



## Mrs. Dorothy J. "Dee" Foley

January 12, 1948 - September 28, 2023

Dorothy J. Foley

"Dee"

LOWELL— Dorothy "Dee" (McKeon) Foley, 75, the beloved wife of James R. Foley, passed away on September 28, 2023, at Mass General Hospital, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Dee was born in New Haven, CT on January 12, 1948, a daughter of the late Philip and Harriet (Gillette) McKeon. She was raised and attended school in New Haven, graduating from St. Mary High School. Dee received her undergraduate degree from Boston College and her master's degree in education from the UMass Lowell.

For over 33 years, Mrs. Foley was a teacher in the Tewksbury School System, where she touched the lives of many students. Upon her retirement in 2003, she and Jim moved to Florida where they made many new friends and countless memories. They returned to Massachusetts in 2020 to enjoy more time with family and to spoil their only grandchild, Eva.

Dee is survived by her husband Jim Foley; her daughter, Courtney Peraza and her husband Daniel; and her granddaughter, Eva Peraza, all of Methuen; her sisters, Mary Anne Layman, and Frances Balchus (Michael); many nieces, nephews, and cousins; her brothers-in-law, Peter Foley and Richard Maher; her sister-in-law Maureen Potvin, and many dear friends. Dee was the sister of the late Janet Maher, and sister-in-law of the late Joseph Layman and Carol Foley.

Family and friends are invited to Dee's FUNERAL MASS on WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 10 AM at ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, 15 SIXTH ST. LOWELL. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dee's memory may be made to the Kristy Williams Foundation, 206 Rogers St. Unit 1, Lowell, MA 01852 or at [www.kristywilliams.org](http://www.kristywilliams.org) or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate)

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# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael's Church  
543 Bridge Street at Sixth Street  
Lowell, MA 01850

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Jim, Courtney, Daniel and Eva,  
I've been thinking of you all and hoping that happy memories of Dee  
bring you peace at this difficult time. It was an honor to care for Dee  
and to meet you all. Sending you love.  
Sincerely,  
Kate Runey of Ellison 16

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**Kate Runey** - October 03, 2023 at 10:17 PM

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“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Dorothy J. "Dee" Foley



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**Sean & Erin Rourke** - October 03, 2023 at 05:38 PM