



## Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell

June 17, 1956 - March 6, 2022

AYER: Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell, 65, of Ayer, died Sunday, March 6, 2022 at Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Ayer.

Darlene was born in Galena Park, Texas, June 17, 1956, the daughter of David W. Bourque and the late Mary Lou (Chesbrough) Bourque and resided in the Ayer / Shirley area for much of her life. She attended Ayer High School.

For twenty years Darlene worked as the Function Coordinator at Groton School in Groton. She was a member of St. Anthony's Church in Shirley and had assisted in their annual Bazaar.

Darlene enjoyed camping, playing bingo and making trips to the beach as well as to West Virginia and Vermont to see her extended family. . She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

In addition to her father of Ayer, Darlene leaves her husband of 25 years, Anthony Rowell; her daughter, Heather J. Cooper of Leominster; her son, Ryan D. Cooper and his wife Christina of Ayer, three grandchildren, Brady Gello, Mason Cooper and Harlynn Cooper and several cousins.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, March 10, 2022 at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley. Burial will be in the parish

cemetery.

Darlene's family will receive relatives and friends at a visitation period from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Thursday, March 10, 2022 at Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, (Rt. 2A) Ayer. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Anthony's Cemetery

Shaker Road  
Shirley, MA

# Previous Events

## Visitation Period

MAR 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church  
14 Phoenix Street  
Shirley, MA

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Tony and all the family,  
I'm so sorry to hear about Darlene. I'm going to miss her checking in with me letting me know how she was doing and sharing all the wonderful pictures on Instagram. She was so proud of all of you and loved you all so much. My prayers are with you all. Take care and God Bless.  
Love Sue and David Scruggs.

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**Susan Scruggs** - March 18, 2022 at 04:08 PM

JS

“ Tony my friend I am so sorry to hear about Darlene, I just found out today from John. I feel so bad. I wish I knew I would of gone to see you and pay my respects to you and your family. You were a wonderful husband and took care of Darlene in good and bad times. You were the best friend to her. May god bless you and your family at this very difficult time. Always remember Darlene is in your future and you will all be together again one day. I will see you soon Tony! Take care of yourself!



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**Jill Sullivan** - March 14, 2022 at 07:05 PM

BM

“ Omg tony I'm sooo sorry for ur loss. u 2 were sooo happy together.  
God bless you I hope u find peace

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**Betty mahon** - March 11, 2022 at 10:50 AM

CG

“ Darlene always welcomed us as Groton's parents with a huge smile and big hugs, she was kind enough to introducing me to her family and we became friends, or so I bragged. She took care of both of my kids and was my extended arms since I was 20 hours away from them. Couldn't believe the sad news. Her light will remain within us as we remember our encounters with her, and so it will bring back the smiles and laughter once we shared. I love you all. My deepest condolences to Tony, Dave, kids and grandkids. Might her faith and strength keep you during these challenging moments. God bless 🙏

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**Cynthia Casasola Gaye** - March 10, 2022 at 01:42 PM

HE

“ We all loved Darlene so much here at Groton School. She will be missed dearly by us all.

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**heather eldredge** - March 10, 2022 at 09:23 AM

DC

“ Tony, Heather ,Ryan , & David and family so sorry to hear of Darlene's passing, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Larry & Deb Cole

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**Deb Cole** - March 10, 2022 at 08:21 AM

MA

“ I loved getting to know Darlene during my time at Groton. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Macy** - March 09, 2022 at 08:51 PM

NS

“ Tony & family.... so sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers are with you..

Nancy Sherwin

Nancy Sherwin - March 09, 2022 at 06:24 PM

TH

“ Tony: I'm so sorry for your loss.

Terry Hurley

terry hurley - March 09, 2022 at 06:15 PM

NT

“ Nancy Tarbell lit a candle in memory of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell



nancy tarbell - March 09, 2022 at 01:09 PM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.



March 09, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



March 09, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *As a newcomer at Groton, nobody gave me a warmer welcome than Darlene. She was the definition of human warmth and always had a nice thing to say to everybody to lighten up people's days. When I returned to Groton to visit and met her at Tiny's, she even paid our bill without me knowing. This is who she was: an exceptional human being who will be missed. All my thoughts and prayers to her family and friends. Rest In Peace Darlene*

**Fred Cadeau** - March 09, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



March 08, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



March 08, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



March 08, 2022 at 06:07 PM



“ *Pat Donahue purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



**Pat Donahue** - March 08, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *Faith and Will Richardson purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



**Faith and Will Richardson** - March 08, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



March 08, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ *Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



March 08, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



March 08, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ *I was deeply saddened by the news of Darlene's passing. She was a delightful person and a true friend. I worked with her during all the 25 years she and I spent at Groton School together, and I enjoyed every time I worked events with her. She was a special person and a special friend to me. She will be missed by everyone. ❤️*

**Lyn Carroll** - March 08, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



March 08, 2022 at 08:25 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.



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March 08, 2022 at 08:22 AM



“ Stacey, Nico, and Yan Davidoff purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.andersonfuneral.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.

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**Stacey, Nico, and Yan Davidoff** - March 08, 2022 at 06:15 AM



“ Darlene was one of the kindest and warmest people I have met. Both of my sons loved having her around while at Groton, and I was the beneficiary of much of her spoiling in the headmaster's house. Lucky me to have shared her smile with you.  
She will be sorely missed. I hope to continue her legacy with at least one kind gesture a day.  
Stacey Symonds



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**stacey symonds** - March 08, 2022 at 06:11 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



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March 07, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Laurie Robicheau-Urban lit a candle in memory of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell*



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**Laurie Robicheau-Urban** - March 07, 2022 at 07:51 PM



“ *Mary Murray lit a candle in memory of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell*



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**Mary Murray** - March 07, 2022 at 07:21 PM



*Rest in peace Darlene you will be missed immensely. You were so good and made impressions on many grateful people that met you. Love you . May you rest in peace..*

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**Mary Murray** - March 07, 2022 at 07:24 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



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March 07, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Paulette and Jerry Aragones purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



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**Paulette and Jerry Aragones** - March 07, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



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March 07, 2022 at 05:29 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



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March 07, 2022 at 05:19 PM

TC

“ *The Groton Kitchen Crew purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



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**The Groton Kitchen Crew** - March 07, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



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March 07, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene M. (Bourque) Rowell.*



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March 07, 2022 at 03:58 PM

SM

“ *To all the good times we had at Groton School, and our visits together. Rest in peace my friend. Sue Meyer*

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**Sue Meyer** - March 07, 2022 at 03:45 PM