



Ann G. (Green) Callahan

January 23, 1936 - December 6, 2020

AYER- Ann G. Callahan of Ayer, Massachusetts, died on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at the D'Youville Life & Wellness Community of Lowell, after a fight against a long-term illness.

Ann was born at the Ayer Community Hospital on January 23, 1936. She was the third girl born to Azel and Florence Green at this hospital, located just one block from a red-roofed house on Highland Avenue which would become the family homestead for nearly forty five years. All but 3 of Ann's children would be born at this same hospital.

Ann is survived by eight children: three boys each born two years apart with the first arriving in 1958, twin girls born in 1965 and triplets, one girl and two boys, born in 1972. All now roost in the Northeast: Timothy J. Callahan of Groton, John M. Callahan of Larchmont, NY, Thomas L. Callahan of Townsend, Nancy C. Kendall of Westford, Ann Marie Sabatino of Shirley, Matthew D. Callahan also of Shirley, Cheryl L. Walters of Ayer, and Jeremy T. Callahan of Provincetown. Ann Callahan had the great fortune to become a grandmother of 16 wonderful grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind many cousins and childhood friends.

The youngest of the Green sisters, Ann was predeceased by Doris Green of Ayer in 2001 and Florence Huebner of Oak Park, Michigan and Tustin,

California in October of 2020. Her husband of 50 years, Thomas F. Callahan, passed away in 2008.

A graduate of Ayer High School located adjacent to her childhood home on Pond Street, Ann would become a dedicated booster of the Town of Ayer. She was a devoted Catholic and a lifelong congregant of St. Mary's Church. As a young mother Ann gained part-time employment in the Ayer Town Hall working alongside her husband Tom, who served the town for 27 years as an assessor and Town Treasurer. As her children grew older Ann took on a fulltime roll as Assistant Town Clerk. With campaign support from her children, Ann won election as the Town Clerk and Tax Collector in 1992. Her dedication and service to the Town resulted in her staying in that role for multiple terms. After 30 years of service to the town, she retired in 2009 to focus on her health and family.

For the final years of her life, Ann resided at the D'Youville Life & Wellness Community. The family would like to acknowledge the loving care of the exemplary staff throughout Ann's residence, and particularly the tremendous efforts made during the pandemic. We are forever grateful.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 AM Friday at St. Mary's Church, 31 Shirley Street, Ayer. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Mrs. Callahan's family will receive family and friends at calling hours 4-7 PM Thursday at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., (Rte 2A) Ayer.

For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to D'Youville Life & Wellness Community, 981 Varnum Ave, Lowell, MA 01854.

<https://www.dyouville.org/dyouville-foundation/donate/>

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Mass

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's
31 Shirley St.
Ayer, MA 01432

Tribute Wall

TC

“ *Tobe Conway lit a candle in memory of Ann G. (Green) Callahan*



Tobe Conway - December 11, 2020 at 01:59 PM

LW

“ *Nancy, Brian, Pat, Ryan and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Although we never met your mom and grandma, we know all of you are kind and loving people and are sure she was too. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love The Whelan's (Lori, Jim, James, and Julia)*

Lori Whelan - December 10, 2020 at 05:51 PM

JD

“ *Deepest condolences from Jeremy's co-workers at the Pilgrim Monument & Provincetown Museum. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the Callahan children and their extended families. David, Toby, Ron, Tim and John*

John DeSouza - December 10, 2020 at 03:42 PM

OK

“ *Octavia Kilpatrck lit a candle in memory of Ann G. (Green) Callahan*



octavia kilpatrck - December 10, 2020 at 03:04 PM

RL

“ Dear Callahan family... I am sorry to hear of your mothers passing. I had the privilege of caring for your mom while at Rivercourt Residences. She always greeted you with the smile and look of happiness in her eyes. She expressed a lot of love for her family especially her grandchildren. She will always hold a place in my heart, Again my condolences. Becky Levensailor and family.

