March 25, 1923 - July 25, 2025

With great sadness, we share the loss of our mother, Louise (Proctor) Kirchner of Lenox at 102 on July 25. Born at home to Joseph H. Proctor, Jr. and Sophie (Stocklen) Proctor in Pittsfield, Mass. She attended a one room schoolhouse as a child, graduated from Lenox High School in 1940, and Bishop Memorial School of Nursing in 1944. A smitten paperboy caught her eye, and she married the love of her life, Bernard T. Kirchner on June 8, 1946, in Stockbridge, Mass. They shared 73 years together until his passing in 2019.

She loved being a wife and mother, creating welcoming homes and hosting delicious gatherings. She loved music, was an accomplished quilter and knitted many items for charity. Mom knew no strangers. Her joy and laugh would warm all around her. She truly was an inspiration with her quiet wisdom and endless patience through the challenging and best of times. We will miss her thoughtfulness, kindness and joy, always looking for a silver lining and encouraging us to do the same.

She leaves four daughters Susan Turner, Christine (Paul) Benjamin, Melissa Foster and Joan Stomski; seven grandchildren, fourteen great- grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her husband Bernard, her sister Gloria Pixley, and sons-in-law Peter Turner, Bruce Foster, and Gerald Stomski.

Many thanks to all the compassionate staff at Kimball Farms Pine Hill who brightened her days.

There will be no service and a private burial will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers in her memory, share a smile, help someone who needs it or donate to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Louise for many years at Family Practice, she was always so nice, and so kind. I have great memories of her from that time.

Amy Green - August 06, 2025 at 08:53 AM

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“ Peggy F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Louise Kirchner.

Peggy F. - August 04, 2025 at 09:53 AM

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“ Your mom's picture looks like she never aged, with that smile that lets you know everything will be ok. I remember sitting at her kitchen table playing cards drinking an Arnold Palmer. The double stair case, Stormy the black German Shepard in the pen under the trees. Your grandfather who LOVED the smell of skunks and riding our bikes everywhere we went. Our parents gave us a great childhood and our neighborhood gave us so many great memories. I miss those days. Here's to our moms and dads, THANK YOU, Sue Mahoney

sue mahoney - August 02, 2025 at 05:37 AM