



Madelyne Gertrude Donovan

October 29, 1931 - January 23, 2024

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Madelyne Gertrude Donovan.

Madelyne Gertrude Donovan, 92, of Mt. Jackson, passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at Winchester Medical Center. Services will be held in Southwick, MA at a later date in the spring.

Mrs. Donovan was born October 29, 1931, in Quebec, Canada, daughter of the late Edmond G. Chouinard and Therese Dupuis Chouinard. She formerly worked at Strathmore Paper in Westfield, MA and was known for making lap quilts for many people in the area. She was married to the late Andrew Edmond Donovan.

She is survived by four daughters, Deborah Lansing of Mt. Jackson, Laura Lynne Donovan of Florida, Patricia Shoemaker of Connecticut and Tammy Ayr (Wilson Dysart) of Edinburg; brother, Peter Chouinard of New Hampshire; three grandchildren, David Lansing (Lisa), Nicholas Lansing (Serena) and Devin Shoemaker (Olivia Brandt); and three great grandchildren, Shawn Lansing, Damon Lansing and Alexina Lansing.

She was a giver. She was thankful. She believed in letting you know you were loved. She was full of spice and ready to go all the time. She made you laugh.

She was a sewer all her life but in her later years and her lifestyle became limited she focused on how she could help others. And that she did. She

made many blankets for assisted living homes, hospice, veterans and many other organizations. She always said they are made with love. I would love to know how many she actually made. I know it was thousands. Who could have imagined sewing all that love. She also made beautiful holiday table mats for us. I cherish each of mine. She made pocketbooks with matching accessories. No one loved them more than her friend, Stella. I'm sure they are catching up today. Your love will remain here with us and so many others because you sewed it and laid it upon us. Made with love.

The family will have a memorial dinner in her honor at 2:00 pm at the Woodstock Moose on Sunday, January 28th, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Make A Wish Foundation.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

Previous Events

Memorial Dinner

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Woodstock Moose Lodge #575
152 Moose Road
Woodstock, VA 22664

Tribute Wall

PF

“ So sorry for your loss, she was a very sweet lady. I am so fortunate to have met her.

pam foltz - January 29, 2024 at 10:02 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Madelyne Gertrude Donovan.



January 28, 2024 at 07:19 PM

MM

“ I did not know Madelyn personally, but always heard stories about her generosity. Very few people will do what she did out of the goodness of heart. May the family find comfort in these times.

Martin Morrison - January 27, 2024 at 08:28 PM

MD

“ Madelyn loved to laugh, I remember visiting when you lived in Ma. I remember playing in the pool and all the music that was around her. She was a great cook and had such a beautiful heart.



Maureen Donovan - January 27, 2024 at 07:18 PM

TA

“ *Some of my most fondest memories is of mom singing to us as children (she had such a beautiful voice), listening to Bocelli's music, making lap blankets and oh how she loved Christmas.*

Tammy - January 27, 2024 at 05:13 AM

JL

I have many of her little quilts and bags and a tablecloth that will be cherished as well as the memory of the special lady who made them!

Jackie Leggett - January 28, 2024 at 12:32 PM