



Maura E. (Griffin) McDermott, 89, of Ayer

April 20, 1935 - January 26, 2025

AYER: Maura Ellen (Griffin) McDermott, 89, of Shirley and a longtime resident of Ayer & Waltham, died Sunday, January 26, 2025 at Ayer Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Ayer.

. Maura was born in Ayer, April 20, 1935, a daughter of Harold A. and Marion (Wood) Griffin.

Maura was a graduate of Rosary Academy High School in Waltham and later in life continued her education at IntelliTec College in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Maura began her career at Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer working as a Certified Nurse's Assistant and as an Operating Room Tech. After returning to school, Maura became licensed to be a Medical Assistant.

She leaves her two daughters, Erin M. Coates of Shirley; Kim J. Swartzell and her husband, Scott, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; two brothers, Harold Griffin and Robert Griffin both of Fitchburg; her sister, Betty Herrick of Sterling; four grandchildren, Fiona Truent, Graham Swartzell, Samantha Teixeira, Hunter Coates; her niece, Morgan Downing and nephew, Gregory Downing.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert A. McDermott in 1990, her

son, Todd McDermott in 2018, and her grandson, Shane Dillon in 1996. She was the sister of the late James Griffin of Beverly and Marianne Downing of Winchendon.

Maura enjoyed spending time with her family and strived to live a healthy lifestyle as possible. She also considered herself to be a “News Junkie” and always kept up on current events in the nation and across the world.

Funeral services will be held privately.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Sorry for your loss Erin. Many prayers being said while your heart tries to heal.



Cindy Schick - February 05, 2025 at 08:04 PM

DL

“ Kim, Erin and family members, My aunt Maura was the sweetest and kindest person, she was always there for me. She a very large part of my life and felt like my second mother.

Diane Lupis - January 29, 2025 at 12:59 PM

DL

I will forever miss her sweet smile and laughter!

Diane Lupis - January 29, 2025 at 01:02 PM

AL

“ Erin and Kim I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. My thoughts are with you and your families.

Andrea Long-Asiaban

Andrea Ling-Asiaban - January 28, 2025 at 07:51 PM

TE

“ Kim, Very sorry to be reading this. I remember her well from Nashoba. Hope you're doing OK.

Tim Elmer - January 28, 2025 at 10:52 AM

PB

“ Erin, Sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I remember her being a kind soul. May she rest in peace.

Paula Boisseau - January 27, 2025 at 07:24 PM

EC

Thank you

Erin M Coates - January 29, 2025 at 07:35 AM

ES

ERIN SORRY for your loss of your mom Elaine Winchendon mass

elaine stjohn - January 29, 2025 at 11:56 AM