



Charline L. (LaPlant) Oelfke

October 28, 1942 - February 4, 2025

SHIRLEY, MA / SARASOTA, FL: Charline Lina (LaPlant, Lloyd) Oelfke, 82, of Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Shirley and Townsend, Massachusetts, died Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at Tidewell Hospice House, Sarasota.

Charline was born in Portland, Maine, October 28, 1942, the daughter of John and Willa (Glidden) LaPlant and resided in Shirley for twenty five years before moving to Sarasota, Florida five years ago.

Charline grew up in Falmouth, Maine and graduated from Falmouth High School. She continued her education at Museum of Fine Arts School in Boston and later at Fitchburg State College where she received her BA in Elementary Education. She later attended Mount Wachusett Community College, achieving a Certificate in Graphic Design.

Charline worked in the Marketing Department at Digital Equipment Corporation in Marlboro, MA and Merrimack, NH for over ten years. She was an accomplished photographer, seamstress, painter, and pianist, who also enjoyed white water kayaking and community theater. One of her greatest joys was her gardens. She was well known in the local area for her iris and day lily displays and the many gardens she and John enjoyed building, growing and maintaining together over the years.

Her other great love was singing. She was a member of a number of musical endeavors, but was most proud of being part of the Nashoba Chorale and the Vespers Chorus Christmas concerts at the Shirley Meeting House.

She leaves her husband of 32 years, John S. Oelfke; two sons, Andrew Piccolo of Georgia, Christopher Lloyd of Belchertown; a daughter, Gwenyth Lloyd of Bristol, UK; her brother, John LaPlant of Newport RI, and seven grandchildren, Abigail Piccolo, Nicholas Piccolo, Eli Lloyd–Hamilton, Arden Lloyd, Walter Lloyd, Claire Lloyd and William Lloyd.

She was predeceased by her sister, Lucille McMahon of Watertown.

Charline's funeral service will be held on Friday, May 30 at 10:00am in the Shirley Meeting House, 41 Brown Rd., Shirley Center, MA 01464. Burial will follow in the Center Cemetery.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements. www.andersonfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Center Cemetery

Brown Rd.
Shirley, MA 01464

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Shirley Meeting House
41 Brown Rd.
Shirley, MA MA

Tribute Wall

MD

“ John,
Sorry to hear of Charline's passing. I think of Charline everytime I pass Hazen Rd and her beautiful flower gardens. Rest in peace my friend.

Mike Detillion - February 13, 2025 at 09:50 AM

GP

“ Charline, a gentle kind and creative soul who could look deeply into nature and draw out the best in it and us. May you rest in Peace with great sadness., Gala



Gala Palmer - February 11, 2025 at 09:45 AM

DS

“ Denise Stepleton lit a candle in memory of Charline L. (LaPlant) Oelfke



Denise Stepleton - February 10, 2025 at 11:58 AM

DS

“ John, I am so sorry to read of your wife's passing. My thoughts of comfort are with you.

Denise Stepleton - February 10, 2025 at 11:58 AM

AT

“ I am sorry to hear of Charline. When I met her I was very impressed with her. She was a very caring person. May she rest in peace.
Adele Turnbull/

Adele Turnbull - February 08, 2025 at 09:40 PM

PK

“ Sorry to hear of your loss John. May she rest in eternal peace. ❤️

Patricia Krauchune - February 07, 2025 at 04:04 PM

DD

“ John, Ron & I were saddened to hear about Charline, she was a beautiful soul who put her whole heart into whatever she believed in and cared about. Please accept our sincere condolences.

Deb Delaite - February 07, 2025 at 11:11 AM

AL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Alice Lloyd - February 07, 2025 at 10:06 AM

TC

“ Tobe Conway lit a candle in memory of Charline L. (LaPlant) Oelfke



Tobe Conway - February 07, 2025 at 09:25 AM

TC

“ *John, Please accept my condolences. May Charline's love and light be with you forever.*

Tobe Conway - February 07, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Mom*



Gwenyth Irene - February 06, 2025 at 07:18 PM

KG

“ *John and family. Sending my sincere condolences for the loss of your wife.*

Kerry (Pender) Goodhue

Kerry Goodhue - February 06, 2025 at 04:47 PM

MQ

Our memory of Charline is of a quiet, kind, and gentle person who enjoyed and loved her family and nature.

Marianne and Frank Quattrociocchi - May 26, 2025 at 02:11 PM