



## Irene M. Barrett Nicholson

May 9, 1928 - July 21, 2022

TOWNSEND; Irene M. (Puddicombe) Barrett Nicholson, 94 died Thursday July 21, 2022, peacefully, in her own home with family present.

Irene was born in Fitchburg, May 9, 1928 the daughter of Reginald G. and Elizabeth (Bray) Puddicombe. She graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1946 and met her husband Jack at a dance at the Fitchburg Armory. Irene has resided in Townsend for nearly seventy years. She worked at New England Business Service in Townsend from 1962 to 1985. She enjoyed sewing and quilting with her friends and listening to music. She loved to cook and bake for family. She was a member of the North Leominster Congregational Church of Christ and the Crystal Light Club.

Irene leaves two sons, Atty. John B. Barrett and his wife, Mary, of Townsend, Kevin Barrett and his wife Brenda, of Keene, NH; her daughter Cheryl McMahon of Nashua, NH; her stepson, James Nicholson and his wife, Lee of Leominster; her stepdaughter, Susan Teixeira and her husband, Ron of Spencer; her brother-in-law, William Barrett of Townsend; her sister-in-law Gloria Puddicombe of Leominster and her sister-in-law JoAnn Blood and her husband Robert of Peterborough, NH She also leaves 10 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, several cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Irene was predeceased by her first husband John P. "Jack" Barrett in 1982; her second husband Frank Nicholson in 1995; her brother George

Puddicombe; her son in law Brian McMahon; and her step-granddaughter Melissa Nicholson.

The family would like to thank all the wonderful care givers who made it possible for Irene to stay in her home for the last several years.

Funeral services will be held 10 AM Tuesday July 26, 2022 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte 119) Townsend Center.

Irene's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours 4-7 PM Monday, July 25.

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In lieu of flowers please send donations to Dementia Society of America [www.dementiasociety.org](http://www.dementiasociety.org)

For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street  
Townsend, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CH

“ I miss my mother so much. We use to sing together and she had a beautiful voice. Not many heard it because she was shy. She showed us love by cooking meals for us and keeping a lovely home. She loved her friends and family. She showed kindness to every person she met. She cared for even the smallest animals. She had a good life even through the grief of losing two husbands and her loving parents. Love you mom! Cheryl

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**Cheryl** - August 22, 2022 at 06:37 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Irene Barrett She was a lovely person, May she R. I. P. while watching over her loved ones and flying high with the angels

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**Jane Hannah Bulger** - August 02, 2022 at 08:18 PM

BG

“ John and Mary, sorry for your loss, may your many wonderful memories provide you with solace in this time of need. Joanna and Bobby.

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**Bobby Gardner** - July 24, 2022 at 05:38 PM

 David  
Corkum

“ Kevin, John and Cheryl, So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She lived a good long life. My prayers go out to your family. Dave Corkum.

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**David Corkum** - July 22, 2022 at 05:21 PM

RN

“ We were so sorry to hear of your Mom’s passing... Like us, you and your family were dedicated to your Mom, especially in her senior years.. Thinking of you all at such a difficult time  
*Russ and Cindy*

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**Russ Neumann** - July 22, 2022 at 10:25 AM

MM

“ *Irene was an amazing and kind hearted woman and also my grandmother who I was very close to as a kid. I will cherish the memories of going over to her house to spend the night, cook meals and bake deserts together, going for walks with her and her dog Toby, and laughing at shows and movies together. May she now be at peace in heavenly paradise.*

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**Matthew McMahon** - July 21, 2022 at 08:07 PM