



## Edna L. Goraj

May 6, 1930 - December 30, 2020

Edna L. (Delude) Goraj, 90, who was always smiling and laughing and who stood by us through thick and thin with her never ending love and support, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at Palmer Healthcare Center. Born May 6, 1930, daughter of the late Edward and Lillian (Yates) Delude, she was a tireless volunteer throughout the years and was one of the founders of Sunshine Village in Chicopee, along with her best friends, Alice Cote and Joe Casey. She was so proud of this and spent many hours there, always saying, "Where else can I go every day and someone says I am beautiful and they love me!" Mom was extremely talented and gifted. She quilted and was an accomplished seamstress, making wedding gowns and christening outfits. She painted, made porcelain dolls, decorated cakes, and so much more. Her family and friends were happy to be gifted with her creations. On top of this, she was a voracious reader. Mom was tiny, only 4'7", but tough, and everyone who met her, loved her. Mom greatly enjoyed visiting her sister, Doris, in California and her favorite place was Yosemite National Park. She was a fun mom, from sitting on the laps of Chippendale dancers to dressing up and trick-or-treating with us. She loved trick-or-treating and kept going by herself after we stopped, getting treats in the form of libations from the neighbors. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone at Palmer Healthcare for loving and caring for our mom. We knew she was always in such good hands and there are no words to express our gratitude. Our dad, Frederick J. Goraj, passed away in 2002, after sharing

fifty-four years of marriage with Mom. Here to love her, miss her and remember her is daughter, Gail (Dave) of Cape Cod, sons, David (Debra) of Plattsburgh, NY and Jay (Julie) of Mount Holly, VT. She was Bobcie to cherished grandchildren Kristoffer, Jeff, Adam, Ben, Nate, Melissa and Jake, and to her treasured great grandchildren. Mom also leaves many nieces and nephews in MA, NJ, NC and CA. She was predeceased by her sisters, Doris Metro and Helen Paoli, and brothers, Edward and Paul Delude. All services were held privately. Memorial contributions may be made to the Activities Fund of Palmer Healthcare Center, 250 Shearer St., Palmer, MA 01069.