



## Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard

November 11, 1967 - August 17, 2024

LUNENBURG: After a courageous two year long battle with cancer, Kathleen M. "Kassie" (Scales) Pinard, 56, of Lunenburg, formerly of Leominster, Ayer, and Shirley, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at her residence, surrounded by her loving husband and children.

Born on November 11, 1967, in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Kassie was the cherished daughter of Rosemary (Devine) Scales and the late Donald B. Scales.

A proud 1985 graduate of St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School, Kassie continued her education at Bay State College in Boston, where she majored in Retail Management. Her spirit shone brightly as she co-owned and operated Pinard's Florist Shop in Ayer for nearly three decades. Through her floral creations and warm presence, Kassie brought boundless joy and touched the hearts of the community, leaving a lasting legacy of beauty and kindness.

Before her time at Pinard's Florist, Kassie excelled as an Area Manager for the Fashion Bug Corporation, skillfully overseeing twelve stores across New England. Her leadership and dedication were evident in every store she

managed.

Kassie was deeply involved in her community and faith. She was a committed member of the Bernardian Foundation, serving as treasurer and contributing her time and talents to support the foundation's mission. At St. Anthony's Church in Shirley, Kassie was a beloved CCD teacher for over a decade, nurturing the spiritual growth of many young minds with her unwavering dedication.

In addition to her mother, Kassie leaves behind her devoted husband of 34 years, Mark A. Pinard; her treasured children, whom she lovingly called her "jewels on earth": eldest daughter Jillian E. Valeri and her husband Domenic Valeri of Leominster, Elizabeth K. "Betsy" Rivera and her husband Elian Rivera of Ayer, and her youngest, Jonathan M. Pinard of Lunenburg. She is also survived by her two beloved brothers, Brian D. Scales and his wife Lea Ann of Holden, and Michael P. Scales and his wife Lynne of New Ipswich, NH.

Kassie's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM on Monday, August 26, 2024, at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Ayer.

Family and friends are invited to call on Sunday, August 25, from 1-5 PM at Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road (Rte 2A), Ayer. For more information, please visit [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kassie M Pinard scholarship. <https://cfncm.org/donate-now/kassie-m-pinard-scholarship-fund>



# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemtery

Bishop Rd.  
Ayer, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG 25. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

AUG 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Anthony of Padua Church  
14 Phoenix St  
Shirley, MA 01464-2507  
(978) 772-2414

# Tribute Wall

ZF

“ Zagwyn Family lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard



Zagwyn Family - August 28, 2024 at 12:51 PM

KR

“ Many years ago I was a neighbor and babysitter to the Scales family. Mrs. Scales and Brian I am so sorry about Kassie. She looks like she had a good life and beautiful family of her own. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Kathy Keegan Robinson

Kathy Keegan Robinson - August 26, 2024 at 12:24 PM

NY

“ I am sorry to hear of Kassie's passing I enjoyed working with her at Fashion Bug in the 90's—my deepest sympathies. Nancy (Desgroseilliers) Young

Nancy Young - August 26, 2024 at 12:04 PM

LG

“ Love, Michelle Andino & the Girls purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.



Love, Michelle Andino & the Girls - August 25, 2024 at 08:26 PM

TR

“ Mark, Johnny, Betsy and Jillian, my heart is heavy for you. Your wife/mom was such a bright light in the community. I met her at a LAW open house in 2002, when we both had newborns and immediately had a heartfelt conversation about our beautiful babies! Having only moved to Shirley 10 weeks prior, she was one of the very first people I met; her smile, warmth, welcoming nature, ability to listen and share not only made a beautiful impression that day, but remained consistent and a genuine part of her every single time I saw her at a school event, church service or event, or at the florist. Her eyes always danced with light and love, and now that light and love can shine down on you no matter where you are, guiding you when you need it and rejoicing with you in happy times. Blessed repose and eternal memories, Kassie. You will be missed.

