



## Joyce W. Bird Jezyk

April 19, 1932 - September 15, 2018

LEOMINSTER- Joyce W. (Laventure) Bird Jezyk, 86, of Leominster, died Saturday morning, September 15, 2018 in the Health Alliance Leominster Hospital.

She was born in Fitchburg on April 19, 1932, a daughter of the late Albert E. "Bunny" and Ethel "Love" (Trottier) Laventure. She grew up in West Townsend and graduated from Spaulding High School, where she played varsity basketball with her sister Sally.

She went on to receive her Bachelor's Degree in teaching from Fitchburg State Teachers College in 1953. She began her career in the City of Springfield and continued teaching for nearly 40 years. She subsequently taught in Chelsea, VT, before returning to Massachusetts where she taught fifth grade for twenty-five years at Crocker Elementary School in Fitchburg. She retired with cherished memories, lifelong friends, and a lasting legacy.

Joyce's spirit and love of family, including "next of family," was unconditional and everlasting. She especially enjoyed her days by the ocean in Englewood, FL., Hampton Beach, NH., and Cape Cod, jumping waves with her grandchildren and then splurging at the penny candy store. On colder days, bowling and Chinese food with Nana was another favorite pastime. Her quick wit and spunky personality will truly be missed.

She leaves her three children, a son Michael Bird and his longtime companion Linda Leclerc of Westminster; two daughters, Susan Cavaioli and her husband Jim and Elizabeth "Betsy" Daigneault and her husband Tom all of Leominster; a sister, Sara "Sally" Leary of Ayer; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her first husband, Charles D. Bird and her second husband James Jezyk.

The family would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to the staff at the Manor on the Hill and to Dr. Robert Babineau, Jr., for their loving care.

Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, September 20, at 10AM in Our Lady of the Lake Church, 1400 Main St., Leominster.

Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in West Townsend.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, September 19, from 4 to 7 PM in the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg.

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

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in memory of Joyce may be made to the Jimmy Fund 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA. 02445-7220

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

Dudley Road  
West Townsend , MA 01474

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home - Fitchburg  
316 Clarendon Street  
Fitchburg, MA 01420  
(978) 343-4407

## Funeral Mass

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Lake Church  
1400 MainSt.  
Leominster, MA 01453

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Mike & your family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Know that my  
thoughts are with you.

Denise Stepleton - September 26, 2018 at 05:16 PM

PK

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. I have such fond  
memories of her from our time at Crocker School. Pamela Lizotte  
Kirousis

Pamela Lizotte Kirousis - September 24, 2018 at 01:11 PM

WH

“ With love, Andrew McClendon and Meagan  
Hostetter purchased the Healing Tears - All White  
for the family of Joyce W. Bird Jezyk.



With love, Andrew McClendon and Meagan Hostetter -  
September 18, 2018 at 12:57 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. She was a lovely lady.

Gail and Steve DiPace

Steven DiPace - September 18, 2018 at 12:34 PM

DC

“ *Mike, Sue and Betsy,*

*Our hearts are deeply saddened by the news. Many fond memories from our cape cod vacations. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*John and Dee Curran*

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**Denise Curran** - September 17, 2018 at 06:56 PM

MS

“ *Martins, Hostetters, Learys, and your sister Sally purchased the White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Joyce W. Bird Jezyk.*



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**Martins, Hostetters, Learys, and your sister Sally** - September 17, 2018 at 03:58 PM

WS

“ *With love from Peg, Linda, Nancy, Kathleen, Susan purchased the Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement for the family of Joyce W. Bird Jezyk.*



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**With love from Peg, Linda, Nancy, Kathleen, Susan** - September 17, 2018 at 01:48 PM