



Charlene M. Leger

December 11, 1949 - February 10, 2022

SHIRLEY: Charlene M. Leger, 72, of Shirley, formerly of Leominster and Fitchburg died Thursday, February 10, 2022 at Umass Medical Center in Worcester after a brief illness.

Charlene was born in Fitchburg, December 11, 1949, one of five children born to William J. and Mary C. (DiPrima) Leger and was a 1968 graduate of Fitchburg High School.

Although Charlene wore many hats over her lifetime. Her most important role was as a member of her own family. As a daughter, a mother, a sister, an aunt, and a godmother. Everyone agrees that Charlene was a kind, generous, loving person with a heart bigger than her little body could contain. She was a confidant for many, always willing to listen and offer her advice, which was grounded in a deep love of her family that was forged after losing her own mother too young. Charlene straddled two worlds growing up. She was a fierce sister to her siblings, and a fierce aunt and mother. Everyone has their own story of when, where, and how Charlene showed up for them. Whether you were a niece, nephew or friend of the family, she cared for you deeply and fearlessly. As her daughter, I will tell you that my mother's pride and love was relentless and not only provided a soft landing when I took the wrong step, but also gave me the confidence and courage to keep taking ALL of the steps. In her honor, may we all live our best lives.

Charlene leaves two daughters, Tina Leger & Lynn Dodds; her older and wiser sister Linda C. Petersen; her handsome and savvy brother Robert J. Leger and his fierce wife Cindy Leger; her loving and devoted sister Marilyn Marino; her best friend/baby sister Jean E. Malanson and her Protective and supporting husband Francis (Stoney) Malanson. Charlene also leaves Lynn's beautiful daughter, Megan Christian; beloved nieces: Heidi, Wendy, Renee, Stacy, Samantha, Sarah and Lisa; beloved nephews: Scott, Eric, Rob, Michael, Aaron, Dean, William, Jeff and Peter; great nieces and nephews: Erica, Brandon, Tyler, Makayla, Aidan, Jake, Cole, Samantha, Nathan, Noah, Anthony, Gianna, Silas, Calvin, Natalie, Carolanne, Madison and Aubry. Lastly Charlene leaves her partner and friend of 40 years, Douglas J. Leger. Charlene was predeceased by her brother-in-law Big Ray Petersen who, sadly, passed this past September and her brother-in-law Donald Marino.

The family asks that you visit the Anderson Funeral Home website to leave a message, a photo, or to communicate with family.

Charlene's funeral services will be held privately. The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Missing you so very much my heart hurts
Making one of your desserts for Easter and I needed some advice
I cried
Sister Jean*

Jean Malanson - April 21, 2022 at 03:12 PM

JM

“ *Jean Malanson lit a candle in memory of
Charlene M. Leger*



Jean Malanson - April 21, 2022 at 03:07 PM

BL

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Bob Leger - February 23, 2022 at 01:23 PM

PA

“ Tina, Jean and family,
We were heart broken to learn of Charlene's passing. Such a kind and gentle soul who loved our pets like her own. She was amazing and we shared many of the same characteristics...another Stephen King fan. The word "fierce" certainly fits as she fought cancer with her whole being. This world lost a kind and generous woman...whether making masks so we could stay "safe" or caring for our pets with love....Charlene gave of herself completely. We are better persons for knowing her and hope that you find peace and comfort in the many memories she gave you. With heartfelt sympathy,
Patty & Steve Adams (Sophie and Ollie)

Pat Adams - February 20, 2022 at 08:08 AM

AE

“ Sending strength and prayers to your entire family. I will always remember how kind and selfless Charlene was. She always made you feel welcome the minute you walked through the door. Heaven gained a true angel.
Warm regards,
Amy Egan (Rondeau)

Amy Egan - February 17, 2022 at 09:56 AM

JR

“ We were playmates as kids and I have many fond memories of fun times together. Lost touch as we got older. So sad to hear of her passing. Thoughts and prayers for all of you. Jackie (Rouleau) Ramsey

Jackie Ramsey - February 16, 2022 at 08:14 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Wentworth Barrasso. Although I hadn't seen Charleen in years I do remember her as a fun loving person and a good friend*

Kathy Wentworth Barrasso - February 16, 2022 at 06:59 PM

BC

“ *My mother had only one wish in her latter years: she wanted to stay in her home. So Charlene helped make that possible. She came in once a week to tidy up, be a companion, playing games and generally make life pleasant for an old woman living alone. Mom died in her home at age 98 and we'll always be grateful that Charlene made her exit from this world as pleasant as possible. The memories being shared by people here are fascinating to read and confirm that we were not alone in marveling at the difference in the world one person with kindness can make.*

Our deepest sympathies to her family as well as our thanks for sharing her.

Bob Collins - February 16, 2022 at 09:15 AM



Bob, Mom loved Ruth so much. We appreciate your message and I appreciate how you all treated my mom. We are lucky to find special people to take care of our loved ones, I know mom felt Lucky to be a part of Ruth's life as well.

-Tina

Tina Leger - February 16, 2022 at 06:58 PM

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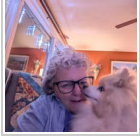
Thank you Bob. You describe my Sister just as she was. A kind, compassionate, loving human and the best of us.

Bob Leger - February 16, 2022 at 07:25 PM

CL

Bob, over the years we all got to know Ruth-through Charlene. We all shared in her sadness when Ruth died. So your mom must've been pretty special too! Charlebe loved her.

cindy Leger - February 18, 2022 at 05:52 AM



“ We couldn't have asked for a better next door neighbor. Mike and I will miss you.

