

Mary L. (Klaiber) Varney (1921-2012) Obituary

Greenfield, MA - Mary L. Varney passed away on August 6, 2012 at Poet's Seat Health Care. She was born July 17, 1921 to Frederick S. and Eloine (Doolittle) Klaiber in Montague, MA and was a graduate of Turners Falls High School in 1939. After working in several area stores, she was employed by Millers Falls Tool Co. in the Purchasing Department and Treasurer's Office.

She married Frederick E. Varney with whom she had two sons and chose to care for them full time until they began elementary school. She worked evenings at Casu Diner for five years, before returning to the Millers Falls Tool Co. Later she was hired by the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, from which she retired in 1989 after 30 years employment. During this period (on her own time) she provided information about land transfers, mortgages and attachments to newspapers, publications and appraisers. After retirement, she continued her own business, completing 35 years of reporting.

Mary was a lifetime member of the First Congregational Church of Turner Falls where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, volunteered for church suppers and served as a Trustee. She was a Den Mother in Pack 46 and was a part of the Cub Scout circuses at Unity Park for two summers. In 1982, she was introduced to dollhouses and miniatures. She became a charter member of the local "Miniatures R Us Club" where she served a Treasurer.

She was also a member of NAME, the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts, which provided her with the opportunity to attend fairs and State Days, where she met others in NAME and took classes taught by artisans who also sold numbered items she could purchase for her own collections. Her sons supported her hobby by making twelve-room dollhouse, room boxes (some of which were table lamps). She furnished these with on-of-a-kind items and many kits which she completed herself. She sold and donated furnished dollhouses and roomboxes to the Kimi Nichols School in New Hampshire, friends and family. As a club member, she contributed furniture, needlework and time to build and furnish dollhouses to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. She planned her TFHS Class of 1939 reunions every five years for 35 years with the help of a wonderful committee and her family. They had the 65th reunion, but her ill health prevented the 70th.

Her other interests were reading mysteries, music, baking and knitting.

Mary is survived by sons: Alan (Judy) Varney of Canal Winchester, OH and Roderick (Cheryl) Varney of Chester, NH; Grandchildren: Michael (Rebecca) Varney and their daughter, Ella, of Londonderry, NH, Lindsey Kauffman and her son, Gabriel Myers, of Pickerington, OH. Also surviving Mary are several nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her parents, her ex-husband, brother, Frederick S. Klaiber, Jr., sister and brother-in-law, Edith and **Clarence Frigon BK-13661**, nephews, **Joel A. Frigon BK-18766** and Dennis E. Klaiber, and beloved granddaughter Sheri Ann Varney.

A special thanks to the following folks for all their assistance, care and concern for Mary during her time of need: Martha Finn, Maureen, Emily and Bill Butynski, Jean and Richard Herchenreder, Alice and Gordon Fairbrother, Bill and Joan Clark, Jim and Donna Klaiber.

In accordance with Mary's wishes, there will be no services or visiting hours and inurnment will be private in the Aaron Clark Cemetery, Turners Falls, MA. Expressions of affection in the form of charitable contributions are suggested, in lieu of flowers in Mary's honor to a [charity of their choice](#). The McCarthy Funeral Homes of Greenfield and Turners Falls, MA have been entrusted with the arrangements.

Guest book and condolence message available at www.mccarthyfuneralhomes.com

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