



## Mrs. Joyce M. Shanley

July 9, 1943 - February 16, 2026

LOWELL- Joyce M. (Martin) Shanley, 82, peacefully passed away at her home on February 16, 2026 surrounded by her loving family. Joyce was born in Lowell on July 9, 1943 to her beloved parents, Leo and Lena (Mellon) Martin. She and her three siblings were raised in Lowell and attended Lowell schools. After graduating from Lowell High School, Joyce continued her education at Middlesex Community College where she earned her nursing degree and went on to pass the boards to become an RN. Lowell is also where Joyce raised her own family with her beloved husband Michael H. Shanley who passed away in 2012. She was a communicant of St. Margaret's Church and volunteered her time as the St. Margaret's Elementary School school nurse after retiring from Tewksbury State Hospital in 2007. Joyce was also a part of the "St. Margaret's Crafters" who would gather together to knit and crochet. Joyce loved bowling and was part of the "Bowling Girls". She enjoyed puzzles and traveling and loved antiquing at her vacation home in North Conway. Joyce's home was where family and friends gathered. In the winter months Sunday Dinners took place on London Street and Christmas Eve with the entire family was hosted there. Joyce was the glue and loved hosting. She was an animal lover and took wonderful care of her childhood pet monkey, Peter. Joyce will be greatly missed by her "babies"; dog Jasper and cat Marley. There is nothing Joyce enjoyed more than being with her children and grandchildren and great grandchildren. It was her greatest joy and filled her with pride . Joyce is survived by her daughter Leah Sue Shanley and her

fiancee' Robert Vandinter, both of Lowell, her sons Michael Shanley of RI, Patrick Shanley and his wife Gisele of Brazil, and Daniel Shanley and his wife Linda of CA; her grandchildren Rianna Santino and her husband Nick, Kelsey Harlost and her husband Mike, Christa Shanley, Michael Shanley, Paige Shanley, Madie Shanley, Jacqui Shanley, Nicole Anderson and her husband Oli, Bre Newell, Sean Arpin and his wife Stephanie, and CJ Bozek; her great grandchildren Rowna, Greyson, Lochan, Emily, Olivia, Harry, Russel and Frances; sister-in-law Cyndy Martin of FLA, formerly of Billerica. Joyce was the sister of the late Kenneth Martin, Earl Martin and Marilyn (Martin ) Hand; several nieces and nephews, grand nieces/nephews and many loving friends. FAMILY AND FRIENDS MAY CALL AT THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME 105 MOORE STREET LOWELL, ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026 FROM 10 UNTIL 11:30 AM. JOYCE'S FUNERAL MASS WILL FOLLOW AT 12 NOON AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, 374 STEVENS STREET, LOWELL. BURIAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY 96 RIVERNECK ROAD, CHELMSFORD, MA.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

FEB 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Margaret's Church  
374 Stevens St.  
Lowell, MA 01851

## Burial

FEB 21 (ET)

St. Joseph Cemetery  
96 Riverneck Rd  
Chelmsford  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

# Tribute Wall

KE

“ *Sorry to the whole shanley and martin family  
U will be missed.*

*Anna, kelly, kim and kevin*

**kelly** - February 27 at 05:25 PM

KW

“ *My daughter and I send our condolences to  
the family! Rip Aunt Joyce! Love Danielle  
Martin and mom Kelly walsh*



**Kelly walsh** - February 27 at 09:12 AM

AM

“ *Alyssa Morales lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Joyce M. Shanley*



**Alyssa Morales** - February 20 at 08:23 PM

PB

“ *2 files added to the album joyce and friends*



**Paula Basnett** - February 20 at 11:31 AM

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“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce M. Shanley



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**Sean & Erin Rourke** - February 19 at 06:10 PM

MT

*I remember Joyce when I lived across the Street from her and her parents on London Street. She was an absolutely lovely person. My sympathy to her entire family. Martha Pilato Tighe*

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**Martha Pilato Tighe** - February 20 at 12:58 PM

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*Joyce was a wonderful neighbor and friend to my parents on London Street. Such a kind and sweet woman! May you rest in peace, Joyce!*

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**Dottie Durkin** - February 21 at 06:59 AM