



Mrs Nancy P Clark

December 12, 1931 - April 28, 2018

Nancy Persing Clark, 86, died at Berkshire Medical Center on April 28, 2018 after a sudden illness. A celebration of her life will be held at the Lenox Methodist Church, Sunday May 6, 2018 at 1pm. A gathering for friends and family will follow at Sugar Hill in Dalton, burial will be private.

Nancy was a local, West Stockbridge girl. The only daughter, born December 12, 1931 to Dr. William E and Dorothy (Nichols) Persing. She marveled that she remained "Doc Persing's daughter" to this day.

Nancy was predeceased by her brother, Reverend William Persing and his wife Anne, and her brother John Persing. John's wife, her good friend Sharon continues to reside in West Stockbridge.

Nancy maintained decades long friendships with girlhood friends, Barb Fiorini, Dot Hotchkiss, Fran Toolin and Mary Genkos. She loved attending the Williams High School class of 1950 reunions.

Nancy adored her husband Russell Clark who died in 2001. They were married 25 years and lived every day with gratitude that they had found each other. She always remarked "we put each other first" She will be buried by his side in West Stockbridge.

Nancy was easy to be around, and incredibly adaptable. After her husband's death, she went on to live in Lenox and Granville Ma, enjoying many years with the Ed Roberts family. After her return to Lenox, she loved socializing at the Lenox Community Center. Nancy's nephews Bill and Richard Persing's devotion to her, made it possible for her to remain in her home. Her friend

Mary Healy took care of her like she was family.

Nancy was well read, loved MSNBC and although a natural optimist, admitted it was a struggle since November 2016. Personally, she kept her peace, was non-judgmental and believed in kindness and inclusion. "if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all."

Easter weekend 2018, Nancy moved into Sugar Hill Assisted Living in Dalton. We had hoped for many years of happiness there, but the 4 weeks she lived there were a never-ending source of delight to her. She loved the graciousness, activities, fine dining and support in her new home. She likened it to being on the Queen Elizabeth cruise ship.

She will be dearly missed by her children Heather (Christopher) Biernacki, Gregory (Amie) Black, Linda (Brian) Dutil, Roberta (Brett) Clark, Russell (Nancy) Clark and Keith Clark. 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 6. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

United Methodist Church of Lenox
6 Holmes Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

JW

“ John and I were saddened to learn of Nancy’s passing. John and Nancy both grew up in West Stockbridge and their families were best friends for many years. Nancy was like an older sister to John and we have many pictures of them as children and teenager. Our deepest sympathy Heather and Greg and the rest of the Nancy’s family.

Liz and John Whitehead

john whitehead - May 22, 2018 at 01:35 PM

ML

“ So sorry for your loss. Nancy was a graceful woman; someone to be proud of.

Melissa & Lenny - May 04, 2018 at 05:23 AM

VS

“ Nancy was my only girl cousin. My father William Schooley always delighted in telling Nancy that she was his favorite niece. Although we lived in Pennsylvania and Nancy lived in Massachusetts, I have many fond memories of having spent summer vacations in Mass. We were together in 1945 when the Second World War was declared over. We had an Aunt Katherine Persing who made sure we cousins all kept in touch. I will miss being in touch with Nancy.

Virginia Schooley Sandefur

Virginia Sandefur - May 03, 2018 at 05:14 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to your family. I spent a couple of weeks with Nancy at Berkshire Place while she was recovering from her hip surgery. She was a special lady, and I feel privileged to have met her. We enjoyed many interesting meal time conversations. She always had a smile and an upbeat outlook.*

Susan Lombard - May 03, 2018 at 10:31 AM