



Beatrice (Gerzon) Monterosso

October 30, 1924 - March 12, 2024

Beatrice (Gerzon) Monterosso, 99, of Farmington, passed peacefully Tuesday (March 12, 2024) at her home. Born in Marinette, Wisconsin, the daughter of the late Raymond and Hilda (Gunderson) Gerzon, she was a former resident of New Britain and West Hartford before moving to Farmington in 1985. Bea was one of the first Therapeutic Recreation Directors in the State of Connecticut, and, while she was working in that position at the Avery Heights care facility in Hartford, the State relied on her to train many future therapeutic recreation directors for nursing homes throughout Connecticut. She was a true pioneer in her field, who brightened the lives of the many nursing home residents she cared for with the groundbreaking therapeutic activities she originated during her 25-year career. She finally retired from her chosen field in 1995 at the age of 70. She was a former long-term member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain where she was extremely active in the Mr. And Mrs. Club as well as singing in the choir. She was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for the New Britain Bar Association.

She is survived by her three children, Richard Monterosso, along with his wife Mary Andrews, of Vermont (formerly of West Hartford); Ronald Monterosso, along with his wife Pamela, of Massachusetts (formerly of Farmington); and Sharon Grip, along with her husband Mark, of Burlington, Connecticut; as well as by her three grandchildren, Thomas Anderson-Monterosso along with his wife Sonia DeYoung; Erik Monterosso, along with his wife Nyambura; and Katherine Monterosso. She is also survived by one great grandson, Rush.

The family would also like to thank her loving caregiver, “Keke,” whose compassionate and patient care allowed Beatrice to live the last year of her life in the familiar surroundings of her own home with dignity and respect.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Salvation Army.

A memorial service will be private and at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements.