



## Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley

February 6, 1943 - May 30, 2025

SHIRLEY: Marie Else Nader, 82, passed away unexpectedly at home on May 30, 2025.

Marie is survived by her beloved husband, Michael Nader; her brothers, Bill Paul (the late Jean Paul) and Robert Paul; her children, Eric Johnson (Martha), Melissa Watson (Richard), and Leslie Fairweather (Dana); and her stepchildren, Jonathan Nader (Kathy), Mark Nader (Karen), Paul Nader (Sharon), and Phil Nader (Kathy).

She was a cherished grandmother to Daniel Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Christian Watson, Lily Watson, and Sophie Watson, and a loving step-grandmother to Jon Nader, Jr., Jennifer Hochard, Theresa Nader, Tiffany Nader, Erica Nader, Scott Nader, and Elizabeth Kimmel. Marie is also survived by many dear nieces and godchildren.

Marie grew up in West Newton, MA, and graduated from Bridgewater State College with a teaching degree. She enjoyed a wonderful career nurturing countless children in Washington, DC, New Jersey, and Massachusetts.

She began her family in Bloomfield, NJ, and moved to Littleton in the early 1970s, where she devoted herself to raising her children, Eric, Melissa, and Leslie. Marie taught religious education, loved to entertain, and was always

volunteering, especially for children's causes.

Marie met her true love, Michael Nader, and they married on January 16, 1988. Their union was later blessed in the Catholic Church, bringing Marie the joy of four stepsons. Together, she and Michael settled in Shirley, where they shared a life filled with faith and family.

In retirement, Marie's greatest joy was cheering on her grandchildren at their baseball, lacrosse, field hockey, and basketball games, always finding time for ice cream and laughter. She served as the Boston Chapter lead for ConKerr Cancer for many years, sewing thousands of pillowcases for children and families battling cancer. She loved sitting with the kids, sewing together, and seeing their smiles. Marie was defined by her generosity and compassion, always giving to and caring for others. She also donated nearly 200 units of blood platelets to Dana-Farber patients over the years.

Marie and Michael established a scholarship fund through the Knights of Columbus to help children of Catholic faith further their education, specifically those interested in trade school. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her honor.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Knights of Columbus and sent to:  
KOC 13140/Marie  
28 Tarbell St., Pepperell, MA 01463

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# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home  
25 Fitchburg Road  
Ayer, MA 01432  
info@andersonfuneral.com

## Funeral Mass

JUN 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. James Church  
St. James Street  
West Groton, MA

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ 1 file added to the album Marie E. Nader



Anderson funeral home - June 19, 2025 at 12:47 PM

KG

“ So many memories of Marie, beloved friend and neighbor for over 36 years. She lived her faith through kindness and Joy every day. Always there to support others with encouragement and love. Lexi and I were just reminiscing about our wonderful trip with Marie to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum two years ago this coming week, the lunches we had together, the fun, the laughs. We feel a great emptiness knowing she is gone.

To Mike, Melissa, Leslie, Eric, and your wonderful families, Dave, Matt, Lexi and I offer our deepest condolences.

— Kathleen

Kathleen Granchelli - June 06, 2025 at 07:21 AM

MI

“ PLease no flowers but donations to her scholarship fund at Knights of Columbus 13140 28 Tarbell St Pepperell Ma 01463

Michael - June 03, 2025 at 09:40 PM

JO

“ I'll miss you dear friend.

Joan - June 03, 2025 at 04:20 PM

LF

“ Love the Madden family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley.



Love the Madden family - June 03, 2025 at 04:13 PM

LF

“ Love the Madden family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley.

Love the Madden family - June 03, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley.

June 03, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley.



June 03, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley.

June 03, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley.

June 03, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley.



June 03, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ The Cluster Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley.



**The Cluster Families** - June 03, 2025 at 09:51 AM

LB

“ I got to know Marie through the pillow case projects, she would trek into Boston with the sewing machines and fabric and we would meet at the various hospitals and sew with the kids. She was amazing, remembering everything about the staff, the patients, and us volunteers. Her interest and care for others was inspiring.

Liz Burke - June 03, 2025 at 09:38 AM

SO

“ Mike and family, our heartfelt sympathy to you all, Susan & Chuck Oliveira

Susan & Chuck Oliveira - June 03, 2025 at 05:32 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley.



June 02, 2025 at 09:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley.

June 02, 2025 at 09:45 PM

FT

“ From Everyone at Red Thread purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley.



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**From Everyone at Red Thread** - June 02, 2025 at 09:26 PM

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“ From Everyone at Red Thread planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marie E. (Paul) Nader, 82, of Shirley.

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**From Everyone at Red Thread** - June 02, 2025 at 09:26 PM

PM

“ My oldest, oldest best friend. Over 75 years we have laughed, cried, complained about everything then laughed again. Oh, my heart hurts that we can't enjoy more of these times here on Earth. God willing He will save me a seat close to you in Heaven. Rest in peace “ Mrs. Dan Gerber, mother of five.”

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**Pat Sisson Madden** - June 02, 2025 at 05:04 PM