



## Rita A. Hamel

April 26, 1944 - July 20, 2023

LUNENBURG-Rita A. (Lamb) Hamel, 79, of Leominster, former longtime resident of Lunenburg, passed away on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

Rita was born in Farmington, ME on April 26, 1944 a daughter of the late Orris F. and Arlene N. (Hamm) Lamb.

She was a 1962 graduate of Lunenburg High School and went to work shortly thereafter in the banking industry. She would spend her entire career in banking, working as a branch manager for Safety Fund National Bank and retiring as a vice president at the GFA Federal Credit Union in Gardner.

Rita was a member of the Lunenburg Historical Society, past co-president the Lunenburg Friendly Seniors and former member of the Lunenburg Turkey Hill Family Lions Club. She was a former volunteer at the Health Alliance Hospital and enjoyed wintering in the Villages in Florida.

She leaves her husband of 59 years, Robert F. Hamel of Leominster; three sons, Barry Hamel and his wife Heather of Lunenburg, Marc Hamel and his wife Johanna of Chatham, NJ and Matthew Hamel of Tavares, FL; seven grandchildren, Brett Hamel, Brianna Hamel, Shelby Guinard, Caroline Hamel, Anderson Hamel, Emma Hamel and Mary Hamel, nephews and nieces.

She is predeceased by her brother, Garnold "Jack" Lamb and her sister, Annette Ross.

Her funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 26, at 11AM in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 60 West St., Leominster, MA followed by a burial in the North Cemetery in Lunenburg. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, July 25, from 4 to 7PM in the Anderson Funeral Home, 230 Main St., Townsend. For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com)

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Assistance Fund, 8427 Southpark Circle, Suite 100, Orlando, FL

# Cemetery Details

## North Cemetery

Holman St.  
Lunenburg, MA 01462

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
60 West St.  
Leominster, MA 01543

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ My memories of Rita go back to the early 60s. We worked together at our first bookkeeping jobs at a place called Parts Rebuilders, and became good friends, with many good times. She was a wonderful lady.  
My sincere condolences to Bob, and to her children.

Janet Reed - July 28, 2023 at 11:37 AM

JL

“ Dear Bob, Barry, Mark & Matthew, We are very sad to learn of Rita's passing. Our sincere condolences to you and family. Jim & Sheila Larkin

James Larkin - July 27, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hamel.



July 25, 2023 at 07:48 PM



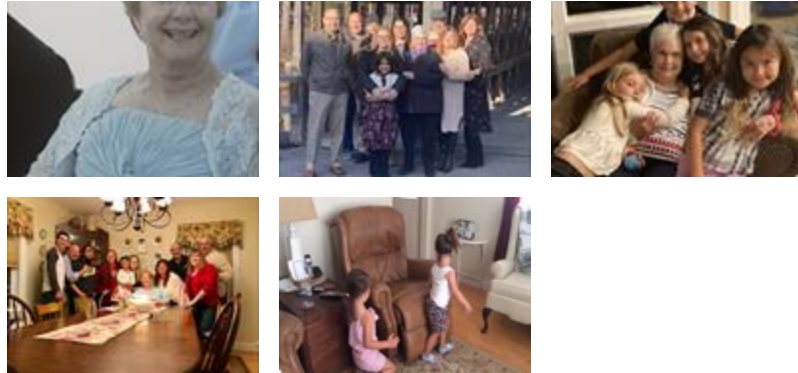
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Johanna Hamel - July 25, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ Nana, you will always be in our hearts. Thank you for the many blessings and wonderful memories you have given us. Everywhere we go, everything we do, we know you will be there cheering us on and sending us love.



Johanna Hamel - July 25, 2023 at 10:08 AM



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Linda (Knight) Gurney - July 25, 2023 at 08:40 AM



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July 24, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hamel.*



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July 24, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rita A. Hamel.*

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July 23, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hamel.*



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“ My first car was a gift from Bobby and Rita. 1954 Ford ran like a top since Bobby took such good care of it.  
My Family Marilyn and Linda were best friends with Bobby and Rita and have shared many Whalom park stories with us.

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**Bob Leger** - July 23, 2023 at 08:48 AM



Sincere condolences

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**Linda Petersen** - July 23, 2023 at 04:43 PM



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July 22, 2023 at 06:16 PM



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**Barry Hamel** - July 22, 2023 at 12:57 PM



*Sorry for your loss.. Beautiful  picture. Lynn Cameron Crawley *

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**Lynn Cameron Crawley** - July 25, 2023 at 08:18 AM