



## Mrs. Beverly Whalen Coughlin

June 21, 1930 - May 27, 2024

Beverly Whalen Coughlin of Lowell passed away peacefully on 5/27/2024.

Beverly Whalen Coughlin was born in Lowell, MA on June 21, 1930, to Daniel and Katherine (Sullivan) Whalen. She attended the Immaculate Conception School and graduated in the class of 1943. She attended Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsboro, which she was always proud to highlight, especially if she met a student who was wearing the Notre Dame medallion. Beverly graduated from Trinity College in Washington, DC where she earned an honors degree as a chemistry major. Later, Beverly received her master's degree in counseling from Fitchburg State College.

After graduating from Trinity in 1951, Beverly's career began with the Department of Agriculture in MD where she worked briefly. Desiring to return home, she obtained a position with the MA State Police Crime Laboratory where she served as one of the first female chemists to work in that position. She loved working for the State Police and found herself in the middle of many high-profile police cases. In 1957, after marrying Daniel Coughlin, she resigned from the State Police to become a mother. She would eventually have 7 children.

In the early 1970s, she began a second career as an educator at Lowell High School in Crisis Intervention and proceeded to help many students navigate difficult life situations. She also contributed to the Lowell community, serving on the Board of Directors of Lowell Day Nursery School for 35 years. Additionally, Beverly volunteered with Catholic Charities and served as a lector for the Immaculate Conception Parish for many years.

Devoted Mother of Katherine Coughlin and her husband David Kasman of Newton, MA, Bridget Coughlin and her husband Tom Valente of Sarasota FL, Daniel Coughlin, Joseph Coughlin, Patrick Coughlin, and his wife Meghan (McCabe), Christopher Coughlin and Timothy Coughlin all of Lowell, MA. Loving Grandmother of Katy, Maura and Patrick Coughlin and Cate Abigail Coughlin.

Sister of the late June Defalco and Daniel Whalen.

A special thanks to our brothers, Daniel, Christopher, and Timothy, who allowed our mother to live out her final years in comfort and safety at home.

Family and Friends may call at the Fay McCabe Funeral Home, 105 Moore St., Lowell, MA on WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2024 from 4 Until 8 PM. Beverley's FUNERAL will begin at 9 AM June 6, 2024 from the FUNERAL HOME followed by her FUNERAL MASS at the Immaculate Conception Church 144 E. Merrimack St. Lowell. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Beverly's memory may be made to Camp Fatima at their website <http://bfcamp.com>.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

1251 Gorham Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 458-8464  
<http://www.stpatrickcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 459-9222  
[sean@faymccabe.com](mailto:sean@faymccabe.com)  
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

## Funeral Mass

JUN 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church  
144 East Merrimack Street  
Lowell, MA 01852

## Burial

JUN 6 (ET)

St. Patrick's Cemetery  
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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ Too Chris and Tim and too the rest of the Children of Beverly I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was always kind too me and other's who knew Beverly may she rest in peace. Dwayne Mason aka Froggie.

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**DWAYNE M MASON** - June 23, 2024 at 06:23 PM

DP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Beverly's passing. I was her manicurist at Inizio Spa for many years in Downtown Lowell. She was a beautiful woman with the most striking blue eyes. I always looked forward to our time together. She always spoke so highly of her family, especially her grandchildren. Sending my deepest condolences to her family.

*Dianne Polak - Lowell*

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**Dianne Polak** - June 11, 2024 at 11:33 AM

HL

“ My sympathy to all of Bev's family. As already noted, Bev was tough but fair, and I found her to be empathetic as well; she helped me and a number of my students over my years at LHS, and probably many more than we'll ever know. Thank you, Bev, and thank you to her family for sharing her with so many.

*Helen Quinlan Littlefield*

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**Helen Q. Littlefield** - June 07, 2024 at 07:57 AM

FM

“ Katy, and to all the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom sounded like an amazing woman who lived a very full life.- Frank Mancini

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**Frank Mancini** - June 05, 2024 at 01:41 PM

JD

“ Mrs. Coughlin was a world-class mother not only to her seven kids, but to countless other students at Lowell High School who needed her often tough but always fair “guidance” to move to, and remain on, the right path. The perfect combination of strength and elegance, she could smell BS from a mile away and had no problem letting you know it and holding you accountable for it. As a result, you wanted to earn and maintain her respect by being better. Every public school in the country could use someone like her right now. As a friend of the Coughlin boys for more than 40 years, I had the benefit of knowing her both as a kid who had a healthy fear of her, and an adult who thoroughly enjoyed chatting with her when I would call or stop by Barasford Avenue. My life is better for all of it. Thank you Mrs. Coughlin. – Jim Durkin

Jim Durkin - June 05, 2024 at 11:20 AM

CM

“ Beverly always treated me as one of her own . She was "Perfect in every way" Thoughts and Prayers to the family.

Carey McDonald - June 04, 2024 at 10:26 AM

BD

“ Bridget and Katie sorry for your loss

Barry DesLauriers - June 03, 2024 at 12:34 PM

TC

“ Beverly was so wonderful to me growing up.I remember sharing my love of Chemistry with her.Her wedding was lovely, she was so beautiful, and how I celebrated at the birth of all her children.Such great memories of a better time. My deep condolences to all her family.

theo coughlin - June 02, 2024 at 08:30 AM

FO

“ To all the Coughlin's, you are in my thoughts and prayers during these days of farewell.

Father John Hanley, OMI - June 01, 2024 at 11:36 AM