



Dorothy L. (Wheeler) Cardillo

July 1, 1927 - November 13, 2023

SHIRLEY- Dorothy L. (Wheeler) Cardillo, 96, of Shirley, passed away on Monday, November 13, 2023, in the UMass Medical Center in Worcester.

She was born on July 1, 1927 in Shirley, a daughter of the late Jerome Gardner and Emily Georgiana (Hunt) Wheeler. She was a graduate of Ayer High School.

Dorothy was a stitcher and talented seamstress throughout her career which started at the former George Frost Company in Shirley and continued at the Clouett Peabody Company in Leominster and later at Elena Mae's Bridal Boutique in Leominster prior to her retirement.

She was a faithful member of St. Anthony's Parish where she sang in choir, was a member of the Children of Mary, the Daughter's of Isabella, the Ladies Sodality, and the St. Anthony's Prayer Group.

Her hobbies included crocheting, sewing dresses for her granddaughters, and sketching. Dorothy's favorite hobby was bird watching. Often, she would be found sitting on her porch feeding the birds. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband, they enjoyed every winter in Florida with many friends. Dorothy also very much loved her Siamese cats.

Dorothy leaves two sons, John J. Cardillo, Sr. of Shirley, and Daniel G. Cardillo and his wife, Jean of Shirley, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.

She was predeceased by her husband, James V. Cardillo, Sr., who passed away in 2012, a son, James V. Cardillo, Jr., who passed away in 1978 and two brothers and two sisters.

Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 17, at 10:30 AM in St. Anthony de Padua Church, 14 Phoenix St., Shirley. Burial will follow in St. Anthony Cemetery in Shirley. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony de Padua Church, 14 Phoenix St., Shirley, MA 01464 or the MSPCA at Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements for further information or to leave an online condolence please visit www.andersonfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

St. Anthony's Cemetery

Shaker Road
Shirley, MA

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA 01464

Tribute Wall

SC

“ So sorry for your loss John. I spent many summer days at your parents pool with you and Marian. Fond and fun memories. May your mother rest in peace 🙏

Susan Crosby - November 17, 2023 at 01:32 PM

SB

“ Rest in peace Aunt Dot, may there be peace amongst us 🕊️💜

Susan Brand - November 17, 2023 at 08:08 AM

DL

Rest in Peace Aunt Dot ❤️

Denise Leonardi - November 17, 2023 at 08:38 AM

HO

“ Hope And Dana Owen lit a candle in memory of Dorothy L. (Wheeler) Cardillo



Hope and Dana owen - November 17, 2023 at 06:48 AM

HO

Rest in peace, Dot.

Hope and Dana owen - November 17, 2023 at 06:50 AM

MC

“ Remember you always Aunt Dot love you
Mary Camreota



Mary Camerota - November 16, 2023 at 04:12 PM

JS

“ Rest in peace now Mom 🙏



John Cardillo Sr - November 16, 2023 at 03:36 PM

JS

At peace now in a better place 🙏

John Cardillo Sr - November 16, 2023 at 03:39 PM

RG

“ Rich Gendron lit a candle in memory of
Dorothy L. (Wheeler) Cardillo



Rich Gendron - November 16, 2023 at 02:13 PM

NM

“ Dot as I use to call her was my xmotherinlaw. Sorry for your loss.
She also had a great-great grand son, his name is jameson cardillo
Jr., wishing you all the best. Nancy Cardillo Metcalf.

Nancy cardillo metcalf - November 16, 2023 at 05:31 AM

FF

“ *Folkins Family lit a candle in memory of Dorothy L. (Wheeler) Cardillo*



Folkins Family - November 15, 2023 at 02:52 PM