



Ellen McKenna Benedict

September 12, 1931 - April 7, 2019

Ellen McKenna Benedict, of North Andover M.A, passed away peacefully alongside her family at the age of 87 on April 7th at the High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill MA after a long and well fought battle with Congestive Heart Failure.

She was born in Lawrence M.A on September 12th, 1931. She was the daughter of the late Dennis and Catherine (Doyle) McKenna. Ellen was predeceased by her son, Stephen Benedict, and her sister, Elizabeth McKenna. Ellen was a graduate of the St. Mary's High School class of 1949 and Lowell State College class of 1953. Ellen taught in Springfield M.A , St. Monicas School, Methuen MA, and for many years with the Lawrence Public School's. After retirement, she volunteered at the Lawrence History Center, Lawrence Public School's, and at the library for St. Mary's School in Lawrence, MA.

She was a member of St. Mary's Parish having been baptized there as was her father 40 years before her birth.

Ellen enjoyed traveling and was always excited to try new foods. She was an avid reader and also enjoyed writing poetry. She was a dedicated educator and a lifetime learner. She greatly enjoyed spending time with her family and caring for her friends and neighbors. She leaves her devoted daughter Susan Comeau and her husband Ross Comeau of Andover, MA, and her dearly loved grandchildren, Andrew Comeau of Andover M.A and Catherine Comeau and her fiancé John Gendron of Pelham N.H. She also leaves her brother Paul McKenna of Nashua, NH and his daughter Jennifer Coy, of Nashua N.H, as well her sister Catherine Kelly of Wakefield, MA. She also leaves behind her two "adopted" grandchildren, Mike Piergeorge of Haverhill, MA and Katya Kaminsky of Studio City, C.A. A special thanks to Nurse Bridget Pearson of the Merrimack Valley Home Health VNA who cared for Ellen over the past year and provided her with exceptional care and love. Another special thanks to the High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill, MA for also providing exceptional care and comfort for Ellen and her family.

In compliance with Ellen's wishes, funeral services and calling hours are private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill, MA or just performing a special act of kindness in memory of Ellen. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc. 122 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA, 01841. To leave an online condolence please visit our website at: <http://www>

Comments



“ On behalf of the Lawrence History Center, I'd like to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of Ellen. She was a wonderful woman and we are deeply grateful for the time she spent volunteering at the Lawrence History Center. Thanks to her efforts in preserving Lawrence history in our archives, we are able to help researchers from all over the world. Ellen will be missed, but her legacy will live on in the work she did here at the Lawrence History Center.

Amita Kiley - April 17, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Ellen's passing. She was a lovely lady. I so enjoyed working with her at the Leonard School
Sharon Godbold

Sharon Godbold - April 15, 2019 at 10:43 PM



“ Dear Ross and Sue,
my most heartfelt condolences to you at this difficult time of loss. May Mary envelop you with her motherly love and console you. Be sure of my prayers.
-Lucia Colella-Yantosca

Lucia Colella-Yantosca - April 12, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ I am just seeing this and realized that I worked alongside your Mom for many years at the Leonard School. She was kind and gentle and had the greatest sense of humor. I think of her often and share this story in the hopes of making you smile. She was teaching fifth grade. One morning prior to coming to school, she broke her tooth. One of her students noticed and said, "Mrs. Benedict, you lost your tooth." Immediately, she stopped teaching and responded, "Everyone stop, look around, I've lost my tooth and we need to find it!" All her students got up to search. I still smile when I think of her. I hope that you find comfort in your loving memories.
Veronica Harris



Veronica Harris - April 12, 2019 at 08:15 AM



“ Thank you so much Veronica, I remember you working with my mother. Dental issues continued to later years and I know you guys had a great time at the Leonard School. Thank you for sharing this story, it brightened our day!

Susan Comeau - April 12, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ I will always remember Ma Benedict driving with both hands on the wheel and many more fond memories.
With sympathy and prayers. Wendy Clegg

W Clegg - April 09, 2019 at 05:50 PM



“ Thank you so much for thinking of us. I got something that will make you smile. A number of years ago when my son was a carrier for the Eagle Tribune, we were on vacation, his substitute carrier didn't show. Unlike us in our carrier days, Ma Benedict neatly folded all of the papers and walked his route and delivered them.

Hope you and your family are all well.

Sue.

Sue Comeau - April 10, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ That did make me smile. No surprise that Ma would do that. So many things I have thought of over the decades. Ma was always there for us...no matter what! I hope her memories will always bring a warm feeling in your heart.

w clegg - April 21, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ Dear Sue,

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I hope that you are finding comfort in memories of your mom.

Mary F. Connelly

Mary - April 09, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ Gee provided me with so much unconditional love and happiness. We enjoyed each other's company, immensely. Whenever I would see her, even if I was having a bad day, she would turn it all completely around. She had such a bright light and kindness to her, that I've seen matched by so few other people. She was truly a special person in my life, integral to my growing up, and I will miss her dearly. Sending you all so much love. <3

- Katya

Katya Kaminsky - April 08, 2019 at 10:17 PM