



Betty H. (Pillsbury) Cleary

September 22, 1923 - October 26, 2021

Betty H. Cleary, of Pepperell, passed away on October 26, 2021. She was born in Nashua, NH, on September 22, 1923, the daughter of Irving W. Pillsbury and M. Helena (Lillis) Pillsbury. Betty was a graduate of Pepperell High School and Burdett College, and she worked for many years as a secretary before starting a family.

When we think of Betty, we think of her thoughtfulness, of big holiday dinners, the beautiful cards she sent, going out to eat, and her legendary pie crusts. She loved the lake, nice pajamas, dogs, putting her feet in the ocean, a glass of Chardonnay with dinner, and quietly giving you whatever you needed whenever you needed it. Betty was unfailingly polite, silly, gracious, and the warmest and most welcoming person. We are grateful for all that she gave us and for the example that she set.

She was deeply devoted to her family, but Betty's generosity and kindness extended far beyond: she touched a lot of lives and will be greatly missed by many people.

Betty leaves behind her sister, Mary Jane Pillsbury; sons, Thomas and Michael Cleary and their partners, Andrea Cleary and Bridget Finnegan; grandchildren Kristin Cartee, Abigail Cartee, Joseph Cleary, Kelly Cleary, and Madison Cleary; and one great-grandchild, Thomas Cleary. She is also

survived by her sister-in-law, Jane Croteau; half-siblings Elaine Newsham, Martha Spaulding, Barbara Labadini, Nancy Reagan, John Pillsbury, Irving Pillsbury Jr., and Denise Pillsbury; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and admirers of her always perfectly pressed shirts.

She was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Joseph I. Cleary Jr.; daughters, Maureen and Kathleen Cleary; infant grandson, Jamie Cartee; brother, Thomas Pillsbury; and half-siblings Bernadette Hills, Joyce Chapman, and David Pillsbury.

Services and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Betty's name to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, PO Box 766, Center Harbor, NH, 03226: <https://lrct.org>.

Condolences may be made online at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Groton Cemetery

Chicopee Row
Groton, MA 01450

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *I will always remember and cherish your quiet thoughtfulness, Betty. Rest peacefully. xo*
Paula Bye



Paula Bye - November 05, 2021 at 08:36 PM

MF

“ *My condolences and prayers are with the Cleary family* Mike Flood

Mike Flood - October 31, 2021 at 10:34 AM

SJ

“ *Sending our condolences, love and prayers to the family during this difficult time.*

Nikki and Stan DeMartinis Jr.

Stan DeMartinis Jr. - October 31, 2021 at 07:41 AM

BT

“ *A wonderful woman! Many loved ones welcoming her to heaven! Sincerely, Barbara Towne*



barbara towne - October 30, 2021 at 11:35 AM

KC

“ Karen Corey lit a candle in memory of Betty H. (Pillsbury) Cleary



Karen Corey - October 30, 2021 at 10:09 AM

KC

“ Just learning of Bettys passing. Very sorry and sad. Betty was one of the strongest women I knew. From her Grace to her " tell it like it is" honesty, she was a classic. May she always be at peace.

Karen Sheedy Corey

Karen Corey - October 30, 2021 at 10:08 AM

SE

“ Sending love and condolences. May Betty rest in peace.

Susan Edwards - October 29, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Betty H. (Pillsbury) Cleary.



October 29, 2021 at 11:04 AM

DN

“ Betty always sent beautiful messages to me with every Christmas card. I miss hearing from her.
I am sending my prayers and condolences to all. She will be missed!
Dolores Normandin

Dolores Normandin - October 28, 2021 at 08:27 PM

VT

“ My condolences to the Cleary family. May Betty rest in peace. Vince Talia

Vince Talia - October 28, 2021 at 01:44 PM