



## Irene L. Kennelly

April 21, 1944 - August 7, 2025

SHIRLEY- Irene L. (Regan) Kennelly, 81, of Shirley passed away on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at the Life Care Center of Merrimack Valley in Billerica.

Irene, who was fondly known as “Cookie” was born in Somerville, on April 21, 1944, she the daughter of the late Walter and Irene (O’Reilly) Regan. She was a graduate of Billerica Memorial High School where she met her high school sweetheart, Marty.

Prior to her retirement, Cookie worked as a cafeteria manager in the Westford school system. Where she enjoyed many years of great friendships and long lasting memories of many smiling faces. She truly enjoyed being part of the school community!

She enjoyed many activities including knitting, walking the beach, yearly trips to Aruba and York Beach, boat trips on the lakes and oceans of New England, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She leaves her husband of 61 years, Martin L. Kennelly, III of Shirley; three daughters, Sharon Kennelly and Colene Glennon, both of North Chelmsford, and Maureen Kennelly of Shirley; three grandchildren, Nicholas Glennon, Alexis Mills, and Thomas Gonsalves III, and her sister-in-law Mary Regan, and many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her two brothers, Walter Regan, and Daniel Regan and her sister, Helen Didion.

The family would like to welcome visitors to calling hours on Friday, August 15, 2025, in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer. From 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Burial will be held privately in St. Catherine's Cemetery in Westford.

In lieu of flowers or as an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to: Westford Education Foundation, P.O. Box 535, Westford, MA 01886. You can also make a gift online at <https://www.westford.org/wef/memorial-donations-for-cookie-kennelly/>

# Cemetery Details

## St. Catherine's Cemetery

Westford, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer  
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-2355

# Tribute Wall

WA

“ With Love and sympathy The Allan's purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Irene L. Kennelly.



With Love and sympathy The Allan's - August 15, 2025 at 08:30 AM

WA

“ With Love and sympathy The Allan's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene L. Kennelly.

With Love and sympathy The Allan's - August 15, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Irene L. Kennelly.



August 15, 2025 at 07:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Irene L. Kennelly.

August 15, 2025 at 07:18 AM

BL

“ My sweet Cookie..where to begin. I was.so fortunate to spend this past year making fond memories with tou. These memories I hold close to my heart.You added life to my ordinary chaos and had shown me love and kindness. You will be sorely missed.by many, especially your buddy Jerwmiah. We love you



Becky and Jeremiah Levensailor - August 15, 2025 at 01:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Irene L. Kennelly.



August 14, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Irene L. Kennelly.

August 14, 2025 at 09:40 AM

RP

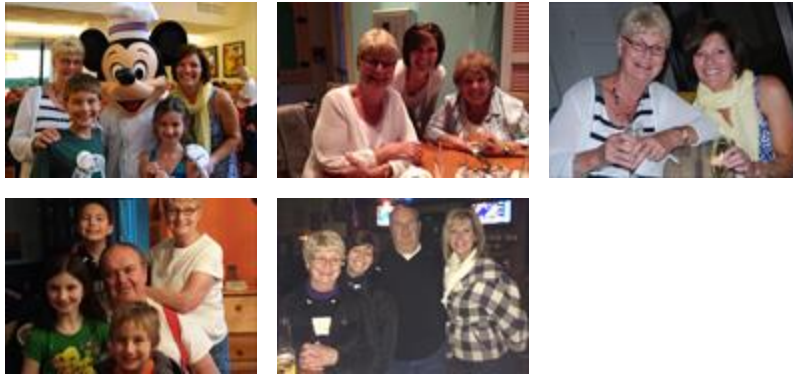
“ to know the kennelly family is to be loved, and nono was at the heart of that love. in the few occasions i interacted with her, she made me smile so big, and her love could be felt in every moment. may nono rest in peace.



roshni patel - August 13, 2025 at 06:47 PM

SH

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Sharon - August 13, 2025 at 02:46 PM

KS

“ Kelley, Deb, Ana, Becky, Krisha & Sharon purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Irene L. Kennelly.



Kelley, Deb, Ana, Becky, Krisha & Sharon - August 13, 2025 at 10:39 AM

LE

“ You never truly realize the value of something until it’s gone.  
I learned that lesson when my dear nono passed away.  
Since then, each day I wake with a renewed understanding  
of how precious life is, and how profoundly special nono made  
mine.

*Whenever I needed her; whether in moments large or small;  
she was always there, steadfast and loving.  
And when the time came for her to need me,  
I did my best to be by her side,  
knowing how much it would have meant to her  
to receive the kindness she so freely gave.*

*I love her deeply, beyond words,  
and I will carry her memory in my heart,  
missing her until my own time comes to rest.*

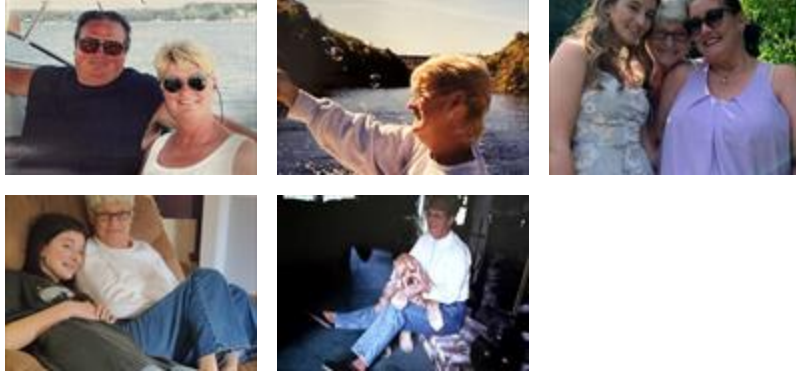


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Lexi - August 11, 2025 at 05:01 PM

LE

“ 13 files added to the album Irene



Lexi - August 11, 2025 at 04:46 PM

LW

“ Laura W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene L. Kennelly.

Laura W. - August 10, 2025 at 04:38 PM

JC

“ My deepest condolences on your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with the Kennelly Family.



Jean Cotter - August 09, 2025 at 03:33 PM