



## Roberta E. Winslow

June 21, 1919 - May 20, 2020

AYER: Roberta E. (Taylor) Winslow, 100, of Ayer, died Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at her home.

Her husband of 75 years, Ralph H. Winslow, died June 16, 2016.

Mrs. Winslow was born in Billerica, June 21, 1919 a daughter of William and Isabelle A. (Leigh) Taylor and was a graduate of Lowell High School.

She was an accomplished artist who is acclaimed internationally and is most well known for her oil paintings of local New England landscapes especially Nubble Light in York Beach, Maine. She instructed sewing classes at the Adult Education program at Ayer High School for many years. Roberta enjoyed garage sales and flea markets, cooking, sewing and had served many years as a 4-H Leader. Friends and family delighted in her forthright personality, quick wit, fairness, honesty and humor. The Ayer Board of Selectmen had recently presented the Boston Post Cane to Mrs. Winslow recognizing her as the Town's eldest resident.

Mrs. Winslow is survived by two sons, Warren L. Winslow and his wife, Dorothy of Lexington, R. Donald Winslow and his wife, Rosemarie of Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY; five daughters, Barbara I. Wyman of Wynantskill, NY, Lauren Taranto and her husband, Michael of Naples, FL, Phyllis W. Fox and her husband, Steven G. Dunne of York, ME, Joyce M. Pierce and her husband, Lyle of Lunenburg, and Isabelle A. Winslow of Eden, Utah. a sister and brother in law, Jean and David Atkins of Rockport, 15 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Winnifred Hodgson of Bristol, RI, Howard Taylor of Westford, and Richard Taylor of Lowell.

Due to current gathering restrictions, funeral services will be held privately. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ayer.

In lieu of flowers please consider sending a donation in her name to the charity of your choice or to Trinity Episcopal Church, 184 Center Rd. Shirley, MA 01464.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com)

# Cemetery

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## **Woodlawn Cemetery**

Harvard Road

Ayer, MA, 01432

# Comments

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“ With deepest sorrow, I recently learned of Aunt Roberta, and Uncle Ralph's passing. A woman of dignity and poise, Aunt Roberta was truly a Lady! From memories of family visits back in the 70's and 80's, The Winslow family has always been with me in my memories through this journey of my life. "Gosh" I just recalled an instance at the Westford flea market, too funny to post ;) I wish you all well,

Brian Burris

**Brian Burris** - August 07, 2020 at 06:03 PM

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“ Barbara, So sorry to hear about your mom. She was such a nice person with so many talents. She and your dad raised a fantastic family. I visited your mom a few months after her 100th Birthday. I didn't know what to expect or if she would want to see a visitor. She was gracious and appeared to sincerely enjoy the visit. She was so alert. She mentioned her trips to ME and FL and she still had a very positive attitude toward life. She was certainly blessed, and she blessed other people. She will be so missed, but you and the entire family have memories that will last forever. You are in my prayers.

Bill Wood

**Kenneth William Wood Jr** - May 25, 2020 at 12:51 PM

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“ My thoughts are with you all; I'm so sorry for this loss. Never easy. I take comfort that she is once again with Uncle Ralph. 100 + years! Such strength this woman had! I remember many years ago going to Ralph and Roberta's over a few summers to visit and have cook - outs with all my cousins - great times at a great house that I'm sure is filled with loads of great memories for you all. Rest peacefully Aunt Roberta.

-Love, Rick Winslow & Family  
Toronto

**rick winslow** - May 24, 2020 at 11:48 AM

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“ To The Winslow family, so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She and your father were institutions in the town of Ayer and they are deeply missed for their love and loyalty to each other, to family and to the town of Ayer. May your many memories provide you with comfort in this time of grief.

**Bobby Gardner and Joanna Blasetti** - May 24, 2020 at 08:13 AM

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“ Dear Roberta, I am so glad that I got to meet you and Ralph on this life's journey. You are an incredible woman. Your zest for life has influenced so many people who are all so blessed to have known you. You have 7 incredible children; but most of all I want to thank you for raising Lauren. She is my closest friend, and I know she gets her creativity and enthusiasm for life from you. I always love hearing her family stories, and I often thought how awesome it would be to have so many sisters! You have lived a good long life and touched countless souls, including mine. Big ways, small ways...you've made the world a better place. What a legacy of love you leave behind with all your grandchildren and great-grands! God speed and please give Ralph a hug from me. Chip joins me in sending our love and prayers to your entire family. Love always, Michele in Naples

**Michele Harris** - May 22, 2020 at 12:54 PM

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“ Joyce & Family,  
So very sorry for your loss during this difficult time.  
Cindy Laggis Smith

**Cindy Laggis Smith** - May 21, 2020 at 03:34 PM

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“ Isabelle, so sorry to hear about your mom. I always loved hearing stories Susu would tell me about your parents. They were from the greatest generation, and your mom has passed on an amazing legacy to all of you. May her soul rest in peace.  
Mary Suddath

**Mary Suddath** - May 21, 2020 at 10:11 AM

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“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Roberta E. Winslow.



May 21, 2020 at 08:37 AM

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“ Isabelle, I remember your having me over in the sixth grade and how nervous I was eating lunch with you all. But your mom offered me salt for my beef and I fell in love with salt on my beef and with her. I'm sorry for your loss. She was a lovely, gentle lady.

**Marianne Pelletier** - May 21, 2020 at 08:33 AM



“ Thank you for that story. I never knew that.

**Isabelle Winslow** - May 21, 2020 at 06:37 PM

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“ I am so saddened by this news. Roberta has been my Bellweather, Moral Compass, Rock of Gibraltar, staunch neighbor, and beautiful mother my whole life.

I was there with her when her beloved husband Ralph passed away and during many other endearing life events.

My deepest condolences, prayers, and love go out to the entire family.

"Grace, mercy, and peace from Heavenly Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ [Titus 1: 4]."

Love,

~ Steve



**Stephen Titus** - May 20, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ Thank you Steve

**Isabelle Winslow** - May 21, 2020 at 06:38 PM

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“ Sending my sincere condolences to the entire Winslow family. I have such fond memories of hanging out at your house and all of the many sleepovers. Your Mom always made me feel like part of your family and she will always hold a special spot in my heart. I enjoyed being in her 4-H club and acquired my sewing skills from her! Sending you love, prayers and hugs

**Kathie Carlson Feltus** - May 20, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ Thank you Kathie.

**Joyce Winslow - Pierce** - May 23, 2020 at 10:31 AM

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“ My condolences to the Winslow family. You are all so fortunate to have amazing parents. Roberta was very special and I will always remember her sense of humor and she will stay close to my heart. Hugs

**Donna Applebee** - May 20, 2020 at 07:25 PM

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“ So sorry to be reading this Heidi and Joyce. It's hard at any age. Please accept my condolences.

**Tim Elmer** - May 20, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ Thank you Tim. We all miss her already.

**Isabelle Winslow** - May 20, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ We are sending our condolences to the entire family. At any age she will be missed! Bill & Marj

**Marj Jacobs** - May 20, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ Our mother, Roberta almost made it to 101. She is my inspiration to persevere during difficult times.

**Isabelle Winslow** - May 20, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ Dear Isabelle, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sadness in the passing of your beloved mother Roberta.

Love Betsy & Sven Tilly

**Betsy & Sven Tilly** - May 21, 2020 at 07:48 PM