



Mrs. Mary E. Shalley Nicholls

September 30, 1939 - June 8, 2026

Mary E. Shalley Nicholls, 86, of Lee passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 8, 2026.

She was born on September 30, 1939, in Pittsfield, MA., to the late Arthur and Margaret Driscoll Shalley. She attended St. Mary's School and Lee High School, graduating class of 1958. Mary was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Lee and served the oratory weekly.

She enjoyed playing dominos, BINGO, and had an immense love of butterflies. Mary looked forward to and enjoyed her trips to Florida with Buddy, Teresa, and Kathy Corbitt, as well as her trips to Hampton Beach with Billy Sinico, Kathy Corbitt, and Greg, Mary looked forward to the Salvatore and Sinico Families' Thanksgivings, as well as Christmas Eve's at Margaret, Derrick, and their family's home. She was also very thankful for being included in all of the Sinico's families' celebrations.

Mary is survived by her three daughters; Mary Jane "Janey" Longerato (Bob), of Lee, Anne M. VanZandt (John) of Lee, and Carol Nicholls of Gulf Port, FL., grandchildren; John VanZandt (Doreen), and Jimmy VanZandt, great-grandchildren; Cameren and Keagen VanZandt, life partner and together for over 30 years; William "Bill" Sinico, sister; Claire Trager and her husband Thomas, and Nephew; Thomas Trager, Jr. (Mary Jean), and niece, Missy Derby (Kevin).

Besides her parents, Mary is predeceased by her brother; Tom "Pickle" Shalley.

Mary's family would like to thank Stephanie, Lisa, Jodi, Heidi, and the staff at Lee Healthcare for their care, compassion, and dedicated work. They are forever grateful for your support.

A special thank you to Christine Corbitt Walker and Cindy Corbitt for all of the chauffeuring for events and fun day trips, her hairdressers, Sandy, Noreen, and Julie.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, June 29th at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Church in Lee. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. An hour of visitation will be from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at St. Mary's Church. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to either Elder Services or Meals on Wheels, both in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Spring Street
Lee, MA 01238

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
Main Street
LEE, MA 01238

Service

JUN 29. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
Main Street
LEE, MA 01238

Burial

JUN 29. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Cemetery
Spring Street
Lee, MA 01238

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Dear Janey, I am very sorry to read of your mom's passing. I am thinking of you during this hard time in your life. Pam Scarsi

Pamela Jane Scarsi - June 25 at 08:50 AM

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“ Tom & Claire Trager purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Mary E. Shalley Nicholls.



Tom & Claire Trager - June 17 at 11:43 AM

KD

“ Kevin, Missy and Andrew Derby purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Mary E. Shalley Nicholls.



Kevin, Missy and Andrew Derby - June 12 at 02:18 PM

KD

“ Kevin, Missy and Andrew Derby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary E. Shalley Nicholls.

Kevin, Missy and Andrew Derby - June 12 at 02:18 PM

MJ

“*Mary J. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary E. Shalley Nicholls.*

Mary J. - June 09 at 08:29 PM