



## Richard A. Crowe Sr.

May 1, 1943 - April 23, 2022

SHIRLEY: Richard A. Crowe, Sr., 78, died peacefully at his home Saturday, April 23, 2022.

Mr. Crowe was born in Shirley, May 1, 1943, a son of Henry H. and Evelyn A. (Nutting) Crowe and was a lifelong Shirley resident.

Many years ago Dickie worked at Leon Hurd Corporation in Ayer, raced stock cars and then started his own business in 1969. For over 30 years, he owned and operated C & W Form Company. His foundation work was dispatched from the back of his property, where he bought the family home at the age of 21.

He was a self-educated, self-taught auto mechanic, welder, and small engine repair specialist. He was a dedicated and loyal businessman, husband, father, grandfather and mentor. Dickie could be found working in his garage and enjoyed his trucks, camping and family gatherings. He was proud of the 1931 Model A that he restored.

He leaves his loving wife of 57 years, Phyllis L. (Woodward) Crowe; four sons, Richard A. Crowe, Jr. and his wife Donna of Lunenburg; Brian A. Crowe and Pam Culkins of Shirley; Robert A. Crowe of Northumberland, New Hampshire; Brett A. Crowe and his husband Dan Wolshin of Boylston; one sister, Dorothy M. Henry of Shirley and four grandchildren: Trisha, Tarah, Brian Jr. and Benjamin Crowe. He also leaves countless devoted nieces and nephews and his black Pomeranian, "Poozie".

Richard was pre-deceased by his three brothers and two sisters: Henry "Harrison", Warren "Jake" and John "Mickey" Crowe, Bertha Baker and Hazel "Peewee" Walters, all of Shirley.

A graveside service will be Monday, May 2 at 1 o'clock in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Bishop, Rd, Ayer. There are no calling hours.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to leave and online condolence, please visit

their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemtery

Bishop Rd.  
Ayer, MA

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Bishop Rd.  
Ayer, MA

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ To Phyllis and family, sorry to hear this sad news. We went back so many years??? I can remember when C+W form stood for Crowe and Walsh! They split and Dickie taught the kids. I even painted 1 of the trucks before Jeff,s Auto Body when I worked for Bob Cassavechia!! I loved the guy as he always helped with my projects. His brothers Jake and John were the same breed! Truly some of the best people I have ever known. That goes for the entire family. Respectfully, Jeff Dusti - Jeff,s Auto Body

Jeff Dusti - May 19 at 02:31 PM

DE

“ My sympathy. I am sorry, I just read this news after being away for many weeks. Like his obituary states, he did it all himself! I am thankful to Dickie and the boys for help on my projects. He will be missed. He was a genuine Shirley guy with many treasured stories, recommendations for spicy food, and lots of town history with good laughs. Rest in Peace!

dr eddy - May 12 at 10:09 AM



What a wonderful tribute, Dr. Eddy. Thank you so much. I read this as I sit on the deck at our own home remembering how my father-in-law, my friend, helped us clear the lot, put in the foundation, paint the walls etc. Every stage of the process and later celebrations have a Dickie story attached. He is truly missed. I will make sure Phyllis is still watching this site to see your remembrance. God bless.

Donna Crowe - May 13 at 07:46 PM

JE

“ Phyllis and family, I just learned of Dickie's passing. I am so very sorry.

Jackie Esielionis - April 29 at 08:15 AM



Thank you so much, Dickie. He was both and father-in-law and friend. I'll be sure to show Phyllis your condolences.

Donna Crowe - May 01 at 10:07 AM



\* Jackie! (not quite myself right now!)

Donna Crowe - May 01 at 10:08 AM

SR

“ *Incredible man!! I enjoyed our conversation in his back yard. Dickey, Richie and Brian had work on my jobs over the years. I really liked Dickey, a true old timer. He will truly be missed;!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*  
*Regards, Scott Rittgers*

Scott Rittgers - April 28 at 07:47 PM



*Thank you for such kind words and remembrance, Scott. Richie said you did a lot of work together. He also remembers you driving him back from Townsend years ago, when his black Laser got stuck in the mud. Dickie of course went right back there with the flatbed to wedge it out. We appreciate the memories.*

Donna Crowe - May 01 at 10:06 AM

TL

“ *Phyllis and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.*

Ted & Nancy Landry - April 27 at 04:26 PM



*Thank you, Ted and Nancy.*

Donna Crowe - April 28 at 07:04 AM



“ *When we camped as a family, with Dickie driving the RV, I would bug him every so many miles and ask, “Are we there yet?” I know he hated the inquiry as much as he started to expect it. Now I wonder, “Is he there yet?”*



Donna Crowe - April 27 at 05:35 AM

PK

“ *So sorry for your loss, Phyllis and family. May he Rest In Peace.*

Patricia Krauchune - April 26 at 07:48 PM



*Thank you, Patricia.*

Donna Crowe - April 26 at 08:31 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard A. Crowe Sr..*



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April 26 at 01:15 PM