



## Leona T. (Deady) Sanford

June 15, 1939 - October 27, 2022

ASHBY: Leona T. (Deady) Sanford, 83, of Ashby, formerly of Malden, died Thursday, October 27, 2022 surrounded by her loving family at her home.

Mrs. Sanford was born in Stoneham, June 15, 1939, a daughter of Edward and Genevieve (Waters) Deady and resided many years in Malden before moving to Ashby 40 years ago.

She leaves her husband of 59 years, Robert F. Sanford; two sons, Ronald S. Sanford of Epping, NH, Robert F. Sanford Jr., of Chestnut Hill; three daughters, Robyn B. Wadman of Westford, Leona D. Boudreau and Laurel T. Sanford both of Ashburnham; her sister, Lois Deady-Schultz of Chesapeake, VA; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She was the sister of the late Joan C. Bennett of Washington, GA and Priscilla "Rusty" Olsen of Tampa, FL.

Mrs. Sanford was an active contributor to many community efforts in the area including Lifetime Membership in the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Lifetime Member of the Fitchburg Rod & Gun Club, member of the Ashby American Legion Auxiliary, former member and chairperson of the Town of Ashby Board of Selectmen. She was a member of the Hope Chorus in Townsend, Townsend Senior Citizens and the Townsend Quazy Quilters.

When she resided in Malden, Mrs. Sanford was equally busy in community affairs such as serving as a member and past president of the Malden Parent Teachers Association as well as the founder of the Helping Hands program which promoted safe havens for school aged children. For a period of time she worked in the Mayor's office in the City of Malden and was frequently recognized with the Woman of the Month Award for her contributions to the city.

Mrs. Sanford was an accomplished artist and woodcarver as well as an amazing singer who studied voice at the Massachusetts Conservatory of Music in Boston.

Her funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:30 AM Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend.

Mrs. Sanford's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours 4-7 PM Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte. 119) Townsend center. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2692

## Funeral Mass

NOV 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
1 School Street  
Townsend, MA 01469

# Tribute Wall

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“ Patricia Doherty, George Olson family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Leona T. (Deady) Sanford.



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**Patricia Doherty, George Olson family** - November 01, 2022 at 08:34 AM

LF

“ Lori Burns Hanselman and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Leona T. (Deady) Sanford.



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**Lori Burns Hanselman and Family** - October 31, 2022 at 04:36 PM

LF

“ Laurence Majerus & Petru Delimarcu & Fam purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Leona T. (Deady) Sanford.



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**Laurence Majerus & Petru Delimarcu & Fam** - October 31, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Leona T. (Deady) Sanford.



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October 31, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Leona T. (Deady) Sanford.



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October 30, 2022 at 11:10 PM



“ *Simply Lily* was purchased for the family of Leona T. (Deady) Sanford.



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October 30, 2022 at 06:36 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Leona T. (Deady) Sanford.



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October 30, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Leona T. (Deady) Sanford.*



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October 30, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Leona T. (Deady) Sanford.*



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October 29, 2022 at 02:12 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Leona T. (Deady) Sanford.*



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October 28, 2022 at 08:50 PM

DF

“ I work at the Townsend Senior Center and would see Leona many times a week. I would to say. "You sign up for the most programs of anyone here". and she would respond "I love being here". We both had a stroke and would share our story with each other. Almost every time we met, we would embrace and exchange "I Love You". The Senior Center and I will miss her warm presence, enthusiastic approach to every class she took. I Love you Leona

Your friend,  
Donna

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**DONNA M FENTON** - October 27, 2022 at 09:00 PM

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As a member of the Townsend Senior Center Center Quazy Quilters, I sewed many projects with Leona. Her warm embrace and sunny disposition will always be remembered. Love you my dear friend Leona. 🤗❤️🥰

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**Ann Davis** - October 28, 2022 at 12:04 PM

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I remember when I first met Leona, I thought she had an accent - maybe a little Irish lilt. So I said, "Leona, you sound like you have an accent- where are you from?" And with her incredible sense of humor she said, "Aphasia ". "Oh" I said- " is that near the Azores?" And she started laughing because there is no country named Aphasia- it's an after effect of having a stroke as most of you know. We were still laughing about that years later. Leona had an incredible sense of humor and was quick with it. We all will miss that laughter. May you Rest In Peace dear Leona.

Shelley Gans- Member of The Townsend Senior Center Quazy Quilters

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**shelley** - October 29, 2022 at 11:59 AM