



## Mary Alice (Wheeler) Camerota

July 8, 1947 - January 10, 2026

Mary Alice (Wheeler) Camerota passed away on Saturday, January 10, 2026 due to injuries sustained in a fall.

Mary was born in Ayer, MA on July 8, 1947. She was the beloved daughter of the late Lyle G. Wheeler and the late Rose Marie (Iacobone) (Wheeler) L'Heureux.

Mary graduated from Lowell High School, Class of 1965. She decided to pursue a nursing degree and graduated from the LPN program at Lowell Greater Vocational Technical High School in August of 1976. Mary enjoyed a long and successful career as an LPN working in several nursing facilities in the Lowell, MA and Marietta, GA areas. She was a devoted and dedicated nurse, she loved her job and her patients; her passion was with the elderly. She was an avid reader, had a love for all animals and loved crocheting gifts for her nieces and nephews. She also enjoyed a good cup of coffee and a cigarette.

Mary is survived by her son, James Camerota and his wife, Alexandra Beswick of Marietta, GA; three brothers, Joseph Siren of Troy, TX, Lyle J. Wheeler of Lowell, and Michael Wheeler of Lynn; two sisters, Laura Thuillier of Lynn and Margaret Cimini of Groton; a sister-in-law Maryann Zottola of FL. Mary is survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins including John

Cardillo who she enjoyed many rides to the ocean for pizza.

Mary also leaves her good friends, Whitney Leap of Lowell, Charles Codair of Lynn, Beth Savoie of GA, and Kelli Bail of Smyrna, GA. She is survived by her former spouse of 30 years, Robert Camerota of Cartersville, GA. She leaves her faithful and comforting cat, Oreo.

Being Mary's wishes, there will be no wake. A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 14 Phoenix St., Shirley, MA, on Friday, January 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Anthony Cemetery, Shaker Road, Shirley, MA.

Mary's family wishes to thank the nurses and staff at Sunny Acres Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for their kindness and compassion during these last few difficult months.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation, ATTN: Donor Services, 3540 Crain Highway, Suite 675, Bowie, MD 20716 or the Massachusetts Humane Society, Inc., P.O. Box 850177, Braintree, MA 02185-0177.

## Cemetery Details

### St. Anthony's Cemetery

Shaker Road  
Shirley, MA

## Previous Events

### Funeral Mass

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Maria Gonyea lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice (Wheeler) Camerota*



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**Maria Gonyea** - January 19 at 07:55 PM

LT

“ *Dear Sister Mary—Rest in Peace Sweet Sister till we meet again. I am extremely sad missing you but finding relief & comfort that your struggles are over. Like Fr. Will said at church on Friday, in your lifetime you tried. Go fly high with the angels, you deserve it! Forever remembered by your siblings as you took a piece of our hearts when you left. Forever yours, your sister Laura, xo*

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**Laura Thuillier** - January 19 at 02:54 PM

KB

“ *Jim i am sorry for your loss*

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**Ken Barrett** - January 17 at 07:10 AM

JS

“ *Mary, Thank you for the first time we met. You came from Shirley just to fine your older brother.I must admit I was shocked.I will miss you,and will be looking for you when my day arrives.God speed Mary I will always love you.  
Your old brother Joey*

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**Joseph Siten** - January 16 at 08:52 AM

BZ

“ *Bayarmaa Zagd lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice (Wheeler) Camerota*



Bayarmaa Zagd - January 13 at 10:18 PM

BS

“ *Beth Savoie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Alice (Wheeler) Camerota.*



Beth Savoie - January 13 at 08:34 PM

TS

“ *We will miss you Mary! Eric and I always loved seeing your smiling face. We loved having you over for lunch and dinners in our NH house but also loved meeting you with dad at Anthony's pizza in Littleton. You were always so good to us and kept good company for my dad. You are an angel. God bless. Love Tammy & Eric Smyrl*



Tammy Smyrl - January 13 at 07:02 PM

AB

“ *Alexandra Beswick lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice (Wheeler) Camerota*



Alexandra Beswick - January 13 at 06:49 PM

CG

“ Christine Gadoury lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice (Wheeler) Camerota



Christine Gadoury - January 13 at 06:21 PM

JC

“ John Cardillo lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice (Wheeler) Camerota



John Cardillo - January 13 at 06:01 PM

JC

Mary I appreciate and will always be indebted to you for helping me with Marian when I was caring for her 24/7 at home. When Marian left this life you came to me and needed a place to live I happily took you in . I enjoyed having you here and helping you and you gave me great pleasure and always made me laugh. You helped me to cope with deep grief loosing Marian. So now the house is silent again with out you here and I have to manage being alone again . I'll have to Fine away to carry on alone like I did before you came into my life. When you asked me to stay by your side I said I would and would not leave unless you told me too. Well Mary I'm still by your side until I meet up with you and Marian on the other side. I miss and love Marian and you beyond words. I'll fine you both when my time comes .  
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John Cardillo - January 15 at 05:54 PM

DL

“ *Denise Leonardi lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice (Wheeler) Camerota*



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**Denise Leonardi** - January 13 at 04:55 PM

LW

“ *Mary, you were the best big sister anyone could ever ask for. Thanks for always looking out for your younger siblings. We still love you all the world! We miss you, but know Jesus has you firmly in His loving arms! Love, Lyle, Laura, Peggy & Mike*

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**Lyle Wheeler** - January 13 at 01:48 PM