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**Theresa Richards** - August 25, 2024 at 04:20 PM

SM

“ So very sorry to hear of Kassie’s passing. She was always such a kind and helpful person at Pinards. Her smile would light up the room!  
Our deepest sympathies.  
The Michaud Family ....Susie Joe and Jim.

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**Susan Michaud** - August 25, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ *Mark, Jillian, Dom, Betsy, Elian and Jonny*  
*My deepest sympathies to each of you. Kassie was love, compassion, kindness and amazing. Her smile radiated love. She was an absolute JOY. My visits to Pinard's for coffee on Mondays made my day. She smiled and was always happy to see you. I'm sending prayers and love to each of you as grieve your wife, mother and mother in law. Keep all your memories close to your heart and know that you all now have a guardian angel watching over each of you. Kassie was pure Sunshine.*

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**Donna Madigan** - August 24, 2024 at 10:40 PM

TF

“ *The Megan Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.*



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**The Megan Family** - August 24, 2024 at 08:16 PM

RA


“ *Russell Anderson lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard*



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**Russell Anderson** - August 24, 2024 at 08:04 PM

JC

“ *Kassie was the sweetest person. She will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mark and the family.* 

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**Jean and Christine Coutu** - August 24, 2024 at 04:54 PM

EP

“ Prayers💕 for the Scales/Pinard family. My sister and I have known Kassie and the Scales family since we were neighbors as kids back in the late 70's on Ft. Devens. Lots of wiffle ball games were played between both the Scales and Drown family. Both of our father's were very competitive and we often joke they are up in heaven still playing. Kassie can referee the old Army vets to make sure the games don't get out of hand 😊. RIP dear Kassie ❤️, the sun will not shine as bright without you 😞

Evelyn M Peabody - August 23, 2024 at 06:14 PM

TB

“ Terranova Auto Body purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.



Terranova Auto Body - August 23, 2024 at 02:03 PM

TC

“ Tobe Conway lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard



Tobe Conway - August 23, 2024 at 12:51 PM

TC

“ The light and love that Kassie shared with her family, friends, and people she barley knew speaks to the beautiful person that she was. I am so sorry for her loss. The world was a much better place with Kassie here. My sympathy to the Pinard family and all that loved her so much.

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**Tobe Conway** - August 23, 2024 at 12:50 PM

CC

“ Claudia C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.

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**Claudia C.** - August 23, 2024 at 10:24 AM

AH

“ 1 file added to the album Kathleen M. "Kassies" Plnard



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**Anderson funeral home** - August 23, 2024 at 10:08 AM

DS

*Beautiful video of memories for you all to treasure*

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**Denise Stepleton** - August 26, 2024 at 04:41 PM

JG

“ My condolences to Kassie's family and many friends. Jan Graham



Janice A Graham - August 22, 2024 at 04:34 PM

JR

“ Julio & Raquel Rodriguez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.



Julio & Raquel Rodriguez - August 20, 2024 at 07:24 PM

TB

“ Tracee, Mariah and Bri purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.



Tracee, Mariah and Bri - August 20, 2024 at 05:56 PM

SS

“ Scott Mackay & Catherine Schulten planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.

Scott Mackay & Catherine Schulten - August 20, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.*



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August 20, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ *Kassie was one of the sweetest kindest person I have ever met! Her smile could like up a room*  
*My deepest condolences to Mark and her children may God stand beside you and watch over you during this difficult time* ❤️



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**Candy Maki** - August 20, 2024 at 12:30 PM



“ *Erey, Abbie, Colleen, Kent, Shan, & Lex purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.*



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**Erey, Abbie, Colleen, Kent, Shan, & Lex** - August 20, 2024 at 10:37 AM

BM

“*Kassie and I met when we were just 17 years old at our first job at Nashoba Community Hospital as Dietary Aides. From there we grew a beautiful life long friendship. We shared all of life's ups and downs, and were always there for one another. Kassie was a ray of sunshine, with her beautiful smile, big beautiful blue eyes, and an even bigger heart. I will cherish all of our memories. I will love you always and forever, and will miss you every day. Rest in peace my sweet girl. Babs xoxo*