Rebecca Levensailor - December 10, 2020 at 10:10 AM

DH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



DAVID HUEBNER-CHAN - December 10, 2020 at 02:21 AM

LK

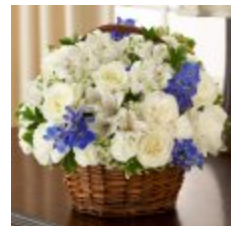
“ Love from Cousin Dave, Sandy, Joey & Keelie purchased the Lavender & White Standing Open Heart for the family of Ann G. (Green) Callahan.



Love from Cousin Dave, Sandy, Joey & Keelie - December 10, 2020 at 01:29 AM

RM

“ Rick Marshall purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Ann G. (Green) Callahan.



Rick Marshall - December 10, 2020 at 12:12 AM

CB

“ Our sympathies to the Callahan Family, Ann was a beautiful person inside and out.



Cathy & Manuel Breest - December 09, 2020 at 11:23 PM

AM

“ I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Please accept my condolences and may my prayers offer comfort.

Allison Migrants - December 09, 2020 at 06:42 PM

WM

“ I have many memories of Mrs. Callahan, Many memories of her Family which I consider my second family. I can only hope she is at peace. She was strong, beautiful, and a peaceful presence. Sending love to you all, and my condolences. Tim, Jack, Tommy, Nancy, Annmarie, Cheryl, Matthew, and Jeremy.



Wendy McConnell - December 09, 2020 at 04:46 PM

NK

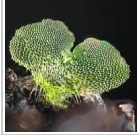
Thank you Wendy

nancy kendall - December 09, 2020 at 08:16 PM

JE

Thanks Wendy!! I hope you are well.

Jeremy - December 10, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ Dear Tim, Jack, Tom, Nancy, Ann Marie, Cheryl, Jeremy and Matthew, Having two crowds of cousins, one on each parents' side, is one of the most wonderful things about growing up in a Catholic family. I have treasured memories of a childhood filled with so many warm and exuberant parties at various family homes, especially the grand one that my Uncle Tom and Aunt Ann had on Highland Avenue in Ayer. I also remember springs and summers filled with tramping on short-cuts through one of the patches of woodland remaining in Ayer, en route to your house or passing by on our way to volunteer at "Woodford" which is what the Ayer Hospital eventually became. And who can forget the long days playing cards and drinking soda and snacking when our families' visits to Little Island Pond overlapped? Even more than these childhood memories I so treasure what lovely children grew up in the loving care of Aunt Ann. Children who, as adults, are raising their own beautiful families and serving the community. Always and especially during this terrible year, Ann's beautiful children and grandchildren are generous and warm and kind to everyone, especially to family members, something they all learned from her excellent example. It would be so fantastic to be able to gather together in love at this sorrowful time. I miss you all, and will miss your dear mother and hold her in my heart throughout the holidays and beyond. May she rest in peace and light.

Hilary Callahan - December 09, 2020 at 02:56 PM

NK

Thank you so much Hilary

nancy kendall - December 09, 2020 at 08:20 PM

MH

“ We are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing . We will keep your family in our hearts. All the best , Michael and Mary Hederson.

mary hederson - December 09, 2020 at 01:04 PM

NS

“ Nancy Sherwin lit a candle in memory of Ann G. (Green) Callahan



Nancy Sherwin - December 09, 2020 at 11:43 AM

NK

Thank you Nancy

nancy kendall - December 09, 2020 at 08:26 PM

TC

“ *The Callahan Family appreciates all the warm condolences, thoughts and prayers. While the services set for our Mother over the next two days are open to all friends and family, we do understand that we are living in challenging times. Please do what you feel is best for your own family health and well-being and do not feel obligated to attend. If my Mother could speak to all of us she would encourage everyone to be safe and be well.*

Family of Ann Callahan

Tim Callahan - December 09, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ Sending love to all of my amazing cousins who grew up at the top of Highland Avenue--most of their lives-I remember the house before there too! Your house was always a safe haven, and your mom always so welcoming--from walking through the woods from the water towers after school, to crowding on the stairs for the annual Callahan Cousins photo. My beautiful Aunt Ann was always there, with a smile, her gentle laugh, and calm demeanor. She was pure love and she left behind loads and loads of that love in some pretty amazing humans I am so fortunate to call family. I love you all and am sending you a virtual hug...and tons of prayers.

