



Pauline A. Irish

February 23, 1920 - July 21, 2017

Pauline Irish February 23, 1920 ~ July 21, 2017 Polly was born in Portsmouth, N.H., the only child of Lyman and Hazel Macdonald. Her family eventually settled in Pittsfield, MA where she spent her childhood and young adulthood. After graduating high school, Polly attended business school and then gained employment in a law office near home. As a member of a young adult group at her Baptist church, Polly first met a gentleman named Lynn Irish who was working for the General Electric research lab in Pittsfield at that time. They fell in love and planned a wedding for the summer of 1942. However, with war looming, Lynn enlisted in the Army Air Corp and was soon stationed in Gander, Newfoundland. A sudden, short leave afforded Lynn the opportunity to return to Pittsfield where he and Polly were married on November 6, 1941. Polly loved being near the ocean and she took every opportunity to walk the sandy shoreline. She was an avid reader all her life and she also enjoyed knitting, traveling, camping, jigsaw puzzles, restoring old pottery, actively participating in the United Methodist Women's groups & church choir, and playing games with her family. Polly is survived by Lynn, her husband of 75 years; daughter, Sandy of Highland, IL; son, Larry (Sue) of Vancouver, WA; four grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. A celebration of life is planned for a date in August to be determined and will be held at Highgate Senior Living in Vancouver, WA. The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for the loving, compassionate care provided by Hospice Southwest and the entire Highgate team - thankyou!

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