

Brady & Levesque Funeral Home And Commemorative Services

Colleen M. Jaibur

(November 06, 1923 - March 23, 2013)

Colleen Mary (O'Brien) Jaibur, a longtime resident of St. Albans, VT and more recently Haverhill, MA was finally reunited with her beloved husband, Gerald (Jerry) Jaibur in heaven on Saturday, March 23, 2013. She was 89.



Colleen was an incredibly devoted mother and sweet soul who loved her children, grandchildren (those with four-legs, as well) and family dearly.

With her spunk, wit and adorable smile, she touched the hearts of everyone who met her. After living in Vermont for 85 years, she moved to Haverhill, MA in 2010 and quickly became a “favorite” at Haverhill Crossing’s Assisted Living. She called Hannah Duston LongTerm Care home in Haverhill, MA home for the last 18 months. The staff there adored her and became an extended family, providing wonderful care. While on the long journey with dementia, she never lost track of her immediate family, was always cheerful and expressed gratitude for every kindness shown to her.

Colleen was born in St. Albans, VT on November 6, 1923, to the late John and Lillian (McDonnell) O’Brien. A devout Catholic, she attended St. Mary’s church and graduated from St. Mary’s high school. She married Gerald (Jerry) Jaibur on November 14, 1953. Together, they had a full and very joyful social life with a large circle of lifelong friends, and were active members of the B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge and Champlain Country Club for many years. She worked for 13 years for the U.S. Dept. of Immigration, and 19 years for Vermont Probation and Parole. She retired in 1987 and enjoyed four wonderful years of “the good life” with Jerry, until his sudden passing in Sept. of 1991. While she never got over the loss of the love of her life, she did manage to carry on and make a new chapter for herself among the wonderful friends and neighbors at Freeborn Estates. She delighted in volunteering at Red Cross Blood Drives and reading to first-graders at the local elementary school. Most of all, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses: Kevin and JoAnne Jaibur of Bensalem, PA; Kathryn Jaibur and her husband Greg Beadle of Amesbury, MA; and Brian and Lori Jaibur of

Methuen, MA; her three grandchildren, Keith, Matthew and Erin Jaibur, her beloved cat, Angel, as well as two sisters-in-law and many loving nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, Colleen joins her parents, John and Lillian O'Brien, her sisters and brothers Catherine O'Brien, Madeleine Billings, Claire Bushey, Donald (Pat) O'Brien, and Gerald (Pickle) O'Brien, as well as Jerry's parents, Julia and Louis, his sister Barbara, nieces and nephews Jean Justus, Maureen Healy, Richard Bushey and Frank Murphy, grandbaby angel Lily Kathryn Beadle, several brothers- and sisters-in-law, and many cherished friends.

Services will take place in St. Albans, VT, with visiting hours on Monday, April 1, 2013, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Brady & Levesque Funeral Home, 86 South Main Street. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish (St. Mary's), 45 Fairfield Street, with the Reverend Maurice J. Roy. Music will be provided by special friends Meg Rayne and Celia Kenyon Asbell. Burial will be in the Holy Cross Cemetery later this spring.

In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Colleen Jaibur Tribute Fund c/o The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011 or online <http://www.alz.org> or the Franklin County Humane Society. Messages of condolence are welcome on the funeral home website www.bradyandlevesque.com and on Colleen Jaibur's Facebook page. Arrangements are entrusted to the Brady & Levesque Funeral Home and Commemorative Services.