



Mrs. Monica R. Pattangall

January 28, 1945 - March 11, 2025

Monica Ruth Pattangall of Lenox died 11 Mar 2025 in Troy, NY, after a brief illness. She was born in Fall River on 28 Jan 1945. She was the daughter and only child of Sewall Lincoln Pattangall of Brockton and his wife Ruth Patricia Connors of Fall River. She grew up in Attleboro and was a 1963 graduate of Attleboro High School and a 1967 graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Monica is survived by one daughter, Rebecca Catherine Glass Mitchell (Clark Wilkinson) of Galway, NY, and two grandchildren, Samuel Lincoln Mitchell and Emma Gretchen Mitchell. Monica was predeceased in 2023 by her lifetime companion of over forty years, John J. Vahle of Lenox.

Monica moved to Lenox in 1969, to Lanesboro in 1972, and back to Lenox in 1990. Her first career was Information Technology, working in software development and project management in businesses such as Berkshire Life, Sheaffer Eaton, Fleet Bank, GE Plastics, and KB Toys until her 2007 retirement.

Her second career was as a Genealogist, specializing in colonial New England families. She began her genealogy work in 2008 and was still an active genealogist at the time of her death. Her father had left her a legacy to encourage her pursuit of his ancestry. After receiving her certification in genealogy, Monica documented his descent from eleven Mayflower passengers. She found among her father's ancestors nineteen Patriots of the American Revolution and countless veterans of the colonial wars. She was a

member of both the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Through researching her father's ancestry, she also joined Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, the Baronial Order of the Magna Carta, and fifteen other lineage societies.

Monica developed a love for maritime history, and in pursuit of that she and John traveled for ten years visiting ports and burial grounds along the east coast and cruising the Caribbean, documenting the lives of Monica's maritime ancestors. In 2016 she published 'Fifty-Five Years at Sea', the life story of her grandfather's grandfather, Capt. William Sewall Nickels of Maine, a Searsport Sea Captain. The book is in the public domain because she wanted it to outlive her.

A memorial service will be held in the Spring, a date to be determined. There will be no calling hours. Burial will be held in St. Ann Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Monica's memory may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society, in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann's Cemetery

1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 14. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Mrs. Monica R. Pattangall.*



May 13, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Monica R. Pattangall.

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“ *Monica was an incredibly caring and loving mother and grandmother. That love extended to her feline sweetheart Willa who was a personality unto herself.. Monica touched many people's live's and each person she touched felt blessed by her presence. Heaven gained what us mortal's lost on March 11th. She was a loyal and strong supporter of her high school class of 1963, where my friendship with Monica began...May this beautiful lady RIP,,,,, You will be missed by those os us who are left behind.*

*John (classmate)
Gambrills, MD*

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