



Geraldine Freinberg

March 19, 1925 - January 31, 2013

Geraldine “Jerrie” Freinberg of Valatie, NY passed away on Thursday January 31, 2013 at home after a long illness, surrounded by her loving family.

Jerrie was born on March 19, 1925 in Mount Holly, NJ, the daughter of Nicholas Moshou and Mary Emma Jennings. She was raised by her grandmother, Ellen Jennings, whom she loved and admired deeply. After graduating from Mount Holly High School, Jerrie was employed as a medical stenographer at Fort Dix, NJ, where she met and married the love of her life, Dr. Norman Freinberg, on June 29, 1947. They enjoyed 64 full and wonderful years together and shared a deep and abiding love for one another, through happy times and challenges. Jerrie and Norman moved to Valatie in 1948 and loved the village and its people.

Mother of six children, Jerrie was known as a fabulous cook, a talented gardener, and a generous spirit. The dramatic burning bush hedge she planted in front of her home is a landmark in itself. She was active in Eastern Star, the Ichabod Crane PTA, “Home Dem,” and numerous other community activities. She prided herself on providing a welcoming home to all who visited. She had a quick wit and was a prolific storyteller, loved to play Scrabble and Pinochle, and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and watching old movies. She loved flowers and antiques and had a wonderful eye for all things beautiful. She and her family enjoyed many happy summers together in

Cape Cod.

In addition to managing her home and large family, she was co-proprietor of The Pines gift shop in Valatie during the 1960's, worked as Norman's dental assistant for many years, and received her LPN degree from Albany Medical Center when she was in her 50's.

Jerrie is survived by her six children, Margo Potrzeba (husband Bob), David Freinberg, Mark Freinberg (wife Chris), Debbie Freinberg (husband Lou), Abby Freinberg, and Amy Freinberg-Trufas (husband Cristi); 7 grandchildren Erica, Jake, Luke, Andrew, Scott, Steven, and Levi; 2 great-grandchildren, Evie and Carly, and several beloved nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Norman Freinberg, in 2011.

Jerrie will be remembered for her tireless energy, her wonderful cooking, her creative and generous spirit, her quick wit and tenacity, her abundant natural beauty, and her great love for family and community.

Services were held on Friday, February 1, 2013, at Bates and Anderson Funeral Home in Hudson, NY, with dear family friend Pastor Nick Becker presiding. Internment was immediately after at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Valatie, NY, followed by a warm gathering of family and friends.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Michael Wolff, for his care and support, Community Hospice for providing just what was needed exactly when it was needed, and most especially, deepest gratitude to her loving caregiver, Denise Thomas, who devoted herself wholeheartedly to filling Jerrie's last months with love, comfort and joy.

Memorial donations may be made to Community Hospice, 47 Liberty Street,

Catskill, NY, 12414.