



Karen A. Hawthorne, of Fitchburg

March 18, 1959 - November 2, 2025

Fitchburg-Karen Ann (Goguen) Hawthorne, 66, of Fitchburg, passed away on Sunday morning, November 2, 2025 in the Sterling Village Healthcare Center in Sterling.

Karen was born in Norfolk, VA, on March 18, 1959, a daughter of the late Joseph and Elaine (Goguen) Goguen and was a 1977 graduate of St. Bernard's High School in Fitchburg.

Karen worked in the office at Digital Equipment Corporation for many years prior to her retirement. She enjoyed traveling to Disney World, doing puzzles, watching movies, and reading the Bible.

Her husband Richard F. "Sarge" Hawthorne, passed away in March 2025. She leaves her son Zachary Brousseau of Bradenton, FL; three sisters, Joyce Lehtinen of Fitchburg, Sandra Goguen Young of Florida, Deborah Lindberg of Holden; her former husband, Mark Brousseau and his wife Ana of Florida and many nephews and nieces.

Her funeral will be held on Wednesday, November 12 at 11:30 AM in the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg followed by a burial in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon. A calling hour in the funeral home will be held prior to the service from 10 to

11:30AM

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery

111 Glenallen Street
Winchendon, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hour

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home
316 Clarendon Street
fitchburg, MA 01420
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Love, Maria and Kevin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen A. Hawthorne, of Fitchburg.

Love, Maria and Kevin - November 06, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen A. Hawthorne, of Fitchburg.



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“ Ronnie and Denise Roy (Boucher) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen A. Hawthorne, of Fitchburg.



Ronnie and Denise Roy (Boucher) - November 04, 2025 at 02:04 PM