



Nathaniel N. Shipton, of Shirley

February 20, 1935 - December 17, 2025

SHIRLEY: Nathaniel N. Shipton, 90, of Shirley died Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at his residence.

Nate was born in Cambridge, February 20, 1935, a son of Dr. Clifford K. and Dorothy G. (Boyd) Shipton and resided most of his life in Shirley.

He was a graduate of Ayer High School and continued his education at Clark University in Worcester.

He served his country in the United States Army

For thirty years Nate worked as the librarian at the New England Genealogy Society on Newbury Street in Boston.

He leaves his daughter and caretaker, Katherine G. Shipton of Shirley; his son, Clifford K. Shipton II of Leominster and his longtime family friend, Richard Testa of Shirley.

In 2019 he was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Sylvia L. (Langlois) Shipton. He was the brother of the late George M. Shipton of Chaplin, CT and Anne B. Davis of North Carolina.

Spring interment in Center Cemetery, Shirley will be held privately.

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

Cemetery Details

Center Cemetery

Brown Rd.
Shirley, MA 01464

Tribute Wall



“ *A long and wonderful life. Nate and Sylvia, back together again. You were blessed with two wonderful parents who are proud of you both.*

Peter Fohlin - December 28, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ *Kate and Cliff - Your parents were wonderful people. Thank you for all you have done for them.*

Meredith Marcinkewicz - December 27, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ *Kate and Cliff. Very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Both your Mom and Dad were fixtures in North Shirley and will be sorely missed.*

Take care. Keith and Cathy Keady

Keith Keady - December 25, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ *Kate and Cliff,
Condolences...my
family and I were sad to hear of your dad's passing. We have warm
memories gifted to us by Dorothy, Nate, and your mom. We're all
blessed to have known such kind and generous people.
Stay well and god bless...*

Patricia MacDonald - December 24, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ *Kate and Cliff I am so sorry to hear this today we are sending our love, dad was such a wonderful man kind and courteous always greeted us with a smile*

Scott Coates - December 24, 2025 at 11:36 AM