



Elaine M. Kielty

April 13, 1939 - October 16, 2020

ASHBY: Elaine M. (Charron) Kielty, 81, of Ashby, died Friday morning, October 16, 2020 at her home.

Elaine was born in Fitchburg, April 13, 1939, a daughter of Wilfred A. and Flora (Porell) Charron and grew up in Leominster. She was a 1956 graduate of St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School in Fitchburg and had resided in Ashby for nearly fifty years.

In 1973, Elaine moved her family to Ashby where they renovated a large, run-down, colonial home near the town's center. Admittedly unqualified for such an undertaking, her sense of perseverance and incredible work ethic helped get them through many challenging times. They received so much help from friends and neighbors in Ashby and made many lifelong friendships in those early years. She loved entertaining, particularly at Christmas, and their gatherings were always well attended, providing many laughs and memorable moments.

Elaine found great enjoyment participating in various town civic groups and activities, including membership in the Grange and many years serving with her husband in the Ashby Historical Society. They cared deeply about Ashby's well-being and never considered leaving, even in retirement. She was a master gardener and quite adept at various crafts, learning to weave

elaborate Nantucket baskets which would become treasured heirlooms to those in receipt of one. For many years, she was a fixture at her daughter and son-in-law's sugar house in NH, preparing beautiful Christmas baskets when not tending to shop customers. Elaine was the long-time office manager at Mini Broach Machine Company in Ashby, retiring in 1999 and was a member of St. John's Church in Townsend.

Her husband of 59 years, Shaun P. Kielty died in October 2017.

Elaine leaves her son and daughter-in-law, Peter F. and Kathryn Kielty of Bedford, NH; two daughters, Brenda L. Kielty of Portland, ME, Karen A. Keurulainen and her husband John Keurulainen of Sharon, NH; two sisters, Lorraine Marchand, who predeceased her in 2018, and Eleanor Thompson, of Leominster; 4 grandchildren, Emily Strickland, Hannah Strickland, John Giddens and Shane Kielty.

A graveside service will be held 11:30 AM Tuesday November 10, 2020 at Glenwood Cemetery, Main Street, Ashby. There will be no additional church service or visitation.

The T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend Center is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Memorial donations may be made to Friends of Nashoba Nursing Service & Hospice via their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FONNSH/>) or by calling (978) 425-6675. God bless these good people for the difficult work they do every day.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **10**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Glenwood Cemetery
763 Main Street
Ashby, MA 01431

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Elaine was such a beautifully welcoming and open soul. We loved bringing our daughters to the farm in Ashby and exploring the old barn or her incredible collection of antiques. We don't have any family in the area and Elaine always made us feel like we were coming home. I remember watching my girls toddle around her, feeling so blessed that for an afternoon they would feel the warmth of her grandmotherly love.*

*All our prayers that Elaine is in the comforting arms of our Lord,
The Wigtons
Brian, Marsha, Josephine and Paloma*

Marsha Wigton Cervantez - November 04, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Elaine M. Kielty.*



November 01, 2020 at 09:53 AM

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“ *We send our deepest sympathy to you all. Elaine and Shaun were our dearest friends and we really missed them so much when we moved from Ashby. We have some of the fondest memories of our many many times together. They both will always have a special place in our hearts 💕💕 Elaine, it was a pleasure to have known you.
Bruce and Tuula*

Tuula & Bruce Ingerson - October 20, 2020 at 07:57 PM

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I remember meeting Mr. and Mrs. Kielty almost 20 years ago at their beautiful home in Ashby. I walked in behind my newly husband, Russell and Mrs. Kielty gave me a big warm smile and hug. This was the first time I met her. I loved her from that very moment! It felt like I knew her for years. She was so welcoming. I remember seeing some of her baskets and wow they were beautiful! She gave us hot coco and something to eat but can't remember. I remember her telling me funny stories about Pete and Russ when they were younger. She would say wonderful things about Russ. I could tell she was fond of him and the stories made me love Russ even more because it confirmed what a great catch he is. I think she could see the newly love and maybe it reminded her of the love she had for Mr. Kielty. They are now together and I truly believe we will all be together once again. Our condolences and prayers go out to the family. Nicole and Russ

Nicole Cormier - October 20, 2020 at 10:21 PM

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Pete, I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She was always so very kind to me and my children. I always looked forward to her smiles, waves and chit-chats at mass. May you find peace in knowing she is with your dad again in heaven.

Tina

Tina - October 24, 2020 at 09:10 PM