



Marie Adeline "Nellie" Poirier, formerly of Shirley

November 22, 1927 - December 18, 2024

Shirley - Marie Adeline (Allain) "Nellie" Poirier, 97, formerly of Shirley, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

Nellie was the daughter of Edmund and Sophie (Doiron) Allain, born November 22, 1927 in Acadieville, New Brunswick, Canada. She was a middle sister of 12 children and always reflected fondly on her childhood at her family's farm. While living in Canada she worked with several family members at the famous Marven's Biscuits in Moncton before emigrating to Massachusetts in 1964.

Known to most as "Mè mère", a French term of endearment for grandmother, she rocked as many kids to sleep as she quieted with a stink-eye in church. She was most happy spending time with family and keeping her visitors cozy and comfortable. Mè mère was known for her humor and love of country music, sweet treats, hot tea and the thrill of a scratch ticket. She was a devout Catholic throughout her life and prayed the rosary faithfully.

Nellie is survived by three daughters: Georgette Pulsifer and her husband, Doug, of Lunenburg; Louise Morris of Leominster; and Anne Poirier and her husband, Julio Martinez, of Winchester, NH. She also leaves behind two sons: Paul Poirier and his wife, Bonnie, of Gardner; and Joseph Poirier and his wife, Marlene, of Lunenburg. Additionally, Nellie is survived by her sister, Ronalda

Gallant; her brother, Abraham Allain; ten grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews, many of whom she deeply appreciated for their continued connections and visits during her later years.

She is predeceased by her beloved daughter and best friend, Lucille Friedrich, and son-in-law Randy Friedrich of Shirley and nine of her siblings.

Her funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 18 at 11 AM in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 14 Phoenix St., Shirley. Burial will be held privately in the spring in the Village Cemetery in Shirley.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to:

The Alzheimer's Association, C/O The Highlands

Attn: Dawn Mason

335 Nichols Rd. Fitchburg, MA 01420

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer is assisting with the funeral arrangements.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at The Highlands, Fitchburg and the emergency and hospice teams at Healthalliance-Clinton Hospital in Leominster for the compassionate love and care they've provided for Mère - and all of their patients every day.

A video recording of Nellie's funeral Mass can be found at the link below.

<https://my.gather.app/remember/marie-nellie-poirier>

Cemetery Details

Village Cemetery

Harvard Road
Shirley, MA

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Love, The Biotti's purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marie Adeline "Nellie" Poirier, formerly of Shirley.



Love, The Biotti's - January 16, 2025 at 08:00 PM

JG

“ Condolences to Louise and Nellie's family
.Janice Melanson Graham



Janice Melanson Graham - January 14, 2025 at 09:03 AM

RD

“ My Condolences to All The Family And Friends.Nellie's Mother,Sophie Gould Doiron Allain was first cousin to My Dad Alsime Gould Doiron.I had the pleasure of meeting Sophie at The Care Home in Rogersville,N.B., Canada year ago.God Bless All!

Richard James Doiron - December 22, 2024 at 08:29 PM

CH

“ Paul, Georgette, Jacques, Louise, Ann & all of your families: we are so sorry for your loss and we are sending you all of our sympathies..
Charles & Paulette Arseneau.

Charles - December 22, 2024 at 08:32 AM

PK

“ *I love the time spent at the senior center with Nellie, she was such a sweet, kind woman. Rest in peace my friend, you will be missed by many.*

Patricia Krauchune - December 20, 2024 at 08:55 PM