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**Barbara McPadden Magnette** - August 20, 2024 at 09:16 AM

CA

“*I had the opportunity to work with Kassie at Pinard's. She always had a warm smile when I walked in the door. She took the time to teach me about floral arranging and had so much patience. She made it fun to learn. I remember watching her do arrangements and awe. I will always treasure those memories. My prayers go out to the Pinard family. I am so sorry for your loss.*



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**Catherine** - August 20, 2024 at 07:17 AM

CM

“*Christopher M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.*

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**Christopher M.** - August 19, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.



August 19, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ The Brumms planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.

The Brumms - August 19, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ The Farsht and Vietzke families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.

The Farsht and Vietzke families. - August 19, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ The Farsht and Vietzke families. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.



The Farsht and Vietzke families. - August 19, 2024 at 05:48 PM

IS

“ I am a customer from Pinard’s florist who walked in one day To visit an to visit a friend working there and met Kassie. It was when they first started serving coffee and pastries at the shop. Kassie always greeted me with a smile and a kind hello. It was clear there was a level of kindness and grace that went beyond a simple greeting. It was like walking into a room full of sunshine. She would always ask how you are, listen intently, and share kind thoughts. That, in my humble opinion is a rare quality. I always felt welcome and my day was better because of the kindness she bestowed. My prayers to her family for this tragic loss.



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**Ian Scofidio** - August 19, 2024 at 04:04 PM

AC

“ Aunt Carolyn and Uncle Cliff purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.



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**Aunt Carolyn and Uncle Cliff** - August 19, 2024 at 03:53 PM

TF

“ The Seeley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.

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**The Seeley Family** - August 19, 2024 at 12:50 PM

TF

“ *The Seeley Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.*



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**The Seeley Family** - August 19, 2024 at 12:50 PM

TE

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Kassie only once a few years ago, but remember her vividly. That's the kind of impact she had on people. Please accept my condolences.*

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**Tim Elmer** - August 19, 2024 at 12:20 PM

LR

“ *Lynda Rollins-Capobianco lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard*



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**Lynda Rollins-Capobianco** - August 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.*



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August 19, 2024 at 10:55 AM

NS

“ Nancy Sherwin lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard



Nancy Sherwin - August 19, 2024 at 10:46 AM

TF

“ The Lucchesi family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.

The Lucchesi family - August 19, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.



August 19, 2024 at 10:41 AM

LC

“ Linda C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.

Linda C. - August 19, 2024 at 10:07 AM

CC

“ *Cheri Cornwell lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard*



Cheri Cornwell - August 19, 2024 at 09:38 AM

NT

“ *Nancy Tarbell lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard*



Nancy Tarbell - August 18, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ *RIP my beautiful friend. You will always be remembered, loved and dearly missed.*



Kimberley Drown - August 18, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ *Rest in peace my beautiful friend. You will always be loved and remember and missed forever.*



Kimberley Drown - August 18, 2024 at 04:50 PM

TT

“ Tim and Debbi Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.

Tim and Debbi Taylor - August 18, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.



August 18, 2024 at 04:36 PM

RC

“ Reilly, Trevor & Cheryl purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard.



Reilly, Trevor & Cheryl - August 18, 2024 at 09:58 AM

RG

“ Rich Gendron lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. "Kassie" Pinard



Rich Gendron - August 17, 2024 at 03:35 PM

KC

“ *RIP my dear friend! You will be missed by many! I will never forget our times spent hanging and being co ccd teachers together! Fly high with the angels! ❤️*



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**Kerry Cooper** - August 17, 2024 at 01:33 PM

JM

“ *Jillian , Betsy I'm so so sorry for your loss 🙏*



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**Joanne Melanson Migrants** - August 17, 2024 at 12:02 PM