



Barbara Anne Hannon Mayberry (94) departed this world peacefully on Sunday, September 30, 2018. Born on July 7, 1924, to Alice (Dolan) and Charles T Hannon, she was a life-long resident of Springfield, MA, and graduate of Commerce High School as a member of the class of 1942.

Barbara was a good, strong, and independent woman who worked hard all of her life. During WWII, she worked as a member of the office staff at the Springfield Armory. During the early Sixties, she owned a Fred Astaire Dance Studio. In the mid-Sixties, Barbara worked for Friendly's Corporation as an executive assistant to the Blake family. She was also an insurance agent for Mass Mutual. For many years, she worked as a sales rep for Collection and Revenue Company of New England. Barbara ended her work years as a bookkeeper for East Longmeadow Community Feed; finally retiring in her late seventies. Barbara was very conscious of our veterans needing assistance. Beginning in the mid-sixties she joined and became an active member of the Pat Ledoux VFW Post 9397 Ladies Auxiliary of Hampden, MA. She chaired many events including flagging veterans graves, fishing derbies, and awarding local students prizes for civic excellence. She was both secretary and treasurer, and also served as president several times.

Over the course of twenty five years, Barbara further demonstrated her devotion to war veterans by volunteering 1150 hours to the Holyoke Soldiers Home / V A Medical Center in North Hampton. Barbara was also fascinated by her Civil War ancestry, especially Patrick Bradley who was captured as a wounded Union soldier and became a survivor of the notorious Andersonville Prison. She was an active member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. She was very proud of serving as the National President of this wonderful group in 2007. She was also a trustee for the Grand Army of the Republic Building in downtown Springfield.

In addition to being an avid reader, in her spare time Barbara enjoyed gardening, as demonstrated by her lovely backyard with a small man-made pond, flower-lined brick walk, and fifteen foot purple wisteria growing on the fence. She had a fondness for stray dogs, and provided a loving home to Cleo, Rudi, Charlie-Girl, Lady, Keller, and Stella. She is survived by her three children and their spouses: Kenneth and his wife, Virginia, of Mt Pleasant, SC; Linda and her husband, John Del Negro, of Newport, RI; and

Richard and his wife, Christine, of Springfield. Her three grandchildren were the loves of her life: Richard Mayberry, Jr. of Springfield, Pamela Hannon Del Negro of Windsor, CT; and Michele Jean Connors of Springfield. Barbara is also survived by four great grandchildren: Savannah and Richard Mayberry of Springfield, Hannon Smutnick of Windsor, CT, and Alexa Connors also of Springfield. Barbara was predeceased by her beloved grandson, Peter C Del Negro, her sisters Margaret Humberston and Marion Merrill, her brother, James Hannon, and many close friends. The family would like to thank Wingate of East Longmeadow for the fine care Barbara received over the past few years. The staff's devotion and care was evident on a daily basis. A special thank you is extended to her roommate, Annmarie, for the support, compassion, and friendship she gave our mother.

Visiting Hours for Barbara will be held Monday, October 8, 2018 from 4PM to 7PM at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres, 21 Tinkham Road, Springfield. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be held in St. Catherine of Siena church, 1023 Parker St. Springfield, October 9, 2018 at 10AM. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Dakin Humane Society, P.O. Box 6307, Springfield, MA 01101 would be much appreciated.

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