



## Patricia S. (Flanders) Shaw

August 21, 1935 - February 10, 2021

Harvard: Patricia S. (Flanders) Shaw, 85 passed away peacefully Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at The Apple Valley Center in Ayer surrounded by the love of her family.

Her husband, the love of her life and dance partner of 50 years, Joseph B. "J.B." Shaw, died in February 2008.

Pat was born in Lowell, August 21, 1935, a daughter of the late Sheldon and Anna (Prowker) Flanders and grew up in Tyngsboro. She was a graduate of Lowell High School and continued her education at a Lowell business college. While J.B. served in the US Air Force, Pat traveled extensively throughout Europe before returning home and settling in a home in Harvard built on family land on Cruft Lane, where she has resided for nearly 60 years.

Pat was bookkeeper for J.B.'s construction company and a dedicated full time mom to their three children. There were many adventures that her kids and grandchildren dreamed up that she participated in wholeheartedly. Pat was an amazing cook and gladly gathered her large and extended family around the table for most major holidays and birthday events.

After her children moved into their own lives and careers, Pat and Joe resumed their shared passion for travel and spending time with many good friends square dancing, ballroom dancing and round dancing throughout the New England region, the rest of the continental United States, Germany, Hawaii and Canada.

Pat traveled with J.B. to tractor and engine shows where he showed off his

collection of antique tractors and "one-lungers" to many admiring fans, thereby adding greatly to their circle of friends.

In later years, Pat was very active in the Harvard Garden Club, participating in many garden tours and the annual plant sale on Harvard Common and earned the lifelong membership award. Pat worked alongside Grace Cummings for many years transplanting seedlings to ready the plants for the sale. She also planted and maintained the flowers at the Harvard fire station and the watering trough. For many years Pat also assisted Dorothy Andrews and Bob Reed in the documenting, measuring and cataloging some of the great giant and ancient living trees of Harvard. Pat enjoyed memberships in the Harvard Historical Society and was a member of Saint Theresa's Church. The Harvard COA offered another challenge for Pat and as a member she helped prepare and serve the weekly meals to participating seniors for many years.

In 2017 Pat moved to the Rivercourt Residences in Groton and enjoyed the company of many old Harvard & Groton friends as well as making many new friends.

She leaves behind her three children, Kathy Shaw and her husband Joe Gray of Auburn Maine, Joseph Anthony "Tony" Shaw and his wife Lisa (Folkins) Shaw of Harvard and Laurel Shaw of Westmoreland, New Hampshire. Pat was also blessed with 5 grandchildren, Mark, Walter and Karen Shaw, Michael and Steven Russo and two great grandchildren Adeline and Jasper Russo.

Funeral services will be held privately. Pat will be interred at Bellevue Cemetery in Harvard.

The Shaw family would like to gratefully thank the staff at River Court and Apple Valley for their thoughtful care and kindness during the past 3 years. They enriched her life and our life in more ways than words can relay. Please consider planting a perennial in a location of your choice in her memory.

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

arrangements. Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information or to leave an online condolence.

A Livestream and Recording of Patricia's Funeral Service will be available to view on Thursday at the link below:

<https://my.gather.app/remember/patricia-shaw>

<http://video.mbdkeepsakes.com/video/513162867>

# Cemetery Details

## **Bellevue Cemetery**

Still River Road  
Harvard, MA 01451

# Tribute Wall

GC

“ Everyone at Rivercourt just loved Pat... We talked endlessly about the fire dept. My husband was on the Fire Dept here in Groton years ago. He came into Rivercourt to join me for lunch on a Sunday before the Covid shutdown. We sat with Pat and they reminisced about the people they new. Rest easy Pat. You were loved by all..

*Gail and Richard Chalmers  
Pepperell Rd  
West Groton*

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**Gail and Richard Chalmers** - February 20, 2021 at 09:15 AM



*Thank you Gail, she enjoyed her time and friends at Rivercourt. Thanks for sharing your story. ❤️*

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**Lisa Shaw** - February 21, 2021 at 06:27 PM

KF

“ Tony, Lisa, Kathy, Joe and Laurel. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother-she was a great lady!. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May happy memories help you through this difficult time.