Kathy (Callahan) DiRusso

Kathleen DiRusso - December 09, 2020 at 12:41 AM

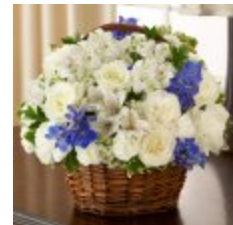
NK

Thank you Kathy.

nancy kendall - December 09, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ann G. (Green) Callahan.*



December 08, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Ann G. (Green) Callahan.*



December 08, 2020 at 08:09 PM

PB

“ To the Callahan Family,

I had the privileged of working with both your parents but closely with your Mom. She was kind, gracious and patience. She looked out for me in the early days. Thank you for teaching me a good work ethic. You were a wonderful role model. May you rest in peace, Mrs. Callahan. You will be missed. Paula Boisseau

PAULA BOISSEAU - December 08, 2020 at 03:45 PM

NK

Thank Paula

nancy kendall - December 08, 2020 at 08:23 PM

NK

I mean, thank you Paula..

nancy kendall - December 08, 2020 at 08:24 PM

PC

“ Dear Matt, Cheryl, Jeremy, Annmarie, all your family.

I am so very, very for your loss. I first met Ann when I moved to Ayer in 1988 and needed to register to vote. Little did I realize then I would have the privilege of working with her over the years in various capacities. Ann was quiet and unassuming but always gracious and helpful to everyone she assisted in her position of Town Clerk.

May you all be comforted by your happy memories of your childhood and in later years as you brought more members into the family bringing a smile to her face.

God Bless and keep you all.

Pauline Conley

Pauline Conley - December 08, 2020 at 01:10 PM

MS

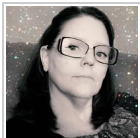
“ *Condolences to The Family Callahan*

Mary Markham and Bob Sama - December 08, 2020 at 12:55 PM

NK

Thank you Mary & Joe

nancy kendall - December 09, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *Pamela Scirocco lit a candle in memory of Ann G. (Green) Callahan*



Pamela Scirocco - December 08, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, I feel blessed to have had the chance to get to know Ann as I was one of her caregivers at rivercourt. One thing I learned from Ann in that time was that her children were her pride and joy. She will always be a part of each of you ! Pam Scirocco*

Pamela Scirocco - December 08, 2020 at 12:16 PM

CM

“ *I first met Ann in her capacity as town clerk. When gay marriage was legalized in Massachusetts, my wife and I went to her office on the first day, first hour to get a license. We may even have been early, but she opened her window and in her welcoming way, graciously and with a big smile took care of us. We felt very assured that we would be welcomed as a lesbian family in Ayer. We were warmed by her kindness.*

carolyn McCreary - December 08, 2020 at 12:08 PM

JC

I love this story! Thank you Carolyn!

Jeremy Callahan - December 08, 2020 at 12:32 PM

JA

“ *I was very lucky to be one of the care takers of ann when I was at dyouville!! I'll always remember that big smile that could light up a whole room!! Sending my condolences to the Callahan family*

Jackie - December 08, 2020 at 11:46 AM

JC

Thank you so much Jackie!

Jeremy Callahan - December 08, 2020 at 12:31 PM

NK

She really thought you were family - thank you

nancy kendall - December 08, 2020 at 08:26 PM

KH

“ *I'm very sorry to hear about Ann's passing. She was a remarkable woman! If not for her, I would not have become a Notary Public. Ann was one of the individuals who vouched for my character and signed my application to become appointed as a Notary Public. She was always kind and helpful through the years. My condolences to the Callahan family.*



Korey Humphreys - December 08, 2020 at 10:49 AM

KC

“ I am truly sorry for the passing of your Mother. Please accept my condolences and may my prayers help comfort all of Ann's family. I will never forget her kindness and our special times we spent together while I worked at RiverCourt. May God give her eternal rest and the family the strength to bear the great pain.
Love to all - Kerry Cooper

