



Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, of Townsend

January 20, 1955 - March 11, 2026

TOWNSEND: Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, a resident of Townsend for nearly fifty years, died Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at Health Alliance – Leominster Hospital.

Betsy was the beloved wife of the late Robert R. Michalczyk, who died October 22, 2021. Betsy and Bob shared a love story that began when they were teenagers, growing up just up the street from one another. They later married and spent 45 wonderful years together building a life centered around family, love, and laughter. Together they enjoyed traveling with their children and later their grandchildren, creating many special memories along the way.

Betsy was born in Lowell, January 20, 1955, a daughter of John and Theresa (O'Keefe) Koukias and grew up in Lowell. She was a 1973 graduate of Lowell High School.

For many years Betsy operated a child day care center from her home, where she cared for countless children. She loved every child as they were her own, and many remained close to her throughout the years. Betsy took great pride in watching them grow up and often stayed in touch with many of them well into adulthood, thinking of them as her own grandchildren.

Betsy enjoyed reading, tending her garden, spending time with her three

dogs, Bear, Winston, and Parker, and watching crime shows on the television. She especially cherished the many summers spent at the family beach house in Salisbury, where countless memories were made with family and loved ones over the years. She attended St. John's Church in Townsend.

She leaves her two sons, Robert R. Michalczyk of Ashburnham, Timothy J. Michalczyk of Clayton, NC; her daughter, Jen L. Michalczyk of Gardner; her brother, Michael Koukias of Brighton; her sister, Diane Bomba of Carolina Beach, NC; six grandchildren, Alexis Riggins, Kayley Michalczyk, Autumn Michalczyk, Jamison Michalczyk, Caiden Michalczyk and Tanner Michalczyk.

Betsy's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours 4-7 PM Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte 119) Townsend Center. www.andersonfuneral.com

Betsy's funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, March 19, 2026 at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR **18.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Mass

MAR **19.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Church
1 School St
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2291

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, of Townsend.

March 18 at 12:12 PM



“ Love Always, Elizabeth Gormley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, of Townsend.



Love Always, Elizabeth Gormley - March 17 at 08:31 PM



“ Love Always, Elizabeth Gormley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, of Townsend.

Love Always, Elizabeth Gormley - March 17 at 08:31 PM



“ Love, Kathy & Richie Gormley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, of Townsend.



Love, Kathy & Richie Gormley - March 17 at 08:04 PM

PD

“ Pat & Ed Durkin purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, of Townsend.



Pat & Ed Durkin - March 17 at 04:15 PM

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“ Pat & Ed Durkin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, of Townsend.

Pat & Ed Durkin - March 17 at 04:15 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, of Townsend.



March 17 at 09:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, of Townsend.

March 17 at 09:59 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, of Townsend.



March 16 at 09:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, of Townsend.

March 16 at 09:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Michalczyk, 71, of Townsend.



March 14 at 09:40 PM

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“ *In Loving Memory of Betsy my sweet beautiful sister.*

Family was the center of Betsy's world. She was a proud and devoted mother and grandmother who loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her home was filled with warmth, laughter, and care for those she loved most.

She had a special love for the beach, where she found peace and happiness. Whether enjoying the sound of the waves, the warmth of the sun, or simply being near the water, and family the beach was one of the places where Betsy felt most at home. She also loved her gardens.

My relationship with her was one filled with a lifetime of shared memories, laughter, and unconditional love that only sisters can understand.

She will be remembered for her caring heart, her devotion to family, and the quiet kindness she showed to everyone around her. Though she is no longer with us, the love she gave so freely will live on in the hearts of her family and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered. Until we meet again! I hope you are dancing with the love of your life Bob. Kiss mom and dad for me.

Diane Bomba - March 13 at 12:15 PM