



Gloria D. (Strickland) Magaw, formerly of Ayer

December 28, 1938 - December 10, 2024

AYER: Gloria D. (Strickland) Magaw, 85, a longtime resident of Ayer and Harvard, died Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at The Highlands, Fitchburg.

Gloria was born in West Roxbury, December 28, 1938 a daughter of the late Eldon M. and Madeline (Krueger) Strickland and was a graduate of Leominster High School.

For many years Gloria worked in the Office of several area insurance companies, including the Townsend Office of Woodcome Insurance and Westford Insurance and Sentry Insurance. Prior to that she had worked ten years as a cafeteria manager at the Harvard Public Schools.

She very much enjoyed being Nana to her grandchildren, great grandchildren and her great-great grandchildren. She was an avid Knitter and Crocheter and loved blessing people with heirloom gifts.

She leaves her husband of 65 years, Carroll W. Magaw, two sons, William Magaw and his wife Tara of Normandy France, Timothy Magaw and his wife Wendy of Ogden Utah; Three daughters, Debi Libby of Shapleigh ME; Susan Tedesco of Fitchburg, MA and Madeline Magaw of Quincy, MA. Two sisters, Doris Jewell of Indiana and Carolann Beeres of Williamsburg, VA. Seventeen Grandchildren; Nicole Delano, Michelle Rivera, Richard Magaw, Millicent Magaw, Noelle Magaw, Colin Magaw, Rachelle Fowler Magaw, Shaun Magaw,

Brittany Magaw, Andrea Mewborn-Magaw, Cassandra Mewborn-Magaw, Diedra Hayman, Justin Magaw, Tyrell Nielsen & Colten Nielsen, Kale Magaw and Madison Magaw; 23 Great Grandchildren and 2 Great-Great Grandchildren

She was predeceased by her son Richard D. Magaw of Westford MA in September of 2014 and was the sister of the late Eldon M. Strickland and Ronald C. Strickland both of Harvard and Marie Upham of Indiana.

Gloria's family will receive relatives and friends at a visitation period from 2-5 Friday January 10, 2025 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road (Rte 2A) Ayer, MA. www.andersonfuneral.com. A period of prayer and reflection will be held at 4:30PM on Friday January 10th.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home
25 Fitchburg Road
Ayer, MA 01432
info@andersonfuneral.com

A Time of Remembrance

JAN 10. 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Nancy and Gerry Murray purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Gloria D. (Strickland) Magaw, formerly of Ayer.



Nancy and Gerry Murray - January 10, 2025 at 09:15 AM

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“ Nancy and Gerry Murray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria D. (Strickland) Magaw, formerly of Ayer.

Nancy and Gerry Murray - January 10, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria D. (Strickland) Magaw, formerly of Ayer.



January 09, 2025 at 12:23 PM



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“ My Auntie was one of my favorites!! She gave me a pocket book on my 8th birthday that was very special with a coin holder on the strap and many compartments inside. She knew one of my favorite meals was Mac and cheese and would make it and invite me down next door where they lived for many years. I am thankful for the relationship we had! :)

Houle Cheryl - January 07, 2025 at 06:52 PM

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I forgot to mention when she worked in the cafeteria she would give me extra of my favorite...peanut butter bars!

Houle Cheryl - January 07, 2025 at 07:04 PM