



Joyce M. (Lippiatt) Patton, of Shirley

October 29, 1937 - February 18, 2025

SHIRLEY: Joyce M. (Lippiatt) Calabrese Patton, 87, of Shirley, formerly of Townsend, died Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston.

Joyce was born in Washingtonville, Ohio, October 29, 1937 a daughter of Robert J. and Lillian R. (Needham) Lippiatt and resided in Townsend before moving to Shirley twenty years ago.

She attended the Washingtonville (Ohio) elementary and middle schools before graduating from the Leetonia High School in 1955.

For nearly 25 years, Joyce worked as an executive administrative assistant at New England Business and later Deluxe Company before retiring in 2004. Previously, she had worked in a similar capacity at North Middlesex Regional High School in Townsend, National Rubber Machinery Company in Columbiana, Ohio, Thomas Steel Strip Company in Warren Ohio, and Deming Pump Company in Salem, Ohio.

Joyce was an active member of the Shirley Senior Center, Shirley Council on Aging and the Shirley Senior Citizens.

She leaves two daughters, Teresa M. Vogler and her husband, Tom of North

Carolina, Tammy L. Cooper and her husband, Terry with whom she resided in Shirley; her son, Anthony Calabrese of Tennessee; eight grandchildren: Jason Douglass and his wife, Jessica, Ashley Tunnell and her husband DJ, Nathan Vogler, Terrance Cooper Jr. and his fiancée, Katie Martin, Teagan Cooper and his fiancée, Nichole Lambert, Courtney Hamilton and her husband Shayne, Kharley Calabrese, Justin Calabrese and his wife Melinda, and five great grandchildren: Izabella Douglass, Shelli Douglass, Kyra Tunnell, Avalyn Hamilton and Leo Calabrese.

She was the sister of the late Eugene Lippiatt and Roberta Donnelly both of Ohio. She was predeceased by her former husbands, Peter Calabrese with whom she had her three children in 2020 and Gary "Buzz" Patton who passed away in 2022.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM Monday, February 24, 2025, at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, (Rte 2A) Ayer. Burial to follow at the Westlawn Cemetery in Littleton.

Calling hours are Sunday, February 23, 2025 from 2-5 PM in the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

New Estate Road
Littleton, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 23. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Service

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I had the wonderful opportunity of working with Joyce for many years at NEBS. She was always professional, efficient and effective in keeping all things moving in the right direction. More importantly, she always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. We will keep Joyce in our thoughts and prayers and will remain thankful for all she did for those around her.

Rich Riley

Richard Riley - February 23, 2025 at 10:35 AM

KG

“ Joyce was the best, just the best friend of my brother Jon. She was a very friendly lady and I will always be grateful for her friendship and riding shotgun with Jon on his adventures! Rest in peace Joyce.
Kerry Goodhue

Kerry Goodhue - February 22, 2025 at 03:42 PM

TC

Thanks Kerry. She loved those trips for sure!

Tammy Cooper - February 25, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce M. (Lippiatt) Patton, of Shirley.



February 21, 2025 at 09:45 PM

AF

“ Aunt Kathy and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joyce M. (Lippiatt) Patton, of Shirley.



Aunt Kathy and Family - February 21, 2025 at 05:13 PM

KM

“ Joyce (or Mimi, as I knew her) was sweet, funny, and oh so sassy! I am forever grateful for how she welcomed me into the family with open arms and I'll never forget the sound of her greeting me with "hi, honey" every time I came in the door. Her memory was just incredible - we went through her photo albums and yearbooks when she moved and she remembered every name that I read off to her! I will miss her and our conversations so very much. I am sure she is at peace now. All my love to her friends and family.

Katie Martin - February 21, 2025 at 12:39 PM

TC

She loved you "honey".

Tammy Cooper - February 21, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce M. (Lippiatt) Patton, of Shirley.



February 21, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce M.(Lippiatt) Calabrese Patton.

February 21, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ Joyce was my executive assistant for most of the 9 years I worked at Nebs in Groton. She was not only extremely capable, she was a pleasure to work with...always upbeat and ready to assist. We remained friends and exchanged annual Christmas greetings for the next 20 years. I'm sure she's in heaven now.
George Allman

GEORGE ALLMAN - February 21, 2025 at 11:49 AM



Thank you George, I sure like to think so. She always remembered you and NEBS so fondly. (Tammy)

Tammy Cooper - February 21, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ Cynthia D. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joyce M. (Lippiatt) Patton, of Shirley.



Cynthia D. - February 20, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ I have so many great memories working with Joyce at NEBS Corporate Development on Groton St. and then back in Townsend. Our "girls" trip to my family camp in VT. Joyce was a sweet lady and will be missed by many. My sympathy to her family. Paula Miller

Paula Miller - February 20, 2025 at 07:35 AM



Thank you, Paula. Mom really had fun on that trip and did talk of it often.

Tammy Cooper - February 20, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ Miss you mom ! Keep watch over all of us ! Love, Teresa and Tom and family

Teresa Vogler - February 19, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joyce M. (Lippiatt) Patton, of Shirley.



February 19, 2025 at 05:34 PM