



## Cornelia (Curran) Donovan

August 18, 1938 - June 22, 2019

SHIRLEY: Cornelia (Curran) Donovan, 80, of Shirley, MA died peacefully Saturday, June 22, 2019 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Known as Connie, she was the only child of James J. and Mary (Daley) Curran. She grew up in Shirley, lived in the North Country of New York (Plattsburgh) for 19 years, and returned to Shirley in 1984. She was a 1956 graduate of Fitchburg High School and attended Boston College.

After raising her family, she worked for twenty years as a civilian employee for the United States Army at Fort Devens in Ayer and the Air Force at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford. She retired from the Commander's Secretary position at Hanscom AFB in 2007.

She enjoyed baking, reading, travelling, drinking "good" tea, and spending time with her family and many friends. She was a talented and gifted knitter, and an active member of The Knitting Guild Association. She was a member and former Chairperson of the Hazen Memorial Public Library. She was instrumental in the efforts that led to the construction of the new Hazen Memorial Library.

She leaves behind three daughters, Shannon M. Donovan and her husband Robert J. Bergeron with whom she resided in Shirley, Megan L. Donovan and

her husband, Glen T. Mullaley of South Easton, and Kelly D. Mootos and her husband, Paul P. Mootos of Alfred, Maine; five grandchildren, Emily Ann Mootos, Matthew Donovan Mullaley, Donovan F. Herreros, Marcos L. Herreros and Michael R. Bergeron.

Her husband of 39 years, Donald F. Donovan, USAF Ret., predeceased her in 2004.

Calling hours will be held 4-7 PM Wednesday, June 26th at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd. (Rte 2A) Ayer, MA. A time of remembrance will be held at 6:30 PM.

Services of committal will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Hazen Memorial Library Endowment Fund, c/o Community Foundation of Central Massachusetts, 649 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, MA 01420 (<https://www.cfnm.org/GiveiCurrentFutureDonors/DonateOnline.aspx>).

For additional information or to leave an on line condolence, please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## A Time of Remembrance

JUN **26**. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Michele Childress lit a candle in memory of Cornelia (Curran) Donovan



Michele Childress - July 10, 2019 at 06:46 AM

JK

“ My deepest condolences to Shannon, Meaghan, and Kelly and all your family. Connie will be missed by all who knew her. Sending prayers and love, Janet King and family.

janet king - June 29, 2019 at 07:46 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Cornelia (Curran) Donovan.



June 25, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Cornelia (Curran) Donovan.



June 25, 2019 at 12:35 PM

TS

“ Sorry for the loss of my GodMother..I will miss her infectious laugh!  
My family's prayers go out to all of you at this difficult time  
She is in heaven with Don, Mary, Margaret and my Mom Marion and  
Dad Dan having a grand old time like we did in Shirley

Sincerely,

Thomas Daley Smith, wife Bobbi, son Timmy and daughter Lindsey

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Thomas Daley Smith - June 25, 2019 at 11:44 AM

LM

“ Connie was a wonderful person. I knitted with her for quite a few  
years. She had a wonderful sense of humor and could always make  
me laugh. God Speed my friend

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Laura Merry - June 25, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of  
Cornelia (Curran) Donovan.



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June 25, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family  
of Cornelia (Curran) Donovan.



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June 24, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Cornelia (Curran) Donovan.*



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June 24, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ *Barbara Swain purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Cornelia (Curran) Donovan.*



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**Barbara Swain** - June 24, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ *The Hazen Memorial Library sends our deepest condolences to Connie's family. We will remember you always for your love of books and great passion for the library. Rest in peace, dear Connie, we will miss you.*

*-The staff and trustees of the Hazen Memorial Library*

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**Debra Roy** - June 24, 2019 at 11:17 AM



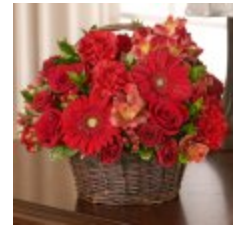
“ *Dan has many living memories of Leila over the years. Sending love and comfort to all*

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**Karen Smith** - June 24, 2019 at 12:03 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Cornelia (Curran) Donovan.*



June 24, 2019 at 12:01 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Cornelia (Curran) Donovan.*



June 23, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ *I met the lovely Connie when I picked her up at the airport in Colorado for a knitting Retreat we enjoyed together. She was an extraordinary Knitter and we attended to others together. She was the love of everyone. Rest in peace my dear friend, it was my honor to know you.*

**Jan Neal** - June 23, 2019 at 06:02 PM



*Many memories of Leila. Hard to imagine she is gone. So much a part of my life...may she Rest In Peace❤️❤️❤️*

**joan miller** - June 23, 2019 at 09:17 PM