



Theresa Elaine Goda

July 29, 1946 - March 24, 2017

Theresa Elaine (Gates) Goda, 70, of Lady Lake, FL passed away on Friday, March 24, 2017 in the comfort of her own home, after a long struggle with Parkinsons and Alzheimers. Theresa was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, and was the daughter of Mary and Edward Gates. She was a graduate of Commerce High School, and worked at a variety of secretarial and administrative jobs. Theresa was employed as a secretary at the Bethesda Lutheran Church and at the Universal Unitarian Church, and as a retail associate at Serv-U, all in Springfield, and also worked at the Wall Street Journal in Chicopee. After relocating to Rocky Mount, North Carolina, she was employed as the advertising director at the Rocky Mount Telegram Newspaper, and as a secretary at Nash General Hospital. After moving to Oregon to be closer to her grandchildren, she was a cashier at Fred Meyer. Theresa enjoyed knitting and sewing, baking (especially around the holidays), reading, listening to music, traveling with her husband, playing games on her iPad, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was an intelligent, caring and compassionate person, with a terrific sense of humor and a love for life and her family. Although she held many jobs and had many hobbies, she enjoyed being a mother and grandmother most of all. Theresa is fondly remembered and missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her husband, Jack; her sister, Anne; and her brother, Steve; her children, John, Wendy and Devon; and her six grandchildren, Audrey, Evan, Ryan, Jenna, Kallie and Deghan. Memorial Service A memorial service to celebrate

her life will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Chicopee at 2 pm. Friends and family are invited to please join us as we remember Theresa.