



Stephanie Mary Morse, 53, formerly of Ayer.

June 22, 1971 - May 21, 2025

AYER: Stephanie Mary Morse, 53, of Aurora, Colorado, formerly of Ayer, passed away on May 21, 2025. She was born on June 22, 1971 in Ayer, Massachusetts.

Stephanie is survived by her father, Donald A. Morse and his wife, Marcia Walsh, of Wareham, Massachusetts; her sister Jennifer Martinez and her husband Roberto; nieces Brooke Martinez of Fredonia, New York, and Danielle Martinez of Shirley, Massachusetts. Stephanie leaves behind her aunts and uncles; Daniel M. and Patricia Peters (Sullivan), and Thomas and Diane Keenan (Noe), as well as many cousins. She was preceded in death by her beloved mother, Carolyn D. (Noe) Morse, of Waltham, Massachusetts, and grandmother, Marie F. Landry, of Ayer, Massachusetts.

In her youth, Stephanie was a communicant of St. Mary Catholic Church where she was part of the Catholic Youth Organization and St. Mary's Minstrel shows. She loved being a Broncos cheerleader, a mascot for the Ayer High School marching band, and a Girl Scout.

Stephanie graduated from Ayer High School in the Class of 1989 where she played flute in the marching band and was involved in student government, yearbook photographer, and many school activities. She then attended Mount Wachusett Community College and transferred to Central Texas College in

Killeen, Texas, studying Anthropology and English Literature.

Although Ayer, Massachusetts was her childhood hometown, she spent most of her life living in Texas, Oregon, and finally settling in Colorado. Stephanie built her own life and circle of friends with support from her “ride or die” dear friend, Victoria Broussard and Victoria’s son, Greyson, as well as her friend Kevin Cook. Throughout the years she still stayed in touch with, and held many Ayer friends, near to her heart.

Stephanie was a very creative person, especially in photography, writing, cooking, fashion, sewing, and decorating. She researched genealogy and was very proud of her Irish and French-Canadian heritage, as reflected in her cooking, writing, and in the tartans that she wore with beauty and pride. Having traveled throughout the United States, both with her family and in her adult life, Stephanie gained a deep appreciation of nature and captured it in her photography.

As a professional freelance photographer (as Stephanie Colorado, PhotosByStef, Master 22 Photography), Stephanie’s portfolio included photos birds, flora, landscapes, families, events, product marketing, musicians, and album covers.

She was a Getty Images contributor and published a coffee table book, First 100: My Photography Journey, a compilation of Stephanie’s first 100 photographs approved by Getty Images. She was also featured in Defined magazine’s Celebration of Ages, 16th edition.

She authored several books (under pen name Stephanie Colorado): Generations Under One Roof, a story of Irish immigrants and their journey escaping the Irish famine, chasing dreams and the harrowing pursuit of the "American Dream".

In the Kitchen with Steph: My Cooking Journey (Vols. 1 and 2), a two-volume set of cookbooks of her recipes collected and perfected from her travels, her mother, and great grandmother, passed down through the generations.

Daily Journal: A Journey to Mindfulness & Personal Growth, a minimalist journal designed to help you cultivate a daily habit of self-reflection and introspection.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025, at Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Route 2A, Ayer, Massachusetts, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Ayer.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Stephanie's memory to the National Audubon Society (<https://www.audubon.org>) or 100Cameras (<https://www.100cameras.org>).

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemtery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ I am horribly saddened by the passing of my dear friend... After getting back into town (Denver) from an extended work assignment abroad. I wanted to reach out to my friends & family to let them all know that I had returned. When I couldn't get a hold of Steph, I started to dig a bit!! I was/am horrified!! I was able to visit her the week before I left for my assignment (the 3rd week of April), knowing that I would not be reachable for a "long minute". I am now so glad that happend. As usual we had a great visit. Steph and I have been friends for 20+ years. Through the great times here in Colorado, as well as the challenging times. We were always good at talking each other "off the ledge" from time to time-when needed. I was able to get her involved with many private aviation events at Centennial Airport. here in Colorado. Our local private jet plex. She was so talented at these events. She was always great about sending me her pics of birds, jets, club nights, and of course food... She was pretty much my adopted "Sis". I feel horrible that she is gone, and very upset that it happened while I was on flight assignment. We were always great sound boards for each other. Steph was always a great listener, as well as a sharer. Her independence, strong willed, level headed, "stubborn as hell", creativeness, were just a few of her many talents that everybody loved. She was a staunch perfectionist. Quality in everything she did. No exceptions!!

I lost my wife less than a year ago after a long struggle with breast cancer. Steph helped me through the very dark and painful first 6 months. That's just the way she was with people she cared about. "I know those two will find some kind of trouble to get into up there!! lol.

Our blue marble has lost a very special and wonderful young woman.

I will miss you forever my dear. Thank you for being such a wonderful friend!!

XOXO ~ Sean

Sean Wiese - August 23, 2025 at 04:23 PM

JP

“ I went to high school with Stephanie. We also worked at the AAFES video store together on Ft. Devens. Stephanie was such a smart and kind person. I loved seeing the photos she would post and I have one of her cookbooks. We would chat on messenger here and there and I always enjoyed her outlook on life. I will miss her very much. Sending my heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.

Jenn Priddy - June 18, 2025 at 06:06 PM

TJ

“ I'm lost for word's. Truly an amazing woman. So heartbreaking and I'm so proud that you were a part of my life and comforting that you knew how I felt. I will miss you.

Thomas E Burrell Jr - June 14, 2025 at 03:44 PM

CB

“ Missing you my dear friend. My heart has been hurting. I will cherish our friendship forever.

Christina Brendle - June 12, 2025 at 08:15 PM

CB

“ Christina B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephanie Mary Morse, 53, formerly of Ayer..

Christina B. - June 12, 2025 at 07:59 PM

BS

“ Beth S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephanie Mary Morse, 53, formerly of Ayer..

Beth S. - June 12, 2025 at 11:19 AM

VG

“ Victoria and Greyson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Stephanie Mary Morse, 53, formerly of Ayer..



Victoria and Greyson - June 11, 2025 at 08:27 PM

VG

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Victoria and Greyson - June 11, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ How do I condense 22 yrs of famship/friendship? We build our homes together, you were my neighbor when Greyson was born and he had his first photo shoot with you. Over the years we talk regularly and went through the highs and lows of life. I dared not ask anyone else to photograph any big life event for me. Stephanie, I miss our talks, but as my newly appointed Guardian Angel I'm sure you will find a way to communicate, especially if I'm doing to much. Lastly, I'm grateful to have been your friend through this thing called Life.

Victoria Broussard - June 11, 2025 at 08:18 PM

PC

“ *Patricia Casavecchia lit a candle in memory of Stephanie Mary Morse, 53, formerly of Ayer.*



Patricia Casavecchia - June 11, 2025 at 10:40 AM

PC

I remember Steph from when she was in school. I reconnected with her several years ago on Facebook. I purchased both her book about generations and her cookbooks and have thoroughly enjoyed them. All. She was a lovely person very talented and the world is a lesser place without her

Patricia Casavecchia - June 11, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Stephanie Mary Morse, 53, formerly of Ayer..*



June 09, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephanie Mary Morse, 53, formerly of Ayer..*



June 09, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephanie Mary Morse, 53, formerly of Ayer..



June 09, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephanie Mary Morse, 53, formerly of Ayer..

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“ Sandra Martinez, Miguel and Nina. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Stephanie Mary Morse, 53, formerly of Ayer..



Sandra Martinez, Miguel and Nina. - June 08, 2025 at 09:15 PM