



Mary L. (Callahan) Guthrie, 88, of Ayer

May 24, 1936 - May 4, 2025

AYER: Mary L. (Callahan) Guthrie, 88, a longtime Ayer resident, died May 4, 2025 at Ayer Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Ayer.

Mary was born in Lowell, May 24, 1936, the daughter of Thomas L. and Ruth (Evans) Callahan and spent her early years in Lowell before moving to Ayer.

She was a 1954 graduate of Ayer High School and received her bachelor's degree in education from Fitchburg State College.

For over 30 years Mary taught in the Ayer Public Schools, most notably as a sixth grade teacher at Page Hilltop School before retiring in 1998. She was an accomplished knitter, enjoyed gardening, reading and doing crossword puzzles.

She leaves her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth "Betsy" and David Cote of Lunenburg; her son and daughter-in-law, James D. and Debbie Guthrie of Rindge, NH; her son-in-law, Paul Calato of Boston, her brother Francis P. Callahan of Ayer; four grandchildren, Harrison Calato Davis, Cameron Calato, Abigail Cote and Jack Cote.

She is pre-deceased by her daughter, Patricia "Trish" Calato. She was the sister of the late Thomas Callahan, William Callahan and James Callahan.

Her former husband, James Guthrie died in 1994.

Mary's funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 10:00 am at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Ayer.

Mary's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours, Friday, May 9, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, (Rte. 2A) Ayer. www.andersonfuneral.com..

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

MAY 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album *Mary L. Guthrie*



Anderson funeral home - May 20, 2025 at 10:06 AM

CS

Truly one of the greats we all looked up to in our schools years. Poised kind smart and always smiling.

Cynthia schick - July 28, 2025 at 07:58 AM

TB

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this news, and wish I could be there to express myself in person. Betsy--you are in my thoughts. My dad (Paul Boisseau) also sends his condolences, your mother and my father were in high school together and he remembers her with great fondness and admiration for her dry wit, her sharp fashion sense, and her "loads of charm." She was, he says, "a real firecracker of a gal." No doubt.*

Tracey Boisseau - May 09, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary L. (Callahan) Guthrie, 88, of Ayer.

May 08, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mary L. (Callahan) Guthrie, 88, of Ayer.*



May 08, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ *Mrs. Guthrie was such a sweet and kind lady. My condolences to all of her family.*

Paula Boisseau - May 08, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ *Mary was such a lovely beautiful lady...always smiling. I am sending my sincerest sympathies to her family.*



Denise Stepleton - May 06, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary L. (Callahan) Guthrie, 88, of Ayer.*

May 06, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mary L. (Callahan) Guthrie, 88, of Ayer.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary L. (Callahan) Guthrie, 88, of Ayer.

May 06, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Mary L. (Callahan) Guthrie, 88, of Ayer.



May 06, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mary L. (Callahan) Guthrie, 88, of Ayer.



May 05, 2025 at 07:55 PM

TE

“ You were all the best neighbors in our early childhood years, as were your grandparents to mine on Prospect St., with Mary being a babysitter to my 2 older siblings. I remember wishing I could have been one of her students when she began her teaching career in our school system. Your Mother was an icon in our community. Please accept my condolences.

Tim Elmer - May 04, 2025 at 09:11 PM