



Priscilla J. Peabody

June 16, 1927 - August 6, 2025

Gardner - Priscilla J. Peabody, 98, of Gardner, formally of Fitchburg, passed away on Wednesday, August 6 in Heywood Hospital in Gardner.

Priscilla was born in Fitchburg on June 16, 1927, a daughter of the late Frederick H. and Rachel (Lothrop) Peabody.

She graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1944 and Bradford Jr. College in Haverhill before continuing her education at the Children's Hospital School of Nursing in Boston, where she received her nursing degree, and later her master's degree in education from Fitchburg State College.

She served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps from 1952 to 1957. Following her honorable discharge from the service, she continued nursing at the Boston Floating Hospital, Children's Hospital in Boston, Higgins Hospital in Wolfeboro, NH, Framingham Union Hospital, Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg, and the Highlands in Fitchburg. Priscilla also served as the school nurse at Cushing Academy in Ashburnham.

She was a member of the National League for Nurses, the American Nurses Association, American Medical Records Association, and Literacy Volunteers. She was also a member of the Friends of the Fitchburg Public Library.

She leaves her sister, Faith Bickford of Fitchburg, a niece, Priscilla Glasson of Athol and a nephew, Bruce Bickford of Prescott, Arizona. She is predeceased by two nephews, David Bickford and Richard Bickford.

A memorial service will be held in Christ Church in Fitchburg on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 11AM. Priscilla will be buried with her mother in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Fitchburg.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Christ Church, 569 Main St., Fitchburg, MA or to the Fitchburg Public Library, 166 Boulder Drive, Suite 108, Fitchburg, MA

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“ Thank you, Ma’am, for your service.
Barbara Sawyer Gilbert, COL (Ret.), AN
Director, Region 1, Army Nurse Corps Association

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“ Our Aunt Polly was such a sweet, lovely lady. She was so thoughtful & caring! She really loved all her nieces & nephews and grands too. Many a special outing to a Boston sport event, reading to the kids & she was the best letter writer ever. We will sure miss her dearly!



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