



## Mrs. Bernadette J. Donahue

March 16, 1930 - July 20, 2023

DONAHUE, BERNADETTE (DETTA) JOANNE (ELWELL)

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Bernadette passed peacefully at The Elms Center, Milford, NH. Detta was born in Somerville, MA to John E. Ewell and Marion L. King; she was the last of their nine children. Detta is survived by her three children Dan Jr. (Susan) of Bellevue, NE, Gerry (Mary Krupa) of St. Petersburg, FL, and Kat Ota (Bob) of Manchester, NH; two grandchildren (Jill and Ian), two great-grandchildren (Michael and Finnegan), and many nieces and nephews.

She graduated from Cheverus Centennial High School in Malden in 1949 and worked in the Boston area for several years before marriage. Preceded in death by former husband Daniel T. Donahue, Sr., they were married in September 1952 at St. William's in Tewksbury, MA. Dan Sr.'s career in the US Army took Detta up and down the East Coast and to Ethiopia, France, and Germany. They divorced in 1980.

Detta was a long-time employee of Teradyne in Nashua, NH, and a resident of Wagner Court at 101 Burke Street, Nashua.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to St Joseph Community Services, Inc., or The Care Givers, both of Manchester, NH.

**SERVICE AND INTERMENT:** St. Mary Cemetery, 90 River Road, Tewksbury, MA on Friday, July 28, 2023, at 12:00 pm.

Fay McCabe Funeral Home, 105 Moore Street, Lowell, MA 01852 – (978) 459-9222



# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

90 River Road  
North Tewksbury, MA 01876  
(978) 851-2248  
<http://www.stmarycemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## A Graveside Service

JUL 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernadette J. Donahue



Sean & Erin Rourke - July 25, 2023 at 10:03 AM

BE

So sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Detta "Ma Donahue" when growing up in Merrimack. She was a special lady and will be missed.

Becky - July 28, 2023 at 07:26 AM

KC

Rest in peace Aunt "Sis." We enjoyed good times when you would visit my mom. Kathy Ryan Caruso

Kathy Ryan Caruso - August 06, 2023 at 06:10 PM

AM

Hey Aunt Sis..alot of great memories at my Aunt Marion's..love lives on..Ann Marie❤️

Ann Marie - August 07, 2023 at 07:22 PM

DK

Aunt Sis ... we Elwell's here in the west just found out. Paul and Peggy Elwell passed away in 2022 4 months apart. I'm so sorry we are were so out of touch. I have many fond memories of Maine, you and Louise coming here. I wish I knew more about this side of the family. May you rest peace 🙏❤️

Dianne Krening - August 11, 2024 at 01:15 PM