



## Regina Ann Chaple, of Townsend

July 8, 1947 - January 29, 2026

Townsend- Regina Anne (Shepard) Chaple passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Thursday, January 29, 2026.

Regina's story began on July 8, 1947, in Springfield, Massachusetts. She was born to the late George "Bud" Shepard and Mary (Ferrero) Shepard. She grew up in Agawam, Massachusetts, and graduated from Agawam High School in 1965. Regina attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, graduating in 1969 with a degree in English. While at UMass, she was a member of the Precisionettes, a woman's marching unit, serving as their Executive Officer in her senior year. It was also during her senior year that she met the love of her life, Glenn. They married in 1970 and eventually settled in Townsend, Massachusetts where they raised their two sons.

Regina became an English teacher and worked in the Littleton Public School system for over 30 years, first at the middle school and then at the high school. She took great delight in the fact that her husband, two sons, and daughter-in-law were all teachers in surrounding communities. She was thrilled when her two oldest grandchildren decided to pursue paths in education as well. She enjoyed keeping in touch with many former students over Facebook.

Regina enjoyed family get-togethers and milestones such as birthdays,

weddings and graduations. She was especially fond of events involving her grandchildren and was there to cheer them on at gymnastics and track meets, and soccer and softball games. She loved summertime trips to the beach, especially at Cape Cod. Christmas was her favorite holiday and from mid-November to mid-January the house was filled with Christmas decorations and the sound of Christmas music. She never missed a Hallmark Christmas movie.

Regina was a four time cancer survivor. Her bravery and determination through these battles was an inspiration to her family and friends.

Regina is survived by her husband Glenn, sons David (wife Michelle) and Kevin, grandchildren Katherine, Samuel, and Julia Chaple, brothers John Shepard, Michael Shepard (wife Maureen), and Robert Shepard (wife Erin), brother-in-law Robert Chaple, sister-in-law Ann Wysk (husband Mark Wysk), and numerous beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews. A devout Catholic, she was a parishoner at St. John the Evangelist Church in Townsend.

Regina's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours from 4- 7 PM Friday, February 6, 2026 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte. 119) Townsend Center.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Saturday, February 7, 2026 at St. John the Evangelist Church 1 School Street, Townsend. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

31 Highland St  
Townsend, MA 01469

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2692

## Funeral Mass

FEB 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church  
1 School Street  
Townsend, MA 01469

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Regina Ann Chaple, of Townsend.* ”



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February 04 at 10:18 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Regina Ann Chaple, of Townsend.* ”



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February 04 at 12:38 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Regina Ann Chaple, of Townsend.* ”



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February 03 at 11:56 PM



“ *Love Lynn Pike & Mike Sammon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Regina Ann Chaple, of Townsend.* ”

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**Love Lynn Pike & Mike Sammon** - February 03 at 11:56 PM

JL

“ Ms. Chaple was my 7th grade English teacher. She had a wonderful way with her students. Even 40 years later, whenever I hear a reference to George Orwell's "1984" or Homer's "The Odyssey", I still think of sitting in her class discussing these stories. She was a real gift as a teacher and a person. Thank you Ms. Chaple. May you Rest In Peace.

Jay Littlefield - February 03 at 07:36 PM



“ Thank you for seeing me <3

Rachel Rhada - February 03 at 09:51 AM

DK

“ Becoming a new author for the first time in July 2025, I never lost sight of those that I learned from. I had Mrs. Chaple in 10th grade, and I absolutely adored her kind and nurturing manner. May she rest in peace and the light of your love. Former LHS student of graduating class 1980. Deborah Karr Francis

Deb Karr-Francis - February 02 at 10:52 PM

RP

“ So sorry to hear about Regina. Graduated with her in Agawam class of 65. A very sweet person. God bless her.

Raymond Pappaceno - February 02 at 06:17 PM

BP

“ Glenn and family, It is so difficult to lose someone you love. Reggie was your rock. She leaves behind a strong legacy of strength, love, and compassion. She will be missed. Sending you our prayers and support in this difficult time.

*Bill & Jan Pothier*

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**Bill & Jan Pothier** - February 02 at 05:42 PM

SG

“ You were such a great teacher and I am grateful to have learned from you. May your family find peace and healing. Sara Beagen LHS class of '91

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**Sara Guptill** - February 02 at 05:36 PM



*Couldn't agree more! Erik Tratnyek, LHS '91*

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**Erik Tratnyek** - February 02 at 09:15 PM

LH

“ I went to high school with "Reggie" Reme.ber some good times! Prayers to her family and friends!! Lind (Macey) Halbach

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**Linda macey Halbach** - February 02 at 05:27 PM