



Mildred Alice Coyne

January 7, 1921 - August 23, 2020

Mildred Alice Coyne, 99, of Englewood, Florida passed away peacefully at Inglenook Assisted Living Facility for Ladies in Englewood, Florida on Sunday, August 23, 2020. Mildred Alice Beard was born January 7, 1921 to Albert and Sarah (Hibbert) Beard in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Until her relocation to Florida to live near her daughters in 2017, Mildred had been a lifelong resident of New England, spending time in Massachusetts and Connecticut. After graduating from high school in New Bedford, she became a governess to a family on Nantucket and there got to work alongside the man who would become the love of her life. In June 1942, she married that man, E. Patrick Coyne. During World War Two, she proudly served her country by working in a torpedo factory in Newport, Rhode Island. After the War, she and Pat moved to Connecticut and started their family. With four children born in Connecticut, the family moved back to New Bedford. There, Mildred rejoined the workforce, ultimately retiring from a position in the Registrar's Office at Southeastern Massachusetts University (now the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth). Having lived through the impoverished times of the Great Depression and the tumult of the Second World War, and after both losing parents during their childhoods, Millie and Pat provided for their four children a loving, warm, and welcoming home, always secure in the love of their family.

Mildred spent most of her adult life as a communicant of St. James Church in New Bedford. She was a proud member of the St. Vincent De Paul Society, devoting many hours of labor in support of the less advantaged. Earlier in life, she had been an active member of the Whaling City Post VFW Auxiliary. She was also an active member of the Mt. Carmel Seniors Club, the St. James Seniors Club, and the Dartmouth Council on Aging. However, Millie was always happiest when spending time with family. At the annual Fourth of July family reunions, at every family holiday party, at countless school graduations and stage performances of her grandchildren (many faithfully attended thousands of miles distant), Millie was an enthusiastic supporter of those she loved and who loved her in return. She was very proud to be "friends forever" of her special great grandson Christopher.

Those left to cherish the memory of Millie include her daughters: Nancy (Jim) Mosley, H. Penny (Bruce) Lima, Mary-Anne (Tom) Sheppard, all of Rotonda West, FL and her son

Edmund (Bernadette) Coyne, MD of Bettendorf, IA; granddaughters: Sue Knight, Barbara White, Christine Ryan, Melanie Cole, Lauren Coyne, Jennifer Lourenco, Alison Sheppard, Julie Smith, and Elizabeth Anderson; and twenty great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Pat, her parents, and her seven siblings. May they all rest in peace.

A private family ceremony will be held in Florida with a memorial to be held in Massachusetts at a later date.

The family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful staff of the Inglenook Assisted Living Facility for Women, where the final years of our mother's life were spent in a dignified and caring environment.

Englewood Community Funeral Home with Private Crematory has been selected to handle arrangements. You may share a memory with the family at <http://www.inglewoodfh.com>

Comments



“ Nancy, Penny, Maryanne and Eddie, and family,
So many memories . We had some
good times! I will miss Auntie Millie she was a great lady. Keeping you all in my
thoughts and prayers!
May all those special memories help you during this
difficult time .. our hearts may be sad but she now at
peace with your dad . Take Care and God Bless
Eileen

Eileen Connor - September 08, 2020 at 02:18 AM



“ Growing up in Toledo, some of my happiest childhood memories were visiting my
dad's family in New Bedford. I will always remember my Aunt Millie as loving,
cheerful, and a total joy. She and Uncle Pat raised a wonderful family. I expect that
was her proudest achievement.

Dave Coyne - September 01, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ So sorry to learn of Millie's passing. She was my mother's neighbor at Sol e Mar apts
in Dartmouth and they enjoyed each other's company. My Mom, Tina Vieira, passed
away unexpectedly in 2008 at age 77. You were so lucky to have your Mom for so
many years If I remember correctly, Millie took much of my mother's furniture for a
granddaughter. Thank you for sharing your memories in a beautifully written obituary.
Peggy (Vieira) Souza

Peggy - September 01, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ Ed and family, please accept our deepest sympathy for the passing of your mother
Mildred. We are so sorry for your loss. May your memories shared bring you
moments of peace and comfort. Dana and Cheryl Bernier

Dana Bernier - August 31, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ Mary-Anne and family, such a beautifully written tribute to your Mom. So sorry for your loss. Prayers of peace being sent from Kathy Pickering Souza.

Kathleen Pickering Souza - August 31, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ Such a beautiful tribute to your mom. So sorry for your loss. Sue and Bill Benedetti

s Wright - August 30, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ To all of Millie's family, my deepest sympathy on her passing.
She always had a smile and a warm hello every time we would meet for St. Vincent DePaul.
She was a beautiful lady.
Maureen Lewis

Maureen Lewis - August 30, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Hi Ed, it's Bob Baarsvik. Just want to let you and the family know how sorry I was to hear of your mom's passing. I will always remember her and your dad. They were great people, always so welcoming and nice to me. If possible please keep me posted when you plan to do something in MA. I would rally like to attend and see you. My email is bbaarsvik@gmail.com and cell is 508 971-1669

Bob Baarsvik - August 29, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ So sorry, Penny, for your mom's death. Brings back memories of Auntie Anna Seddon, and Uncle George. Hope you arrive all well.

jean dumas - August 29, 2020 at 01:18 PM