Kerry Cooper - December 08, 2020 at 10:42 AM

NK

Thank you - Kerrie

nancy kendall - December 08, 2020 at 08:27 PM

KS

“ Matthew and family, we are so sorry for the passing of your mother. She was one of a kind and always KIND to everyone. Another Ayer Icon is in HEAVEN!!! Prayers and love to all. The Swanfeldt's



Karin Swanfeldt - December 08, 2020 at 09:30 AM

JC

Thank you Karin.

Jeremy Callahan - December 08, 2020 at 11:25 AM

NB

“ Please accept condolences in the loss of Ann Callahan. Though I'd only known her as a resident of D'Youville in her last years, it looks like she'd led a life with purpose and impact. She was lucky to have her daughter Nancy as an advocate, whom I saw on numerous visits to A-Wing, lifting her mom's spirits.

Nancy Burns - December 08, 2020 at 07:36 AM

NK

Thank you so much Nancy.

nancy kendall - December 08, 2020 at 07:53 AM

MC

“ *My deepest condolences Mrs.Callahan was a wonderful woman and mother. Mine and my wife’s deepest condolences*

Michael C.Palmatier - December 07, 2020 at 09:20 PM

JS

“ *Jeremy & family: our sincere condolences on Ann’s passing. We were very lucky to count her as a neighbor, and our town was fortunate to have such a dedicated employee. Thinking of you all during this time.*

Julie Sallet - December 07, 2020 at 09:13 PM

JC

Thank you Julie. Mom had the best neighbors!

Jeremy Callahan - December 08, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Ann G. (Green) Callahan.*



December 07, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ann G. (Green) Callahan.



December 07, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ Matt and all the Callahan Family,
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all through this very difficult time...R.I.P.
Mrs. Callahan 🙏❤️

Sharon & Bill Mauro

Sharon Mauro - December 07, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ So very sorry to the Callahan family. I'll always remember going to your house on Page Street to watch Friday night TV and your mother taking care of all the kids in the living room. You're mother was an angel then and an angel 😊 now. R.I.P. Ann.

John & Agnes Shanahan - December 07, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ Condolences to Tim, John, their siblings, and the rest of Ann's family. I remember her well from the Town Clerks office. May she rest in peace.

Tim Elmer - December 07, 2020 at 06:14 PM

LB

“ Mrs Callahan always had a nice smile and greeting when I went to the Town Clerks office, and I must add that she raised a great family! RIP Ann 🙏

Lisa Briggs - December 07, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ Red & White Rose Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Ann G. (Green) Callahan.



December 07, 2020 at 05:46 PM

DW

“ Phine and I offer our condolences to the family of Ann. Their children and ours shared many happy times together in the neighborhood. R.I.P. Ann.....job well done. Phine and Donnie Wallace

Donald R. Wallace - December 07, 2020 at 04:44 PM

CH

“ Mrs. Callahan was a sweet lady glad I knew her. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Connie (Price) Hoot and Florence Price

connie hoot - December 07, 2020 at 04:24 PM

CF

Our Condolences , thoughts and prayers to the Callahan family Paul and Carolyn Fillebrown

Carolyn Fillebrown - December 07, 2020 at 08:09 PM

EW

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of mourning. I know how wonderful a person your mom was ,from the way my mother (Helen Poitras) spoke of her . Growing up in a big catholic family certainly had it's rewards, and challenges. I know my own children had a hard time with my knowing their every move,I would have 4 or 5 phone calls before they even got home, saying " oh saw your daughter, or son today walking down west main st. cherish the memories and share them all those cousins! Ed and Joanne Warwick

edward warwick - December 09, 2020 at 04:35 PM

DS

Tim, Tom & all the Callahan children & their families, Please accept my sincere condolences for the passing of your mother. You will have so many memories to remind you of her, that she will always be with you.

Denise Stepleton - December 11, 2020 at 11:42 AM