



Josephine L. Hurley

May 17, 1929 - December 18, 2023

AYER: Josephine L. Hurley, age 94, was born on May 17, 1929 and passed away on December 18, 2023. She was the second child born to Joseph and Nora Hurley of Fletcher Street in Ayer and had six siblings. She lived in Ayer, Massachusetts all of her life, graduating from Ayer High School in 1946 then going on to work as a telephone operator for AT&T in the Ayer office. She excelled at her job and was promoted to supervisor working in that role for many years before going to work in the central office. She was fortunate to retire early from the telephone company and then went to work the next day as a contractor doing the same job in the same office. She and Ma Bell were well suited for each other.

Josephine, often referred to as “Josie”, loved her family and took on the role of caregiving in many ways to help out her mother. Living at home, she took on a great role of assisting her mother with her younger brothers James and William and eventually caring for William in her home until his passing. Her Fiancée of her lifetime, Lawrence (Holly) Holleran, stood by her side and was instrumental in helping her with her family care, until his passing in 2011. Josie had a friendly and gregarious personality and shared relationships with many of the local townies and residents she had known all of her life. She had a great sense of style, very giving, loved her family and was known to her nieces and nephews as an amazing Aunt with a kind soul. Josie loved spending her summers at Jenness Beach in Rye, NH with family and even

managed to get Holly on the beach too. Holly and Josie would often take coastal rides up north as well. Josie always loved being a passenger. She was pre-deceased by her parents, Joseph and Nora, her siblings Ruth, Loretta, Joseph and William and is survived by her sister Christine Hudlin, brother James Hurley and her brother Joe's wife Jean Hurley, along with numerous nieces and nephews that adored her.

Josie was a warm-hearted person, and her presence will be greatly missed by her family.

Services will be held privately.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ My condolences to Josie’s family. Josie was a great gal. Loved by many. I was 16 1/2 starting to work at “Ma Bell” Josie was my trainer and my mentor. She was professional, kind, and taught me work ethic, which served me well till my recent retirement from Nashoba Hospital. Josie will be greatly missed RIP. Always Mary (Hederson) Stanton



Mary Stanton - December 26, 2023 at 03:45 PM

SH

Thank you for sharing this photo with our family.

Susan Hudlin - December 27, 2023 at 12:37 PM

ST

Beautiful Josie, always so perfect and stylish ❤️ Sending so much love to you all. I hope Josie and my mom (the telephone girls) are together right now and making a grand entrance 💔 Love you guys xoxo

Susan Torosian - December 30, 2023 at 04:01 PM

SH

Thanks Susan - there is no doubt all those lovely telephone ladies are up there having a ball and laughing about all the good ole times. xoxo

Susan Hudlin - January 01, 2024 at 05:53 PM

MY

“ Known to our family as Aunt Josie she can now rest in peace with her beloved "Holly" who past on 13 years ago this month . RIP the Young and Holleran Families

Mike Young - December 23, 2023 at 10:04 AM

MI

12 years ago (Holly past) my bad.....

Mike - December 24, 2023 at 12:24 PM

JG

“ Condolences to the Hudlin family. Janice Melanson Graham



Janice Melanson Graham - December 22, 2023 at 03:21 PM

TP

“ Jim and Christine, Jan and I are so sorry to hear of Josie's passing. I remember her from our days at St Mary's school along with your brother Billy. I know that she was instrumental in your upbringing as your big sister. Always remember the good times you had with Josie.

Jan and Tony Persuitte

Tony Persuitte - December 21, 2023 at 05:42 PM

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JIM AND CHRISTINE,

VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF JOSIE'S PASSING. I'M AWARE OF THE MANY SACRIFICES SHE MADE DURING THE YEARS GONE BY AND SHE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED.

I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE 60'S & 70'S WHEN LARRY WOULD FINISH SHOOTING POOL WITH THE GUYS AT RICHIE'S TO KEEP A COMMITMENT TO TAKE JOSIE SHOPPING OR TO HELP OUT IN ANY WAY HE COULD.

IN THE 60'S AFTER FOOTBALL PRACTICE AT AHS, YOUR BROTHER BILLY AND I WOULD OFTEN GO DOWN TO THE BOWLING ALLEY TO CHALLENGE LARRY AND DICK BUSH, TO A GAME OF POOL. THEY ALWAYS RAN THE TABLE ON US.

ALL THOSE MEMORIES ARE PRECIOUS.

*PHIL LOCKE (AHS 1963-67)
SAN DIEGO, CA.*

PHILIP LOCKE - December 26, 2023 at 01:24 AM