



Phyllis P. Blakesley

April 14, 1934 - September 10, 2014

NORTHAMPTON - Phyllis “Cooky” Blakesley passed away on September 10, 2014 at the age of 80 . She passed comfortably at Calvin Coolidge Nursing home. Cooky was born in Los Angeles, California where she spent most of her life until she made Northampton, MA her home in 1977.

Cooky got her nickname at Camp River Glen in California where she was the head cook for several summers. She was a cafeteria worker in the public and private school system all her life including her last job at Smith College. She worked at both Comstock/Wilder and Talbott House. Smith College is where Cooky met her best friend for over 30 years; Louise “Weezy” Pedruczny.

Cooky loved life, animals (dogs especially); she loved music; especially Barbra Streisand and Judy Garland. Cooky always had a bright smile and a contagious laugh. She was spontaneous and had a great sense of humor. She made friends easily and those friends were for life.

Cooky is survived by her three daughters; Debbie Blakesley, Julie Haas and Brenda Howard and their spouses. Cooky was blessed with 5 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and another on the way.

There will be no public service for Cooky, as the family has planned a private memorial to share their memories. We want to thank the staff at Rockridge

Retirement Home and the staff at Calvin Coolidge where Cooky spent her last months. We know she will be missed by many.

New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. Visit www.nefcc.net

Tribute Wall

NL

“ Extending heartfelt condolences to the family of Phyllis P. Blakesley on the passing of your loved one. The Staff at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC

New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

DE

“ We miss you mom.

Debbie - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

CS

“ Cooky was an unforgettable person. I met her at Camp River Glen over 40 years ago, and have never forgotten her warmth and humor. Condolences to her daughters and everyone whose heart is feeling this loss today.

Colleen Simmons - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

CM

“ Cooky will be missed by us all at Rockridge. My thoughts go out to all of her family at this difficult time.

Cat McGaffigan - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

NI

“ Cookie was one of a kind! She loved her daughters and her family. She was also a dog lover. I remember her teaching Dora how to say mama. She always ended our weekly phone calls with kiss Nina and all the puppies, even Rocket! She will be missed but never forgotten.

Nina - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

JH

“ *“My Way”* And now, the end is here And so I face the final curtain My friend, I'll say it clear I'll state my case, of which I'm certain I've lived a life that's full I traveled each and ev'ry highway And more, much more than this, I did it my way Regrets, I've had a few But then again, too few to mention I did what I had to do and saw it through without exemption I planned each charted course, each careful step along the byway And more, much more than this, I did it my way Yes, there were times, I'm sure you knew When I bit off more than I could chew But through it all, when there was doubt I ate it up and spit it out I faced it all and I stood tall and did it my way I've loved, I've laughed and cried I've had my fill, my share of losing And now, as tears subside, I find it all so amusing To think I did all that And may I say, not in a shy way, Oh, no, oh, no, not me, I did it my way For what is a man, what has he got? If not himself, then he has naught To say the things he truly feels and not the words of one who kneels The record shows I took the blows and did it my way! Mom...you did it your way!! I will miss you, but I know you're where you need to be. All my love...until we meet again. The middle one....Julie

Julie Haas - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

CH

“ *Going to miss you Ma! Thanks for giving birth to my wife. Love you! R.I.P.* ”

Cliff Haas - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

RE

“ The sorrow of the faithful is not that of permanent loss, but the tender sense of sadness that comes in saying good-bye for now to someone we love. May today's sorrow give way to the peace and comfort of God's love. Isaiah 25:8; JW.ORG

Rebecca - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

PM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Cooky was a special part of my memories of River Glen. I enjoyed being staff with her. I also have many fun memories of evenings at her house sharing laughs. She touched many lives and she will be missed, but always in our hearts. Blessings , Pat "Shep" Miller

Pat Miller. - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

PK

“ Grandma was one of the craziest ladies I have ever come across still to this day. I loved her very much and she knew it. She knew how to make anyone straighten up and fly right!!!! From nights at the New York Mets Stadium, Statue of Liberty, Dora & Jessie, Dog combs, graduation of highschool, Florida, California, lets not forget those troops with the yellow ribbon, and the list can go on and on of places we have been together as well as shared so many memories. I love you Grandma!!!!

Patrick Kelly - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

RN

“ There will be hugs and there will be tears, but, most of all there will be love from the family during your sorrow Debbie and Nina. With sympathy and love. Robert and Betty

Robert & Betty Neville - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

JG

“ Some of my fondest memories are of visiting Cooky and Weezy with Brenda. Cooky was when here and will remain a character in spirit. She was funny, kind and full of light, which she will continue to shine on those she loves. XOXO

Janice Graham - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

JH

“ i so appreciate the way you welcomed me into your life, and am a better f person for it. Your sense of humor always tickled me and hope mine did the same for you. The horses are in the starting gate.....the race is on and heaven needs a thoroughbred.

jesse howard - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

BH

“ Mom you were the sunshine of my life\r\nYou were the apple of my eye\r\nForever you will stay in my heart.\r\nI love you mommy.\r\na hug and a kiss and a peck around the neck.

Brenda Howard - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

BK

“ Grandma Cooky - Thank you for the memories when I was a child. I will always appreciate the time you and I spent together. I love you - Brian

Brian Kelly - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM

ML

“ Dear Cooky, \r\nYour loved ones will be okay for we remember Matthew 5:4 “Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.”\r\nSo go and run free with the angels; dance around the golden clouds; for the Lord has chosen you to be with Him.

Mary Lou LaBarge - February 14, 2023 at 10:24 AM