



## Josephine M. "Phine" (McGuane) Wallace

February 9, 1933 - March 21, 2023

AYER: Josephine M. "Phine" (McGuane) Wallace, 90, a long-time Ayer resident died March 21, 2023, at her home.

Her husband of 67 years, Donald R. Wallace, died this past February 4th.

Phine was born in Ayer, on February 9, 1933, the daughter of Paul K. and Mary C. (Horgan) McGuane, and was a 1951 graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsboro.

Phine's work career included several and varied positions including a van driver for Dee Bus in Shirley, office personnel at the Groton School in Groton, lunch lady at Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsboro, and telephone operator for New England Telephone.

She was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Parish in Ayer and was a member of its Catholic Daughters of America and Catholic Youth Organization. She also was a member of the Pleasant Street School Preservation Committee.

She leaves two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph D. and Terry Wallace, Marty D., and Kathleen Wallace all of Ayer; three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary C. and Rich Sperazzo of Laconia, NH, Agnes and John Shanahan, Monica J., and Brian Gill all of Ayer; her sister, Carol Castellano of Nashua,

NH; eleven grandchildren, Anthony Sperazzo, Matthew Sperazzo, Meagan Monat, Michael Wallace, Mary B. Acuna, Julie Santiago, Stephen Wallace, Brian Wallace, Sarah Wallace, Matthew Gill, Ryan Gill; eight great-grandchildren, Aiden Monat, Emma Monat, Adeline Sperazzo, Nora Sperazzo, Adrianna Sperazzo, Sophie Sperazzo, Anthony Sperazzo, and Jack Wallace.

She was predeceased by two infant children, Raymond Wallace in 1960, and Catherine Wallace in 1962, and three brothers, Paul McGuane Jr. of Ayer, Dr. Richard McGuane MD of Somers, CT, and Raymond McGuane of Chalfont, PA.

The family would like to thank Nashoba Nursing and Hospice nurses and CNAs for their wonderful and compassionate care over the past 15 months as well as Maureen Heilner for additional at-home care.

Phine's funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, March 24, 2023, at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley.

Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Ayer.

Phine's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours from 4 PM to 7 PM Thursday, March 23, 2023, at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road (Rte. 2A) Ayer. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

Memorial contributions may be made by check to the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston,  
Attn: Clare DiGiovanni 61 South Ave. Natick, MA 01760. For more information please contact Pro-Life / Pregnancy Help at 508-651-1900 or email [prolifeoffice@rcab.org](mailto:prolifeoffice@rcab.org).



# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Bishop Rd.  
Ayer, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home  
25 Fitchburg Road  
Ayer, MA 01432  
[info@andersonfuneral.com](mailto:info@andersonfuneral.com)

## Funeral Mass

MAR 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church  
14 Phoenix Street  
Shirley, MA 01464

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ *To the Wallace Family, My condolences to all of you. Its so very sad to lose both parents so close together. May you find peace in the memories you have Paula Boisseau*

Paula Boisseau - March 23, 2023 at 03:56 PM

JG

“ *Agnes, Marty, Joe, Mary and Monica I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. Jan Melanson Graham*



Jan Graham - March 23, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Josephine M. "Phine" (McGuane) Wallace.*



March 23, 2023 at 11:53 AM

CM

“ *Charlie, Kate and Maura purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Josephine M. "Phine" (McGuane) Wallace.*



Charlie, Kate and Maura - March 23, 2023 at 09:47 AM

TR

“ *Tiny's Restaurant purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Josephine M. "Phine" (McGuane) Wallace.*



**Tiny's Restaurant** - March 22, 2023 at 09:53 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine M. "Phine" (McGuane) Wallace.*



March 22, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Josephine M. "Phine" (McGuane) Wallace.*



March 22, 2023 at 11:55 AM

DW

“ *Dear Mary and family. My deepest sympathy to all of you at the passing of your Mom. It's a lot to bear given the recent passing of your Dad. My heart goes out to you. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. May your memories bring smiles to get you through this very difficult time.*

*Deb Williams, Pepperell*

**Deb Williams** - March 22, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Josephine M. "Phine" (McGuane) Wallace.



March 21, 2023 at 09:23 PM



“ I remember swimming off the dock at the summer house next to the beach growing up. She would always tell us to be careful. I never saw her without a smile. She will be missed by many 🙏🙏❤️❤�🙏🙏  
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Michael Palmatier - March 21, 2023 at 06:19 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet loving Mom who is now reunited with your Dad in heaven above. Sending you all love prayers and condolences.

Donna Madigan - March 21, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ Very sorry to hear about Phine's death. I'm so happy I got to spend time with her a few weeks ago. So many wonderful memories growing up with Phine as an Aunt. She will be deeply missed.

Martha McGuane - March 21, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ Very sorry for all of you. I know what it's like to lose both parents within a short period of time, but you can have peace in knowing that they have reunited.

Tim Elmer - March 21, 2023 at 02:14 PM

MF

*Amazing how things work out in life and death, Heaven was calling Phine to come take her place with the love of her life, Donnie. A peaceful thought they are together once again watching over their families, They left you all wonderful memories to share with your immediate families. Many of us born and raised in Ayer will have a story or two share,, never forget the Red Christmas candles in the windows on East Main St, both homesteads. Rest in peace 🙏*

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**Maribeth Dynice Finnerty** - March 22, 2023 at 10:46 PM

MC

*There is an old Irish saying that is so very true:  
"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,  
Love leaves memories no one can steal."  
Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of both of your parents, RIP Donny and Phine.  
Martha Craft*

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**Martha Craft** - March 24, 2023 at 12:33 PM