



Florence V. Dmytryk

October 9, 1921 - June 22, 2024

Florence V. Dmytryk, 102, of Northampton, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at her home. She was born in Everett, MA on October 9, 1921, to the late John and Anna (Duda) Dmytryk.

She grew up on a farm in Westfield and attended schools there. After high school she graduated from Westfield State Teachers College, and later received a master's degree in Education from UMass. Ms. Dmytryk was a uniquely dedicated teacher who had a profound effect on her students, many of whom stayed in touch with her decades on. She taught in Paris, Panama, Connecticut, and for many years at Marks Meadow Elementary School in Amherst.

After she retired from teaching, she volunteered at the Cooley Dickenson Hospice store and with the Northampton Hug-a-bears, a group that makes stuffed bears for children at local hospitals and for distribution by emergency personnel. She was also a communicant for many years at St Mary's of the Assumption Church and more recently at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Known for her generosity and contributions to her community, sharp intelligence, and capable independence, Ms. Dmytryk was a role model to many and a pillar of love and support to her family and friends. She lived surrounded by neighbors and friends who brought much joy to her life.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews: Diane Dmytryk and her husband Dal Coger of Medford; Gary Dmytryk and his wife Sanda Aung of Cambridge; John Dmytryk and his wife Jane of Norman, OK; Jon Dmytryk and his wife

Welda of Milton, GA; Peter Dmytryk and his wife Nancy of Oakland, CA; and Elisa Davis and her husband John of Prattville, AL; as well as several great-nieces and one great great-niece.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Walter, John, and Edward.

Calling hours will be Saturday from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 Damon Rd., Northampton, followed by a Funeral Mass at 12 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 99 King St., Northampton. Burial will be Monday July 1, 2024, at 12 PM in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Bedford, NH.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to The Friends of Forbes Library, PO. Box 1363, Northampton, MA 01060.

For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit DrozdalFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 29. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd.
Northampton, MA 01060
drozdalfh@aol.com
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

JUN 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
99 King St.
Northampton, MA 01060

Burial

JUL 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

SAINT HEDWIG CEMETERY
71 Old Bedford Rd
Bedford, NH

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Miss Dmytryk was my 5th grade teacher at Mark’s Meadow Elementary School in Amherst. She was a gifted teacher and changed the course of my life for the better. Many years later, after my career as a Massachusetts judge and public figure, I received a letter in the mail. It was a note from Miss Dmytryk in flawless penmanship. She told me that she had read about me in the newspaper and wanted to let me know that she was proud of what I had accomplished in life. She was in her mid-90’s. She was one of a kind. My condolences to her family. I will always be thankful to have been her student.

Dan Winslow - June 10, 2025 at 02:21 AM

KW

“ Deepest sympathy! I just today learned about Florence’s passing. She was a wonderful woman and friend, and she so strongly believed in service to others. Florence practiced what she preached, and she was very good to my family and friends, as well as to me.
Karen M. Weaver

Karen M. Weaver - April 25, 2025 at 05:25 PM

LL

“ sending condolences to Diane , Gary and their extended families.
Thinking of you all at this time.
In sympathy,
Liz leger

liz leger - June 30, 2024 at 05:54 PM

NM

“ Nancy and MaryEllen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Florence V. Dmytryk.



Nancy and MaryEllen - June 27, 2024 at 10:16 AM

DR

“ What a great obituary! I met Florence when I volunteered to give her rides to medical appointments several years ago. On one such trip in late September 2021, I commented that her 100th birthday was coming up soon. She said "Yes, but don't tell anyone, I don't want to make a big deal of it." I thought about that and said "I think that when a person has the good fortune to live to be 100, they owe it to others to let them be happy for them." She considered that quietly and then said "I guess you're right." Minutes later, she turned to me and said, "You know, I didn't try to live this long, it just happened!" We're glad it did, Florence, we're glad it did. Dale Ruff, Easthampton

Dale Ruff - June 26, 2024 at 11:27 AM

KB

“ R.I.P. Ms. Dmetryk. You taught me in third grade at Marks Meadow elementary school.
My family moved back to Northampton, but I never forgot you.
You were a wonderful teacher!

Katherine Balise - June 26, 2024 at 07:38 AM