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**Kathie Carlson Feltus** - February 18, 2021 at 09:44 PM



*Thank you Kathy! 🙏*

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**Lisa Shaw** - February 21, 2021 at 06:44 PM

IS

“ I always loved giving Pat hugs whenever she came for a meal in the Rivercourt dining room, my condolences go out to her family, she will be dearly missed

Isabella - February 18, 2021 at 07:52 PM



Isabella, thank you for your kindness, she always enjoyed your smile ! We included some of the Rivercourt family in her video, you all made a difference in her time there. Thank you

Lisa Shaw - February 18, 2021 at 08:31 PM

AM

“ Dear Tony and Lisa, I'm sad to hear of Pat's passing. I remember her from St. Theresa's church. She was a nice person with a friendly smile. My thoughts are with you and your family as you reflect and honor her memory.  
Sincerely, Angela and Richard Blinn

Angela Mason - February 18, 2021 at 12:05 PM



Angela and Richard, thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers, she touched so many lives ❤️

Lisa Shaw - February 18, 2021 at 08:28 PM

RG

“ I had the pleasure of helping to care for Pat at Rivercourt. She had a great sense of humor and thankfully a tolerance for my goofiness. I had a lot fun with P Shaw and she will definitely be missed. I'm giving one last good night kiss and a big stuck out tongue in memory of Pat. Tony, my condolences to you and the rest of your family. Robyn G.

Robyn Gintner - February 15, 2021 at 08:06 PM

KA

*Thank you Robyn , she enjoyed all of her Rivercourt"family"*

**kath** - February 16, 2021 at 06:06 PM



*Thank you Robyn, you definitely left a lasting impression with Pat and our family. We included you and some of the Rivercourt family in her video! ❤️*

**Lisa Shaw** - February 18, 2021 at 08:23 PM

CG

*“ I took care of pat at Rivercourt and she was my buddy, I went to her with everything and she even taught me to dance! She will be forever missed! I even went to see her in my prom dress before I went to the dance*

**cassandra girard** - February 15, 2021 at 04:01 PM

KA

*Thankyou Cassandra, she enjoyed all of her River Court "family" and so enjoyed as well her chance to see you in your prom dress....*

**kath** - February 16, 2021 at 06:07 PM

PW

*“ It was always nice to see Pat tending to the flowers at the fire station. I always would stop and have a chat with her. Her efforts always made our station a welcoming place to visit. My condolences to her son Lt. Tony Shaw and his family who just completed 40 years of service with the Harvard Fire Department.*

*Retired Chief Peter Warren*

**Peter Warren** - February 15, 2021 at 01:55 PM



*Thank you Peter for your kind thoughts and words. She was a special lady. Tony and Lisa*

**Lisa Shaw** - February 18, 2021 at 08:20 PM



*“Patty” was always a great classmate and especially kind with all of us through Winslow[grade school] and Lowell High. Just a wonderful person who will be missed by everyone.=====Classmate===Nelson Chute*

**Nelson Chute** - February 14, 2021 at 10:52 AM



*“Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Patricia S. (Flanders) Shaw.*



February 13, 2021 at 01:39 PM



*“So sorry to hear about Pats passing. I enjoyed her friendship so much at Rivercourt playing Bingo she was such a lovely lady always smiling! She will be missed by al.*

*Her Bingo friends, especially the Caller! ❤️*

*LeeAnn*

**LeeAnn Heiser** - February 13, 2021 at 07:49 AM



*LeeAnn, thank you for your kindness, she definitely loved bingo, especially when she was a winner! ❤️*

**Lisa Shaw** - February 18, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Patricia S. (Flanders) Shaw.*



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February 12, 2021 at 10:22 PM