



## Nancy B. (Phelps) Davan

October 5, 1937 - May 27, 2022

AYER: Nancy B. (Phelps) Davan, 84, a longtime Ayer resident died Friday evening, May 27, 2022 at Apple Valley Center, Ayer.

Born in Worcester and raised in Worcester, October 5, 1937, Nancy was the daughter of the late Walter and Marjorie (Ward) Phelps.

Nancy was a 1956 graduate of Worcester Trade with a certificate in hairdressing; a talent she continued until 2017. Nancy loved making craft items to sell in holiday fairs every year; a specialty was making fleece blankets of all sports teams.

Nancy enjoyed camping, and belonged to the Nashoba Apple Corp camping group where she was a secretary for over 40 years. She traveled every year all over the state with the group and participated in many state conventions. Nancy loved having family and friends at her & Donald's Onset, MA vacation home for the past 40 years many wonderful memories were made there with their children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

For forty six years, Nancy drove a school bus in the Ayer School District retiring in 2017. In addition, she was a former member of the Pleasant Street Baptist Church in Worcester.

She leaves three sons, Kenneth C. Davan (Marrienne) of Fitchburg, Ronald W. Davan (Sue) of Templeton, Michael R. Davan (Holly) of Shirley; two daughters, Bonnie J. Holleran of Fitchburg, Brenda M. Smith (Gary) of Westminster, 15 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, along with one new great grandchild expected in October.

She was predeceased by her husband Donald K. Davan in 2002, her daughter, Marjorie L. Davan in March of this year and her brother Charles Phelps.

The Family would like to thank the Apple Valley Center and Hospice team and all the aids for the loving and compassionate care they provided for the past two years for Nancy.

Nancy's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours Thursday, June 2, 2022 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd, (Rte. 2A) Ayer. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, June 3, 2022 in the funeral home. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Ayer.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

Harvard Road  
Ayer, MA 01432  
info@andersonfuneral.com

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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25 Fitchburg Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Ron. I'm sorry for your loss . *Tim Welton*

**Tim Welton** - June 05, 2022 at 05:40 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Aunt Nancy is now at peace and with all her loved ones she's been missing. She had a very full life and leaves a wonderful family that can comfort one another. So sorry we hadn't seen more of each other over the years. Love.*  
*Karen*

**Karen Phelps** - June 02, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Nancy B. (Phelps) Davan.*



June 01, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy B. (Phelps) Davan.*



June 01, 2022 at 03:24 PM

JL

“ *To all the family  
Our condolences on your loss we have many good memories of  
your mom aka Ms Nancy and the family  
She can rest now with Margie and your Dad  
We hope you find peace in your time of sorrow*

*John and Ellie Loomer*

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**John Loomer** - June 01, 2022 at 09:27 AM

RA

“ *May your memories be the best source of pleasant times. I have  
known all of you for a good many years. The camping trips when  
you were younger, your Mother doing hair, driving the bus. Those  
times were memorable. May you rest in peace.*

*Rosanne (Tessier) Allen*

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**Rosanne (Tessier) Allen** - June 01, 2022 at 12:22 AM

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“ *I will forever remember her smiling face and field trips driving  
busses with her for 10 years all over the place. She had a great  
sense of humor and a sharp wit. You will never be forgotten.*

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**Laurie Urban (Robicheau)** - May 31, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the  
family of Nancy B. (Phelps) Davan.*



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May 30, 2022 at 08:38 PM

MW

“ No words can express my heart right now!  
Our dearest Aunt Nancy was the most loving and caring women  
around, she and uncle Donald raised not only their 6 kids (my  
wonderful cousins) but they also helped our mother raise us 5 kids  
as well.  
I remember well us 11 kids running through her house and she'd  
yell (you damn kids better stop tracking dirt through my house or I'll  
smack your little ass!) Lol  
Aunt Nancy was the best of the best, there want anything she  
wouldn't do for us or anyone else!

Aunt Nancy we love you so much and thank you for everything you  
did for your nieces and nephews, be free now and rest, give uncle  
Donald and Margie a kiss from me ❤️

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**Mary Stevens Webb** - May 30, 2022 at 04:45 PM

PB

“ My condolences to the Davan Family. Rest in peace. Paula  
Boisseau

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**Paula Boisseau** - May 30, 2022 at 02:28 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers to the family Florence and Connie

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**connie hoot (price)** - May 30, 2022 at 01:51 PM

JG

“ Janice Melanson Graham lit a candle in  
memory of Nancy B. (Phelps) Davan



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**Janice Melanson Graham** - May 30, 2022 at 01:22 PM

KH

“ She was a great lady known her growing up through the years being my bus driver!! My condolences to her family!! She will be missed never forgotten!!! R.I.P

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**Kevin Humphreys** - May 30, 2022 at 12:57 PM

MC

“ I drove bus with Nancy for seven years, a wonderful person, very caring for all. I covered her bus route for a few weeks and convinced the smaller kids that she use to drive a stagecoach in Ayer .....they had many questions for her when she returned 😄😄😄, great sense of humor. Rest in peace with Don Nancy 🙏🙏🙏

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**Mark Coulter** - May 30, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy B. (Phelps) Davan.



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May 30, 2022 at 10:58 AM

KC

“ Nancy was our bus driver of choice for many field trips. She made them all more special! Terrific person.

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**Kathy Casey** - May 30, 2022 at 10:02 AM