



## G. Lillian (Bisbee) Whitney

June 11, 1929 - October 3, 2024

ASHBY: G. Lillian (Bisbee) Whitney, 95, of Ashby died Thursday, October 3, 2024 at The Highlands, Fitchburg.

Her husband, Robert L. Whitney, died in March 1985.

Lillian was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, June 11, 1929 one of twelve children born to William J. and Geneva M. (Harris) Bisbee and has resided in Ashby for nearly 75 years.

Lillian grew up in Ashburnham and was a 1948 graduate of Cushing Academy in Ashburnham. She then continued her education at Fitchburg State College, Central New England College, Worcester and Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner.

She leaves her son and daughter in law, Douglas A. and Cathy Whitney of Townsend; her daughter, Joyce R. Schmuck of Ashby; two brothers, Paul R. Bisbee Sr. of Baldwinville, David W. Bisbee of Virginia; her sister, Mary Capman of Gardner; two granddaughters, Jennifer Schmuck, Jessica Schmuck and three great grandchildren, Morgan Hanks, Zachary Hanks and Andrea Lorime.

She was predeceased by her son, Steven R. Whitney of Ashby in 2007. She

was the sister of the late Donald Bisbee, Sr, William Bisbee Jr., Kenneth E. Bisbee, Richard A. Bisbee, Pauline Wagner, Dorothy Munroe, Priscilla Goss and Nancy Bisbee.

Lillian's career included several and varied positions including Manager for the school lunch programs in the towns of Ashby, Ayer, Shirley and Boxboro as well as working in the office at Nabisco Baking Company, Worcester.

She was also very active in civic and town affairs including being elected to the position of Ashby Town Treasurer, for 16 years served as a member to the NMRS School Committee as well as a two-year appointment to the Ashby Finance Committee. She was a member of the Ashby Bicentennial Committee, was instrumental in the organization of the Ashby Bells and served as the President of the Ashby Historical Society. She was a Past Master of the Ashby Grange # 172, a member of the Nemoset Rebecca Lodge and served as Girl Scout Leader for twenty five years.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, October 17, 2024 at the Ashby Congregational Church, 21 New Ipswich Road, Ashby.

Interment will follow at West Cemetery, Ashby.

Lillian's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours 4-7 PM Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte 119) Townsend Center. [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. [cancer.org/donate](http://cancer.org/donate)

# Cemetery Details

## West Cemetery

824 West Road  
Ashby, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

OCT 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ashby Congregational Church  
New Ipswich Rd  
Ashby, MA

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *G. Lillian Whitney*



Anderson funeral home - October 17, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of *G. Lillian (Bisbee) Whitney*.



October 16, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ United Steelworkers Local 0506 purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of *G. Lillian (Bisbee) Whitney*.



United Steelworkers Local 0506 - October 15, 2024 at 07:25 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of G. Lillian (Bisbee) Whitney.*



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October 10, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ *Sending my condolences to Doug and Joyce on the loss of your mother. Lil was a very good friend to my parents and she did so much to make Ashby a great place to grow up. My mother, Shirley Brittell, passed away just a few weeks ago. Peace to you at this sad time.*

*Judy Brittell Tupper*

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**Judy Tupper** - October 09, 2024 at 01:29 AM



*Judy,  
Thank you for the kind words. I was thinking how to contact your mother about my mother's passing. Sorry to hear that your mother passed. Peace be with you and your family.*

*Sincerely  
Joyce*

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**Joyce Schmuck** - October 12, 2024 at 11:01 PM



“ *My Sympathy to all the Bisbee Family. Paula Boutwell*

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**P. Boutwell** - October 05, 2024 at 11:30 AM

KL

“ My condolences to the family. My sister and I have great memories of our younger years. May see rest in peace. Karen Legere and Nancy Gregory daughters of Arthur (Buddy) Harris.

Karen Legere - October 05, 2024 at 09:58 AM

MC

“ Lil's help with the 250 th celebration made it a success.

She will be remembered.

Murray Cox - October 05, 2024 at 09:53 AM

RC

“ Raymond C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of G. Lillian (Bisbee) Whitney.

Raymond C. - October 05, 2024 at 09:41 AM

RS

“ A wonderful woman who was dedicated to the Ashby community.

Rick Shaw - October 05, 2024 at 05:02 AM