



Shirley B. Sayer

April 28, 1929 - October 15, 2019

DANVERS-Shirley (Blanchard) Sayer, 90, passed away on October 15, 2019 in Kaplan Family Hospice House. She was the wife of John E. Sayer with whom she shared 67 years of marriage.

Born in Woburn on April 28, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Margaret (Dukeshire) Blanchard, who were related to those on the Mayflower including the baby, Peredine White, born on that ship. She attended the Wyman School in Woburn and as a teenager before moving to Lynn. Shirley graduated from Lynn English High School in 1946. She was the secretary of her class, both junior and senior years and SNDF Co-Chair of every class reunion for 65 years.

Shirley had worked at John Hancock Life Insurance in Boston, prior to raising her family of three; Scott, Glenn and Kristin. Shirley, like her husband, Jack, was involved in all the children's' activities, which included church groups, school band, scouts and dancing. Shirley and Jack were also avid dancers themselves. The whole family also enjoyed many camping trips, and for many years Shirley and Jack traveled around the country in their RV.

While the children were young, Shirley worked evenings selling Dutchmaid clothing for 23 years, which was made by the Amish in Pennsylvania. After which, she became employed in customer service and manager of the safe deposit area at the former Danvers Savings Bank. She became president of the American Safe Deposit Association for both the New England Association and National Association. She attended local meetings and national seminars across the country until her retirement. Upon retirement, Shirley started crafting and was a local vendor for over 25 years. Shirley was also very active in the Order of the Eastern Star, where she was worthy matron in the Danvers Chapter of Mt. Burnet, twice. Upon consolidation with Tontoquon Chapter, she became their secretary for 9 years. She had been an active member of the Holy Trinity Methodist Church in Danvers for over 50 years.

Besides her husband, Jack, she leaves her son, Glenn of Amesbury and her daughter, Kristin Sayer and her husband, Michael Charland of NH, her grandchildren, Andrew Scott Sayer of Lynn, Michael Kelly of FL, Nicole Morris Whalen and her husband, Josh of Beverly and a great grandson, Jason Pierce of Beverly, her only sister, Charlotte Bell and her husband, James of Lynn, her nieces, Heidi Williams, Boni Bell and Betsi Bell and two great nieces, Abby and Ali Williams. She was predeceased by her son, Scott Sayer.

Her Funeral Service will be celebrated at 11AM on Monday, October 21, 2019 in Holy Trinity Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers. Burial will follow in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. Visitation will be held from 4-7PM on Sunday. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Shirley's name to the Shriners Hospital for Children Development Office, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

Cemetery

Puritan Lawn Memorial Park

185 Lake St.

Peabody, MA, 01960

Events

OCT **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Lyons Funeral Home

28 Elm Street, Danvers, MA, US, 01923

OCT **Service** 11:00AM

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Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

16 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA, US, 01923

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Lyons Funeral Home - November 04, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ To the family..... growing up in our neighborhood was great because of the families around us. God bless
Thank you for being in our lives the Shepherd Family. Kay, Bill, MaryAnn, Susan and Nancy.

Nancy Shepherd - October 21, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ To Jack and Family, I am truly sorry for your loss. Shirley was a very generous and kind lady who would help out any way she could at a moments notice. We appreciated that she helped Heard Chapter many, many times. She will certainly be missed. Thoughts and Prayers with you during this difficult time.
George and Nancy Haile and Heard Chapter No. 94

Nancy L Haile - October 18, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ To Jack and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. You will have the many , many happy memories to bring a smile to your face when you are feeling sad.

Maureen & Bob Sedelow,
Loris, SC

Maureen Sedelow - October 18, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ Dear Jack and family,
So sorry for your loss. I know she will be missed by so many and am glad I got to see her last year at the craft fair after such a long time. I'm sure she and my mom are busy getting caught up and reminiscing about Dutchmaid days.

Carolyn MacFarland Cribbie

Carolyn Cribbie - October 17, 2019 at 01:35 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to Kristen and your entire family. Your mom was a lovely woman and we know she will be dearly missed by all who loved her. Maureen and Forrest Armentrout

maureen armentrout - October 17, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ Dear Jack, I am very sorry to hear off the passing of dear Shirley. She was a big help to me when I ran troupe 92 at the First Church .Your son Glen was in our troupe and you and Shirley came to many events. Shirley was a true friend to the Nicholson family, She will be sadly missed. Love to you Jack on this sad day. Your friend, Bill Nicholson



Bill Nicholson - October 17, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jack and his family at this very difficult time.

Friends at Kelly Jeep Chrysler - October 17, 2019 at 09:27 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to Jack and his family.
May Shirley rest in peace, God bless her and take her in His care.

Christine Corbett - October 17, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ She always knitted something for us for Christmas every single year. It was so sweet that she took the time to do that. She was so talented.



Abby Lee - October 16, 2019 at 09:50 PM