



Luanne Hunter MacMillan

August 19, 1954 - July 12, 2025

LUNENBURG: Luanne Hunter MacMillan, 70, of Lunenburg, died Saturday, July 12, 2025 at Health Alliance -Leominster Hospital surrounded by her loving family following complications due to lung cancer treatment.

Luanne was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, August 19, 1954, a daughter of the late Robert Hunter and Virginia (Whitcomb) Penniman and resided in Lunenburg for most of her life. She was a 1972 graduate of Lunenburg High School.

Throughout her working life, Luanne held several different and varied employment positions but her favorite position was being sales associate at Toys R Us in Leominster where she met many friends and loved seeing all the children. Her most loved career was being a mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. This was not limited to her own family, if you meant something to her family, you were also considered family. She was called “mom” by many. If you needed a ride, babysitter, meal, cup of coffee, conversation, hug, recipes, or even an occasional reality check, Luanne was always there.

Luanne’s favorite memories were of the times she spent with her children and grandchildren. Through the years she stayed busy coaching cheerleading and basketball in the Lunenburg Youth Sports Programs. The crowds always knew when one of her children were playing, as she was always their biggest and

loudest fan. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting gifts for family and young children. Her knitting needles, embrace, and gigantic heart has helped warm and comfort countless children. She was also a member of the Alcoholics Anonymous Fellowship and member of the United Parish of Lunenburg.

She leaves her husband of 44 years, Robert B. MacMillan; two daughters, Jaime L. Moore and husband Ryan of Lunenburg, Jennifer L. MacMillan of Old Orchard Beach, Maine; her son, Douglas R.M. MacMillan and wife Becky of Lunenburg; two sisters; Pamela Najarian of Hopedale, Kay Salo of Lunenburg; three brothers, Bruce Penniman of Amherst, Wayne Penniman of Gardner, Keith Penniman of Ashburnham; her mother in law, Marilyn A. (Proctor) MacMillan of Lunenburg; ten grandchildren, Jesse MacMillan, Katlyn Moore, Brooke Lyons, Peyton Lyons, Noah Moore, Emersyn Moore, Kaleb Bell, Alia Bell, Robert MacMillan and Steven MacMillan. She also leaves 26 nieces and nephews, and many grand nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her stepfather, Merton Penniman and her father in law, Douglas K. MacMillan. She was the sister of the late Barbara Hunter who died as an infant and her beloved brother Bob Hunter of Lunenburg.

Luanne's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours from 4-7 PM Friday, July 18, 2025 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, (Rte 2A) Ayer.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday, July 19, 2025 at United Parish of Lunenburg, 16 Main Street, Lunenburg. Interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

United Parish of Lunenburg
14 Main St.
Lunenburg, MA

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I remember Luanne as a bright, bouncy little girl, tagging along with her older sister Kay, when the Hunter family lived on Arlington St in Fitchburg, our neighbors. I was a friend of their oldest sister, Pam. Their brother Bobby was my high school classmate. Luanne was a friend of my sister Carolyn who still lives in our old house on Arlington St. I knew that Mrs Hunter became Mrs. Penniman & the clan grew but We lost touch when they moved. So near but so far back then. I think I still can see the Luanne I remember in her grown up smile. I am sorry for her passing and her family's loss.

Mary Ellen Parker Jones - August 31, 2025 at 12:36 PM

AN

“ Luanne, was a non judgemental person. She excepted people for who they are. She was fun to be around. She always listened. No matter what. Rob I hope that your doing OK.

Anonymous - August 22, 2025 at 06:37 PM

DF

“ Dan and Laura and Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Luanne Hunter MacMillan.



Dan and Laura and Family - July 17, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Luanne Hunter MacMillan.*



July 16, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Luanne Hunter MacMillan.*



July 16, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Luanne Hunter MacMillan.*

July 16, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ *Rob and Family...so sorry to hear of Luanne's passing.*

Pat - July 15, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ *Adam & Samantha Pitarys purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Luanne Hunter MacMillan.*



Adam & Samantha Pitarys - July 15, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Luanne Hunter MacMillan.*



July 15, 2025 at 07:31 AM



“ *Scott & Natalie Doherty purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Luanne Hunter MacMillan.*



Scott & Natalie Doherty - July 14, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Luanne Hunter MacMillan.*



July 14, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ *Diane Bowne lit a candle in memory of Luanne Hunter MacMillan*



Diane Bowne - July 14, 2025 at 04:59 PM



You will be greatly missed, my beautiful friend 💜

Stacey Gaudreau - July 15, 2025 at 08:48 AM