



Catherine M. LaPrade

February 27, 1931 - June 3, 2025

Fitchburg – Catherine M. (Crand) LaPrade, 94, passed away peacefully on June 3, in the Alliance Health at Baldwinville, surrounded by her loving family.

Catherine was born in Concord, NH on February 27, 1931, a daughter of the late John and Catherine (Dawson) Crand. After graduating from the Catholic High School in Gardner, MA, Catherine worked with her father at Priscilla's Candy Store, where she met her future husband, Paul. On September 4th, 1950, Catherine and Paul married and began raising their family in Fitchburg. When Henri's Hair Salon was looking for models for the latest hairstyles, Catherine was honored to have been chosen. In 1967, Catherine began her work as the friendly face and manager of the Wonder Bread and Hostess Outlet in Fitchburg, fondly called the "Thrift Store."

Along with her husband, Catherine always enjoyed their daily afternoon car rides and spending time outside tending their flower gardens. In her later years, she enjoyed taking cruises with family.

She is survived by her children, Deborah L. LeBlanc of Devens, Mark P. LaPrade and partner Marcelo Moura of Boston and Toronto, Canada, Lynn A. LaPrade and partner Angela Bryan of Attleboro, Melinda A. Collins and husband Dennis of Fitchburg, Paula J. Chaban and husband William of Gardner; 9 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and one great great grandson; a brother Robert Crand and wife Nancy of Sommers, CT; many

nieces and nephews.

Catherine was predeceased by her loving husband of 64 years, Paul E. LaPrade in 2015 as well as her siblings, Irene Flynn, John, Richard, Thomas, and David Crand.

A calling hour will be held in the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg on Thursday, June 12, from 9:30-10:30am. The funeral Mass will be held at 11am in Saint Joseph Church, followed by burial in the parish cemetery. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.andersonfuneral.com

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to the Alzheimer's Association

P.O. Box 96011 Washington, DC 20090-6011 or at alz.org

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Fitchburg, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JUN 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM.

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home
316 Clarendon St
Fitchburg, MA

Funeral Mass

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church
49 Woodland St.
Fitchburg, MA 01420