



Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend

February 26, 1931 - November 15, 2024

West Townsend--Louise T. (DeLisle) Fortin, 93, former longtime resident of West Townsend, passed away Friday morning, November 15, 2024 in UMass Memorial HealthAlliance Leominster Hospital.

Louise was born in Fitchburg, on February 26, 1931, a daughter of the late Antonio and Eva (Verroneau) DeLisle. She was a graduate of St. Ann's Academy and the St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing.

Louise worked throughout her career as a school nurse in the North Middlesex Regional School District and later at the Peter Fitzpatrick Elementary School in Pepperell.

Louise leaves her husband of 67 years, Auguste H. "Hirk" Fortin, Jr. of Groton; four sons, Dr. Auguste H. Fortin, VI and his wife Oi, of New Haven, CT, Michel G. Fortin and his wife, Amy Slawson-Fortin of Madison, CT, Robert L. Fortin, and his wife, Paula of Hingham, MA, and Marc A. Fortin of New Ipswich, NH; a daughter, Eva Marie Smith and her husband, Donald of Seminole, FL; brother, Dr. Gerard DeLisle of Newburyport; a sister, Lucie Hastings of Lunenburg; eight grandchildren, A. Clayton Slawson, Sarah Soifert, Hillary Fortin, Cecily Smith, Julia Smith, Camille Fortin, Zachary Fortin, and Isabella Fortin; four great grandchildren, Mason Soifert, Milo Soifert, Zuriya Davila and Kade Black, and many nephews and nieces.

She is predeceased by a brother, Dr. Paul DeLisle and sister Jacqueline Dumont.

She was a faithful parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Church in Townsend. Raising her five children and caring for her husband were the joys of her life. Known as “The Iron Duke” by Hirk, she managed to keep their brood mostly out of trouble. The family enjoyed many camping adventures in their converted school bus, The ColumBus. In retirement, she and Hirk toured 48 states in their Winnebago and flew to Alaska and Hawaii to round it out. Later in life she doted on her grandchildren and reveled in news about her great grandchildren, who live at a distance. Louise was immensely proud of every generation of her family; she would habitually corner the unsuspecting and list everyone’s accomplishments.

Louise and Hirk were recipients of the Archdiocese of Boston Cheverus Award for their service to the Church and God’s people. The couple were also awarded the William E. May Endowment Fund Award for their contributions to the town of Townsend.

Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 21, at 1 PM in St. John the Evangelist Church, 1 School St., Townsend followed by a burial in the Riverside Cemetery in West Townsend. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, November 20, from 4 to 7 PM in the T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend. www.andersonfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Townsend Ecumenical Outreach:
<https://teo-ma.org/>

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Dudley Road
West Townsend , MA 01474

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV **20.** 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 **21.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the family.*



Brenda Rodgers - November 28, 2024 at 12:39 AM

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“ *Chris and Rosie Fappiano planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.*

Chris and Rosie Fappiano - November 20, 2024 at 05:18 PM

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“ *Chris and Rosie Fappiano purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.*



Chris and Rosie Fappiano - November 20, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.*

November 20, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.



November 20, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Louise T. Fortin



Anderson funeral home - November 20, 2024 at 09:28 AM



Great memories! What a lovely family!

Elaine Clark - December 22, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.

November 19, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.*



November 19, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ *Peace and prayers for the family. Tom Kingsley, Jr.*

Tom Kingsley, Jr. - November 19, 2024 at 02:33 PM



She was such a generous person, the center of her family, open to newcomers like myself. My condolences to her husband and all of her family.

Frank Dressler, Hannover, Germany

Frank Dressler - November 20, 2024 at 01:08 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.*



November 19, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.*

November 19, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.

November 19, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.



November 19, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ The Godzik's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louise T. Fortin.

The Godzik's - November 18, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ The Godzik's purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.



The Godzik's - November 18, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louise T. Fortin.

November 18, 2024 at 04:43 PM



“ *Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.*



November 18, 2024 at 04:43 PM



“ --Your Dell SAM Colleagues planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louise T. Fortin.

--Your Dell SAM Colleagues - November 18, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ --Your Dell SAM Colleagues purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend.



--Your Dell SAM Colleagues - November 18, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ Nancy Sherwin lit a candle in memory of Louise T. Fortin of West Townsend



Nancy Sherwin - November 18, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louise T. Fortin.

November 17, 2024 at 04:00 PM