



Joan Moran

June 27, 1929 - September 10, 2024

Joan Townsend Moran, 95, of Townsend Harbor, MA passed away on September 10, 2024. She was born on June 27, 1929, in Leominster, MA, the daughter of Ernest and Alice Townsend.

Joan was recently preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Bernard, who was the love of her life. She was also predeceased by her two sisters, Louise Charonko of Sun City, CA and Virginia Heustis of Embden, ME. In Joan's early adult years, she worked at Rice's Jewelry Store in Fitchburg, MA. Later, she and her husband moved to Townsend where they ran The Harbor Package Store. For 22 years, they ran that store together, building a greatly appreciated establishment in the community. When they decided that it was time to cut back on their work commitments, they closed the package store and began Cherry Hill Antiques.

In addition to providing them with a little more free time, Cherry Hill gave them the chance to expand their knowledge and appreciation of treasures from the past. Joan was a fixture in the community, spending many years active in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. She also became an enthusiastic supporter of the local historical society, eventually donating many Townsend family artifacts to that organization.

Joan's generous spirit and unflagging love of life made her much loved by both friends and her extended family. She leaves behind nieces, nephews and their families, whose lives were touched and enriched by their Aunt Joan.

Joan resided at The Highlands, in Fitchburg, since 2021, battling Alzheimer's

Disease.

Her family would like to thank everyone there and in the community at large who provided so much kindness and support to both Joan and Benny during these past few years.

Joan's service will be held on Tuesday, October 8, at 11am in the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen St. Winchendon, MA 01475. Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend, MA is assisting the family.

Please omit flowers and consider a memorial contribution to the Townsend Historical Society, PO Box 95 Townsend, MA 01469.

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery

111 Glenallen Street
Winchendon, MA

Previous Events

Burial

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mass Veterans Memorial Cemetery
111 Glenallen St
Winchendon, MA 01475
(978) 297-9501

Tribute Wall

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“ Many fond memories of fishing across the street from Joan and Benny's store in the Harbor back in the 1970s for soda , and fishing bait. My father was good friends with the Moran's also, and Benny and Joan would let my father ,Paul Chute and I use their camp.in Harrisville N.H. to go hunting for years. Just really nice folks. R.I.P. Joan....and Benny 🙏🙏

David Freeman - November 21, 2024 at 08:05 AM

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“ I have so many wonderful memories of Joan from my early childhood years growing up the Harbor. When I picked up my newspapers for my paper route each week at the store, Joan and Ben always greeted me with a smile. Two wonderful people who are incredibly respected by the community and will be missed by everyone that was blessed to have met them.

Matt Murray - October 03, 2024 at 10:09 PM

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“ Joan was one of the first people I met when I moved to Townsend in 1985. Always welcoming with a warm smile and kind words, she was truly a sweetheart. Rest in peace, Joan.

Deb Tenore Shannon - October 03, 2024 at 09:14 PM