



## Mrs. Cora Ellen Cooney

December 31, 1930 - July 1, 2021

Cora Ellen Cooney, age 90, passed away on July 1, 2021.

“I would like to be remembered as a person who cared. It’s the extra things you do in life that count. I like people for who they are and have always tried to be good and helpful to them.” - Cora Ellen Cooney

Cora Ellen Kirchner was born on December 31, 1930 in Pittsfield, MA, daughter to the late James Kirchner and Dorothy Hunt Kirchner.

She was married to John P. Cooney on January 5, 1952 with whom she celebrated 69 years of marriage.

She attended local schools and graduated from Dalton High School in 1948.

She went on to nursing school at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, graduating as a registered nurse in 1951.

Cora leaves behind four children -Daniel, Teresa, Thomas and James, her husband “Jack,” twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Cora worked most of her nursing career at the Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association. She also worked part-time as a school nurse. Upon her retirement from the Berkshire VNA, she initiated a foot care program which she dedicated her time to up to the age of eighty-five. She enjoyed her career as a registered nurse caring for and meeting people. She received numerous nursing awards throughout her career and served as the Board of Health coordinator at the VNA for 10 years.

Cora lived on Kirchner Road her entire life. She was the only child of James and Dot Kirchner and made all her cousins the Hunts and Whery’s her

brothers and sisters. Her childhood of growing up on the farm, riding horses and being part of a dairy farm were cherished memories. She was the official family historian for both the Kirchner and Cooney clans. She dedicated her life to family, faith and friends. Cora attended to many people in her work as a nurse and served as a eucharistic minister at Sacred Heart Church in Pittsfield. She enjoyed trips abroad to Ireland and Germany cultivating family connections. She had a love of people and community and worked selflessly for others throughout her entire life. Her legendary warmth, love and joy touched everyone she met.

Cora died peacefully at home surrounded by her family and loved ones. The family would like to thank the wonderful team at HospiceCare in The Berkshires for their outstanding care.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Cora E. Cooney will be Wednesday, July 7, 2021, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will follow at Ashuelot Street Cemetery. An hour of visitation will be held prior to the service, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires or to Sacred Heart Church in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East Street, Pittsfield, MA, 01201, in her memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Ashuelot Cemetery

Ashuelot St.  
Dalton, MA 01226

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield  
220 East St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 445-4064  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church  
191 Elm St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Cora was a lovely lady and it was always a great pleasure to have her visit us in Ireland. She will be greatly missed by Irish friends. Always remembered by Margaret (Deely), Hugh & Cora Fahy*

**Cora Fahy** - July 14, 2021 at 04:37 PM

DC

“ *Cora was one of the kindest and most amazing people I ever met. Her no longer being on earth is a true loss but heaven surely gained an Irish angel. She was especially wonderful to my mother and aunt. My deepest condolences to everyone in the family.*

**Diane Carey** - July 12, 2021 at 04:15 PM

BK

“ *To Cora's family,  
The world has lost a beautiful person, but God has gained a heavenly angel.  
I met a lovely parishioner named Cora at Sacred Heart Church many years ago, always wearing a smile and speaking a warm greeting whenever ours eyes met. And Jack was right there by her side with a warm smile as well. When my mother came to live with us during a medical crisis, Cora became a cherished caregiver who my mother always looked forward to seeing. They are now reacquainted in our Heavenly Father's House.  
My sincere condolences to all of the family.  
BeckyKnox*



**Becky Knox** - July 11, 2021 at 05:52 PM

HH

“ I am heartbroken to hear of Cora's passing. As a fellow VNA nurse and neighbor I have made numerous memories w/Cora who was a sincere giving caring loving person. She and Jack shared their barn with me so I could enjoy the pleasure of owning horses. The world has suffered a great loss. No one can match what Cora has done and we all pale in her image.

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**HOLLY HUNTER** - July 08, 2021 at 11:59 AM

DC

“ Dear Tom and family, I'm very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I know that you took real good care of her. So sorry. Dave Condron. See you soon.

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**David Condron** - July 08, 2021 at 06:55 AM

TO

“ Our sincere condolences to Jack and the whole Cooney family. We were neighbors to Dan and Marney in Winooski, and we sure enjoyed it when Jack and Cora visited them. I usually baked them something to take home. We would make it a point to go across the street and catch up on family. They always sent us St Patrick cards and Christmas cards. By reading the obit, Cora led a very interesting, and serving life. She is now in heaven. RIP Cora, until we visit again. Our Love, Tim and Sue Ann

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**Timothy and Sue Ann O'Brien** - July 07, 2021 at 07:53 PM

KN

“ My name is Karen Hebert Nelson and I am responding on behalf of the Heberts, the Gormans and the Nolans to the news of Cora's passing. . On behalf of all of my relatives we want to thank Cora for all the kindnesses and lunches she showered on our cousin, Billy Guinan, while he was alive. I am sure they are both in heaven now...kicking up their heels.

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**Karen Hebert Nelson** - July 07, 2021 at 02:36 PM

MG

“ We in the ICU of days past loved a visit from Cora who brought homemade pies and her kindness to a group who welcomed her as a Mom,a friend and a colleague. Michele Franklin Gottung

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**Michele Franklin Gottung** - July 06, 2021 at 08:54 PM

JG

“ I never met a more loving and caring person. Cora made everyone feel very special, she did not have favorites, everyone was her favorite. She was a friend to all. Many people will surely miss her but the memories we all have will be comforting and sweet. God bless you all.

Love,

Larry & Jean Gingras

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**Jean (Brewer) Gingras** - July 06, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cora Ellen Cooney.*



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July 06, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *One of the sweetest person I've ever met. My thoughts, prayers and best wishes go out to the entire Cooney family. With Love,*

*Tom O'Connor  
Middlebury, VT*

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**Tom O'Connor** - July 06, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *Dear Jack and Family,  
Please accept our deepest prayers and sympathy. It was always enjoyable to see and chat with Cora at 8:30 mass at Sacred Heart. Remember,too, when she was Irish Person of the Year. We know you will keep her memories in your hearts. She will always be with you. Rest In Peace,Cora.*

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**Patrick & Marie Gormalley** - July 06, 2021 at 09:34 AM

RH

“ *" Our Hearts And Prayers Go out To The Cooney Family on the passing of Mrs. Cora Cooney, May she rest In Peace"*

*Ronald Holmes  
Business Manager  
Local Union 473*

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**Ronald E. Holmes** - July 06, 2021 at 09:29 AM

JD

“ *Cora was my trainer and mentor when I joined the Berkshire VNA. Her kindness and caring made such a huge impact on me and I'll never forget her. My sincere condolences to Jack and the rest of the family.*

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**Janice Diggins-Clark** - July 06, 2021 at 09:02 AM

RC

“ *My sincere sympathy to Jack and all family on the passing of Cora! I know my mom is going to really miss her!  
Rosemary Crawford-Smith*

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**Rosemary Crawford-Smith** - July 05, 2021 at 06:56 PM

MI

“ *Will always remember her kindness, her smile and her giving to others. So very sorry too her family💕💕  
Millie Callahan*

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**millie** - July 04, 2021 at 06:26 PM