



Deloris Patnode Zabeni

July 25, 1935 - November 7, 2012

SPRINGFIELD-Deloris Patnode Zabeni, 77, died on November 7, 2012 at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, MA. Born to Victor and Louise (Musiak) Patnode, she spent most of her earlier years in North Wilbraham, MA before relocating to Springfield. Deloris was an avid skier in her youth thus earning the nickname "SkiDee". She was a graduate of Commerce High School and Gaugh School of Business. She attended Springfield College and was one of the earlier certified physical fitness instructors at the Springfield YMCA and later held classes at the Longmeadow Country Club. Deloris also worked for Monarch Life Insurance Company and as a paraprofessional with the Longmeadow Public Schools where she spent much of her working years supporting the fifth and sixth grade programs at Glenbrook Middle School. She also managed the first teen program at Greenwood Park School before retiring in 2009. Predeceased by her father, Victor Patnode, her mother, Louise Musiak Smith, her only son, Jon Vella Zabeni and her stepfather, John Smith, she is survived by her only brother, Roger Patnode of Springfield, her sister, Kim Smith Cross and her husband, William of Hingham, MA and their children, Benjamin and Jenna. She also leaves her former husband Fausto "Fitzi" Zabeni and many friends who will miss her dearly. Deloris was determined to avoid being a burden to anyone but rather she was a source of strength and support to her family and friends in many ways. She was a caring and courageous lady with a great sense of loyalty to her friends and unconditional love for her family. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may

be made to the Holyoke Soldiers' Home, 110 Cherry Street, Holyoke, MA 01040 or Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society, P. O. Box 3607, Springfield, MA 01101. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC 25 Mill St., Springfield, MA 01108 with a visiting hour from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. A private burial will take place in Gate of Heaven Cemetery at a later date. For full details please visit www.nefcc.net

Tribute Wall

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“ Kim, Roger, Fitz, I was so very sorry to hear of Dee's passing. I have so many great memories from all of the years on Carver Street. She was a wonderful lady. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace...she is with Jon... Susan Bilodeau Marshall

Susan Bilodeau Marshall - February 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM

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“ Extending sincere condolences to the family of Deloris Patnode Zabeni in their loss. The Staff at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC

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