



Carol R. (Picard) Decot Madigan

October 19, 1936 - May 14, 2021

AYER: Carol R. (Picard) Decot Madigan, 84, formerly of Ayer and Deland, FL, passed away on Friday, May 14, 2021 at UMass Medical Center in Worcester.

Carol was a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. She celebrated 13 years of marriage with her beloved husband, Edward Madigan.

Carol was born in Ayer on October 19, 1936, a daughter of Walter F. and Mary (Curran) Picard. She resided much of her life in Ayer and was raised in St. Mary's parish. She was a 1954 graduate of Ayer High School and later attended Fisher Junior College and Mount Wachusett Community College.

During her career, Carol was an executive secretary and civil servant for the U.S. government for 23 years at the Intelligence School within the former Fort Devens Army Base before her retirement in 1996. Previously, she had worked in a similar capacity at the Hilltop School in Ayer for 9 years. After her retirement, Carol and Ed relocated to Deland, FL, where she worked for the city engineering department for 11 years.

Carol was a lifetime member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, where she served as Junior Vice President and secretary in Deland. She was also a member of

the Littleton-Westford Emblem Club, serving as the club's secretary. In addition, she was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Shirley, MA and fulfilled the role of secretary for the club. Carol was a faithful member of TOPS Club, where she maintained her KOPS status for many years.

She had volunteered for the gift shop at the Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer. She enjoyed shopping and traveling to multiple destinations, including Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, and Hawaii. Additionally, Carol adored the Boston Red Sox and having girls' night with friends. Carol also enjoyed relaxing at various beaches in Cape Cod, New Hampshire, and Maine.

She leaves and will be deeply missed by her two daughters, Kathleen M. Decot of Harvard and Nancy A. Decot of Nashua, NH. Carol is also survived by her sister, Marcia A. Sullivan of Shirley, four grandchildren, Nina Decot, Corey Decot, Sophia Decot, and Chloe Decot Cushing, and five great grandchildren, Mealofa Khourie, Alesi Khourie, Brandon Corbett, Anthony Tompkins, and Elias Tompkins.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward Madigan, who died in July 2006, and her former husband, Walter R. "Buddy" Decot, in March 2006. Carol was the mother of the late Matthew K. Decot of Groton, who died in 2001, and Mark F. Decot of Fitchburg, who passed in 2018. She was the sister of the late Thomas F. Picard of Shirley, who passed away in 2009, and Linda Ramos of Ayer, who passed in January of this year.

Carol's family will receive family and friends from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 19 at the Anderson Funeral Home, located at 25 Fitchburg Road (Rte 2A) in Ayer. Please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information or to leave an online condolence.

Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 20 at St.

Mary's Church, which is located at 31 Shirley Street, Ayer.

Carol will be buried with her devoted husband Ed in the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

MAY **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

LI

“ Sending positive thoughts to everyone. Carol and I shared many laughs, and tears over the years. May you all find comfort with your memories. Lisa H. Wheeler, Sarasota, FL

lisa - May 25, 2021 at 10:26 AM

PS

“ Memories of Carol with family. Love always.



Pauline Sullivan - May 18, 2021 at 04:58 PM

RA

“ To Kathleen, Nancy and Marcia: Carol and I went to Fisher together and we shared each others company in class and riding back and forth to school. I have known the Picard family all my life. Carol was a fun loving person, she was a good friend and would do whatever she could to help you when needed. Carol will be missed by a lot of people. May you rest in peace my friend.

Rosanne (Tessier) Allen

Rosanne Allen - May 17, 2021 at 01:09 PM

KK

“ Dear Nancy, Kathleen and family, We are so very sorry for the loss of your mom. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time. Kelly Kling and family.

Kelly Kling - May 17, 2021 at 09:12 AM

BM

Marcia kathy nancy and all your families. Carol always j had a wonderful sense. Of humor. she is in heaven now with all her family. Gods peace to u all betty mahon

Betty mahon - May 19, 2021 at 12:47 PM

OD

“ *To Nancy and Kathleen along with Marcia and the grandkids my heart is so heavy for you. Carol was such an endearing lady with the most infectious laugh and full of joy. It has been my pleasure knowing her all my life pretty much and thank you for being the best Nana to my daughter Sophia. May you always rest in eternity our 🙏*
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Octavia Durepo - May 16, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Carol R. (Picard) Decot Madigan.*



May 16, 2021 at 02:19 PM

DM

“ Dear Kathleen, Nancy, Marcia, Carol's Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren and family,
I'm so very sorry to hear about Carol. She was a sweet, loving, caring member of the MADIGAN Family. My Dad loved as much as she loved him and it is so very fitting that Carol be buried with Big Ed at Arlington National Cemetery. At this time and everyday going forward keep your memories treasured and know that she LOVED each and every one of you and her friends. May Carol Rest In Peace and Unite with my Dad in heaven. Sending prayer and love to you all.

Donna Madigan - May 16, 2021 at 12:26 PM

MM

Mic and I are truly sorry to hear about Carol's passing. She was our sister in law for the thirteen years Ed and Carol were married. I worked with Carol at the City of DeLand where she made some really great friends. We are sure Ed and Carol are together again enjoying the love they shared here on earth. We send our prayers to her family. R.I.P. Carol. Mic & Nancy Madigan, DeLand, FL

Mic & Nancy Madigan - May 16, 2021 at 01:16 PM

PP

Kathy, Nancy & Chole

So sorry for your loss. I loved NANA. She was a joy to be around. and Fun. I will never forget her laugh.

Love
Pauline Pauline

Pauline Partridge - May 17, 2021 at 01:50 PM

DN

Kathleen & family,

JP, the boys and I are so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a loving and kind woman and I am glad I got a chance to know her over the years. We are sending our thoughts and prayers to all of you during this difficult time.

Love Delfi & JP

Delfi Nieto - May 18, 2021 at 11:42 AM

PS

Missing a wonderful Aunt and friend. Always in our thoughts and prayers. Much love forever.

Prit and Mike

Pauline Sullivan - May 18, 2021 at 04:48 PM

TC

Nancy and Kathy, I am devastated to learn the loss of Carol. She was like a second mother to me. Please accept my sympathy. May love and light help you through this time.

Tobe Conway - May 25, 2021 at 09:27 AM