



## Shirley M. Downes

December 8, 1943 - December 3, 2018

Groton: Shirley M. (Lareau) Downes, 74, of Groton, died unexpectedly Monday, December 3, 2018 at Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Ayer.

Mrs. Downes was born in Leominster, December 8, 1943, the daughter of Peter C. and Irene J. (Lareau) Lareau and has resided in Groton for fifty seven years.

She grew up in Ashby and was a graduate of Ashby High School. She enjoyed reading, visiting the ocean and spending time with her granddaughter, Samantha.

Mrs. Downes leaves her husband of fifty seven years, James G. Downes Jr.; two sons, James G. Downes III and his companion, Lucia Ford, Brian Downes all of Groton; her brother, Peter Lareau of Ashby and her granddaughter, Samantha Downes of Groton.

She attended St. Anthony's Church in Shirley.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 Am Friday, December 7, 2018 at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery.

Calling hours are 4-7 Thursday, December 6th at the Anderson Funeral

Home, 250 Main Street (Rte 119) Townsend Center. Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information or to leave an on line condolence.

Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, 275 West Broadway, Boston, MA 02127.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street  
Townsend, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC 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

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mr Downes, Jim and Brian, I am so sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady. I enjoyed all our conversations at the post office. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely Toni

Toni Marhefka - December 10, 2018 at 04:07 AM

JD

“ To James Sr., James G. Dowmes III, and Family, I want to express my heartfelt condolences to you for your loss. I will keep Shirley and your family in my prayers.  
John Dumont & Family



John Dumont - December 07, 2018 at 09:53 AM

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“ Jim and family my sincere condolences to you. May Shirley rest in peace.  
Rosanne (Tessier) Allen

Rosanne Allen - December 06, 2018 at 02:20 AM