



Virginia L. Dowd

May 16, 1923 - March 24, 2015

In Hamden, March,24,2015, Virginia L. Tarr Dowd, 91, of Hamden.. Wife of the late Robert J. Dowd. Mother of Kathleen of Hamden, John F. (Barbara) Dowd of Georgia and James A. Dowd of Hamden. Grandmother of Keith (Jeanne) Cail of Cheshire and Kristin (Dinis Escaleira) Cail of Hamden. Great grandmother of Courtney, Cassidy, Brennan and Brody Cail. Sister of the late Allan Tarr. Born May 16,1923 in Manchester, NH a daughter of the late Maurice J. and Fannie Gleason Tarr, she attended The University of New Hampshire and was a graduate of Southern CT. State College. Virginia was employed as a teacher for many years in the Hamden School system teaching 6th grade at Bear Path School . She was a former board member of the Sleeping Giant Parks Assoc., a member of the Inland Wetlands Commission for the Town of Hamden, the Appalachian Mountain Club, and did volunteer work at the Hamden Public Library. An avid hiker who had been hiking all over The US and Europe, she was , along with her late husband, instrumental in the formation of the Farmington Canal Greenway.

Service will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sleeping Giant Park Assoc., PO Box 185340, Hamden, CT 06518. Arrangements are with Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden. www.siskbrothers.com

Tribute Wall

LP

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Laura Perretta

laura perretta - April 13, 2015 at 10:29 PM

PO

“ A wonderful neighbor many years ago.

Polly - March 28, 2015 at 11:05 PM

KC

“ Kristin Cail lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Dowd



Kristin Cail - March 28, 2015 at 08:06 AM

KC

“ My grandmother was lucky enough to have met and married the love of her life, my grandfather, to have hiked all over the U.S. And Europe, even hiked the Grand Canon in her late 70's and stopped hiking In her late 80's. (kicking and screaming trust me 😊). "You need special shoes for hiking and a bit of a special soul as well". She was one of a kind and the most selfless human being anyone would have been lucky enough to know. I know we were all very lucky to call her Gram, Ma, GG, or friend! May you rest in peace. Miss you and love you always. ❤️🙏 - Krissy

Kristin Cail - March 28, 2015 at 07:25 AM

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Kristin Cail - March 27, 2015 at 02:29 PM

KK

Kris, your grandmother was an amazing woman..full of exuberance and a zest of life that no other could achieve. She was one of those extraordinary woman who you thought would always be there!..Endless beautiful stories and still pretty and smart. You couldn't put an age on Gram...One could only wish to accomplish during their lifetime what she has in her years including babysitting for her great children! Enjoy your memories and I am sure she will be smiling down on your family for all the well deserved accolades. I know you, Keith and Mom are broken hearted but my we only achieve one half of her accomplishments.. Kathi & Tommy Kroll

Kathi Kroll - March 29, 2015 at 09:48 PM

KC

Thank you Kathi for your kind words. Truly means the world. xo

Kristin Cail - March 31, 2015 at 08:57 AM