



## Jeanette E. (King) Healy

May 5, 1929 - January 13, 2022

Jeanette E. Healy

Teacher, Secretary, Avid Reader and Cancer Survivor

TOWNSEND: Jeanette, “Jay” (King) Healy, 92, of Townsend, died Thursday January 13, 2022 at Apple Valley Center, Ayer. She was born in South Ashburnham, May 5, 1929, the daughter of the late Telesphore King and Elizabeth (Fagan) King.

Jay had been a warrior all her life, having survived and beating cancer five times and Covid twice.

She was a graduate of Cushing Academy, Ashburnham class of 1947. Jay furthered her education at Becker Junior College graduating in 1949. Upon graduation from Becker Junior College, she went to work for a doctor in Boston as a medical secretary. While working in Boston she met her soon to be husband Donald L Healy. They were married in Ashburnham in 1953. After her children started school, Jay decided to return to school with the goal of becoming a teacher. She graduated from Fitchburg State College and went on to get her master’s degree from Boston University, class of 1979.

Jay went on to teach English and Business Machines (Word Processing) at many local High Schools and various institutions such as CETA, Manpower, Lasell Junior College in Newton and Fisher College. She then went into the private sector working as a Secretary and Office Manager for Digital Equipment Corporation, Jay retired in 1994.

In her spare time, Jay enjoyed gardening, bird watching, and traveling. She was an avid reader and would read 3 to 5 books a week.

The family would like to thank the nursing staff, attendants and Hospice workers of Apple Valley Center for caring for Jay. As well as the librarians and staff at the Townsend Public Library for their years of help ordering books for Jay.

Jay was predeceased by her husband of 39 years Donald K Healy who died in 1992, and her sister Claire Barbeau who died in 2017.

Jay is survived by her two sons, Peter K Healy and his wife Margaret of Fitchburg and James G Healy of Townsend. She also leaves behind two good friends Mary-Jane Main and Eileen Marsh, as wells as her nieces and nephew, Nancy Ferguson, Susan Dubois, Mike Healy, Louise Cowen, Mary DeRome, and Kay Barbeau-Snow.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 AM Saturday, April 30, 2022, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Burial to follow at New Cemetery in Ashburnham.

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

# Cemetery Details

## New Cemetery

121 Main Street  
Ashburnham, MA 01430

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

APR **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
1 School Street  
Townsend, MA 01469

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ Peter, Margaret, and Jim, I am sorry for the loss of your Mother. She will be sorely missed. I will also remember her kindness and positive attitude. We were close friends for 45 years. We met teaching at CETA Classroom Training. On the weekends we would meet in Searstown and walk, have lunch, and poke around in the stores. We enjoyed discussing books we both had read. I will miss our many conversations. Her boys as Jay referred to Peter and Jim plus Margaret gave her love and support through the years. She was proud of her family. I know Jay is with our Lord. My prayers are with all of you. Love, Eileen Marsh

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**Eileen Marsh** - January 20, 2022 at 02:14 PM

BA

“ Jim and Peter,  
  
We're sorry for the loss of your mother. What a wonderful life she had! She raised two good sons. Blessings to you. Bob & Brenda

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**Brenda Annan** - January 19, 2022 at 09:25 PM

SD

“ We spent many Thanksgivings with Aunt Jay and Uncle Don in Townsend where they always made us feel welcome. Very nice memories. Thinking of you Jimmy, Peter and Margaret. May Aunt Jay rest in peace.

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**Sue Healy DuBois** - January 19, 2022 at 06:15 PM

NF

“ Aunt Jay was always a big part of my best family memories growing up. Her kindness and laughter will always be in my heart!

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**Nancy Ferguson** - January 19, 2022 at 12:46 PM

MH

“ So sorry to hear of Jay's passing. What a rich and full life. And a personal inspiration for me. Love and prayers to Peter, Jim and Margaret.

Mike Healy - January 19, 2022 at 11:55 AM

DC

“ Jim's mom was sweet and gracious. She had a way of making everyone feel welcome and comfortable. Jim took wonderful care of her for many years and I'm sure she was proud of him.

Dorothy Carino - January 18, 2022 at 09:05 PM

 Gary Martin

“ Jim, So Sorry for you and your family during this time. praying for all of you

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Gary Martin - January 18, 2022 at 08:57 PM

CG

“ Jim, I'm so sorry for you and your family's loss. I will be thinking of you all during this difficult time. Sending hugs and love my friend.



Cindi G - January 18, 2022 at 08:33 PM

MA

“ *My Prayers to the family. Jay was a great friend. She will be missed. love Mary Jane.* ”



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**maryjanemain** - January 17, 2022 at 09:23 AM

KO

“ *Jay and her family have been wonderful neighbors for 45 years.* ”

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**Ken and Carol O'Connell** - January 16, 2022 at 04:45 PM

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“ *Ken And Carol O'Connell lit a candle in memory of Jeanette E. (King) Healy* ”



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**Ken and Carol O'Connell** - January 16, 2022 at 04:42 PM