



Sylvia E. (Gilmartin) Cournoyer

December 2, 1942 - October 10, 2025

HARVARD: Sylvia E. (Gilmartin) Cournoyer, 82, of Harvard, formerly of Shirley, died Friday, October 10, 2025 at the University of Massachusetts - Memorial Hospital, Worcester with her family by her side.

She is predeceased by her husband, Roger E. Cournoyer, who died in May 2021.

Sylvia was born in Ayer, December 2, 1942, a daughter of Kenneth and Rita (Cournoyer) Gilmartin and was a 1960 graduate of Ayer High School. Sylvia went on to hold various administrative position at Fort Deven's, Nashua River Watershed Association, Aubuchon Equities, and BSCC wire and cable. Sylvia later returned to school and became licensed as a Pharmacy Technician and worked at Walmart in Sarasota FL and the in Leominster.

Sylvia stayed busy as a volunteer at the Harvard Council On Aging. She was a member of the Harvard Women's Club, was active in the Harvard Senior Citizens and was always a helpful neighbor to those in need.

Sylvia world revolved her children and their families. Always beaming with pride when asked about them.

She leaves her daughter and son in law, Debra and Kevin Kelley of Fitchburg;

her son and daughter in law, Michael and Kris Cournoyer of Oxford her sister, Beverly Deleon of San Antonio, TX; four grandchildren, Bryan Kelley and his wife, Rebecca, Matthew Kelley and his wife, Meagan, Michaela Sullivan and her husband, Daniel, Lorissa Scovil and her husband, Greg and three great grandchildren, Avery Kelley, Vivien Kelley and Raelynn Sullivan.

She was also predeceased by her brother, Ronald Gilmartin of San Antonio, Texas.

Funeral services will be held privately.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Sylvia and I have been close friends since second grade at Lura A. White school in Shirley. She was always a wonderful friend 💚 We went to lunch twice in the last few years and it was so wonderful to be with her again. My heart hurts remembering her.*

Dale Allen - November 09, 2025 at 03:22 PM

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“ *Antoinette C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia E. (Gilmartin) Cournoyer.*

Antoinette C. - October 15, 2025 at 08:19 AM

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“ *Carol N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia E. (Gilmartin) Cournoyer.*

Carol N. - October 14, 2025 at 12:53 PM

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“ *To Deb and Michael, I am so saddened by your mom's passing. We have been in each other's life since before grade school. Whenever we spoke with each other on the phone, it was like a breath of spring air. Your father introduced me to Eino; the rest is history. She will always remain in my heart as a gift from the Almighty. I know you will always treasure your memories of her, you will feel her love encompassing you. My deepest sympathies to all your families.*

Clare Lilly Kauppi - October 13, 2025 at 09:18 PM

LM

Deb,

Your Mom was such a gift to me. I am so blessed to have had her in my life. My heart goes out to you and your family. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs, and holding you close in my thoughts.

*With Love,
Lorraine*

Lorraine Nault Malozzi - October 17, 2025 at 07:51 AM