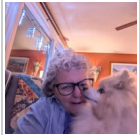
Love Irene and Mike Flood

Irene Flood - February 15, 2022 at 09:11 PM



Thank you Mike and Irene, Mom always felt so much more comfortable knowing you were both right next door. It has been a blessing having you as neighbors and friends, we could not ask for a better couple!

Tina Leger - February 16, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ Irene Flood lit a candle in memory of Charlene M. Leger



Irene Flood - February 15, 2022 at 09:06 PM

JD

“ Our condolences to the family. I hadn't seen Charlene in many years but I do remember she was a fun loving cousin. Our sincere sympathies. Ken & Janice (Vaillancourt) Desjean

Janice Desjean - February 15, 2022 at 07:09 PM

DL

“ 40 years of beautiful memories ! Charlene was the most loyal person and friend I have ever known. Over the years any bad times were of my doing and the best of times were with her and her family and our pets were of her doing purely thru Love. Miss and love you forever Charlene❤️



Douglas Leger - February 15, 2022 at 12:38 PM

TL

She was a great cook. Mom loved her Chicken Piccata so much. She passed on our 43rd Anniversary. On Friday I made Chicken Piccata in her honor. I imagined her making it with Mom in Heaven. She was so loving, I never heard her say anything negative about anyone. She loved the Red Sox and a couple times I watched it with her and did not speak until the commercial.

Trisha and Bill LaPolt - February 15, 2022 at 03:21 PM

KC

She was such a loving kind spirit always full of laughter and wow could she cook never had a bad word towards anyone just pure love always in my heart my condolences to her family and love ones

Kathleen Cormier - February 15, 2022 at 10:55 PM

CC

“ Tina, my heart is with you! You and your Mom had such an amazing relationship! You will always have such special memories to remember her by. You are blessed in that you have a wonderful, close family that will help you through the tough times ahead. I'm here also if you need to talk.

Lynn, I'm sure this is a difficult time for you also. My heart is with you too.

Jean, sending a huge hug to you!! For you to lose your best friend and sister is a pain that I can't imagine. I know how good you are to Tina and I know you will help her through this heartbreaking time. To Douglas, Linda, Bob, and Marilyn, Cindy, Francis, Nieces and Nephews I offer my heartfelt sympathy. I see you all on FB with Tina and you are such a wonderful, close knit family. I am sure you will all be there to lean on each other.

Cindy [Higgins] Cioffi

Cindy Higgins Cioffi - February 15, 2022 at 11:52 AM

JM

“ Jean Malanson lit a candle in memory of Charlene M. Leger



Jean Malanson - February 14, 2022 at 09:32 PM

JM

My sister my best friend
I will miss you so.
Save a seat for me at the table
Till we meet again



Jean Malanson - February 14, 2022 at 09:36 PM

KC

So sorry jean xoxo

Kathleen Cormier - February 15, 2022 at 10:58 PM

RL

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Robert Leger - February 14, 2022 at 02:30 PM

RL

My Sister, my friend, I have no words because my heart is in pieces. Who am I going to get the recipes from for the wonderful food you made us? Who am I going to call to tell the funny thing that just happened. Who am I going to grieve the latest loved one with. I'm lost and broken without you.

Robert Leger - February 14, 2022 at 02:43 PM



You can call me Uncle Bob! I love you and I am so grateful for your and Aunt Cindy's love & support.

Tina Leger - February 14, 2022 at 09:32 PM

KR

“ I will always remember Charlene’s beautiful smile and her great sense of humor. She always worked so hard to make sure Tina always had what she needed and from the day I met her she treated me like her own. She always thought Tina and I were so crazy for all our adventures, but always showed her loving support. She was so creative and talented with everything she touched, whether it was cooking, decorating, or sewing, she had a knack for it all. She opened up her home to me and always me feel comfortable and welcome. She was one of the most selfless woman I have ever met and her courage and strength always inspired me. We will miss you Charlene, heaven gained a beautiful angel that I will never forget!

Karen Russo - February 13, 2022 at 11:05 PM



Thank you Karen, that was a very sweet message. Mom loved you and was always grateful that I had you in my life.

Tina Leger - February 14, 2022 at 09:33 PM



“ Tina Leger lit a candle in memory of Charlene M. Leger



Tina Leger - February 13, 2022 at 10:37 PM

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Tina Leger - February 13, 2022 at 10:27 PM

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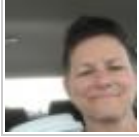
Tina Leger - February 13, 2022 at 10:24 PM

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Tina Leger - February 13, 2022 at 10:22 PM



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Tina Leger - February 13, 2022 at 10:19 PM



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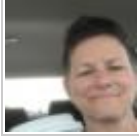


Tina Leger - February 13, 2022 at 10:11 PM

CC

Charlene was so good to my mother. She started out cleaning every couple of weeks and grew to become a "family member" with Mom. When Mom could no longer handle the Mart bus to get to her rummykub game and lunch at Sunrise Assisted Living, Charlene stepped up. She'd come and clean, stop and take Mom to Leominster, go back and clean some more and then go pick up Mom and bring her home.always with a cheerful way about her. She'd bring Mom treats and made her life so much better. I will miss her calls and bubbly ways!

Cheryl Collins - February 16, 2022 at 10:13 AM



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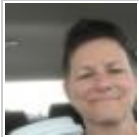
Tina Leger - February 13, 2022 at 10:10 PM



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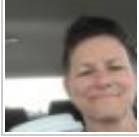
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