



Jannette I. (Henkel) Forest

January 8, 1935 - May 27, 2023

SHIRLEY – Jannette I. Forest, 88 of Shirley, and former resident of Chelmsford, passed away Saturday, May 27, 2023, in the Apple Valley Center in Ayer. She was predeceased by her husband Norman with whom she enjoyed 66 years of marriage.

Jannette was born in Portland, ME on January 8, 1935, a daughter of the late Harold and Mabelle (Brown) Henkel. She lived in Chelmsford where she raised her family and was a longtime parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Chelmsford. She spent her career in healthcare working as an LPN, in the Chelmsford School System, as well as various doctor's offices until her retirement, at which time she relocated to Leesburg, FL where she lived with Norman for 25 years.

She is survived by her loving children, Dianne Barratt and husband Curt of Hampton, NH, Ken Forest and wife Diane of Chelmsford, Tom Forest and wife Jessica of Chelmsford, Julie Gyles and husband Bob of Shirley. By her grandchildren, Christopher, Melissa, Allison, Joanna, Justin, Jessica, Alex, Derek, and Elizabeth. She also had 12 great – grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her daughter Karen Zaher, her son Jeff Forest, her grandson Daniel Barratt and her brother Harold Henkel Jr.

Mrs. Forest's funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at St. Mary's Church, 25 North Road, Chelmsford.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to St Jude's Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Heart Pond Cemetery

371 Acton Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
25 North Road
Chelmsford, MA

Tribute Wall

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“*Jan and I were friends since high school. We share so many memories, and I will always remember her caring and compassionate ways during our lives. I will miss her and love her always. Joanie (as she called me).*”

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