

E. Bernadette (LaMarche) Pazasis



BELMONT - E. Bernadette (LaMarche) Pazasis, 86, of 111 Scenic Drive died at the Lakes Region General Hospital, Laconia, on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009.

Bernadette was born April 30, 1923, in Boston, Mass., the daughter of Hormisdas and Eva (Daudelin) LaMarche. She lived in Massachusetts for many years.

During her high school years, Bernadette won a scholarship from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts under the direction of two of the Museum's foremost instructors, Miss Cleves and Miss LeBrecht. Her talents enabled her to win two additional consecutive scholarships. She specialized in the techniques and mediums of pastels, watercolors and oils.

Bernadette became involved in commercial work, creating fashion illustrations for department stores and clothing manufacturers. Between assignments, she produced more than 250 paintings that enhance the décor of homes and offices throughout the United States.

Bernadette was active as an art instructor for the Westwood Woman's Club, Canton Civic Association and Campfire Girls groups while living in Massachusetts. In addition to these activities, she also offered private classes.

Through the years, Bernadette won several awards for her works in various competitions in New England.

Since moving to New Hampshire 29 years ago, Bernadette became interested in ceramics and found her artistic abilities complemented the requirements to produce unique ceramic creations. She studied, experimented and took lessons that earned her a certificate as an instructor in developing the "Hummel Look" using special stains and colors that equaled the original Hummel collectible pieces. In the summer of 2005, at age 82, she produced her finest watercolor effort: 16 of the most colorful Birds of New England. Each 8½ x 11 print was individually produced on order and was a mirror image reproduction of the original.

Bernadette is survived by her husband of 64 years, Anthony Pazasis; two sons, Richard A. Pazasis and his wife, Lee, and Frank W. Pazasis; a daughter, Janice B. Arsenaault, and her husband, James; one grandchild, Ryan Pazasis; a brother, Dr. Paul LaMarche; and 16 nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Bernadette was predeceased by a brother, Dr. Robert LaMarche, and by a sister, Lorraine Jones.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Carriage House of the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish, 96 Main St., Belmont. Burial will be at a later date in South Road Cemetery, Belmont.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is in charge of the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinsonbeane.com.