



## Mrs. Eileen M. Murphy

October 21, 1937 - November 30, 2025

Eileen Marie Slattery Murphy, age 88, of Pittsfield, died peacefully at home on 30 November 2025.

She was born in Manhattan on 21 October 1937 and grew up in the Bronx. She was the youngest child of Mary Haven and Maurice Cornelius Slattery and sister to brothers Buddy and Bobby. A true child of the Bronx, Eileen loved playing in St James Park after school and walking with her friends along the Grand Concourse, stopping for a treat at Sutter's Bakery. While attending St Barnabas High School, she excelled at baton twirling and graduated in 1955. Eileen then attended The College of Mount Saint Vincent, graduating in 1959. After graduation, she taught ESL to elementary school students in the Bronx. Never one to sit still, Eileen took classes at Hunter College until she met and married John J. "Jack" Murphy, also of the Bronx. They started their family in Yonkers, New York, (2 girls and 2 boys) and then in 1973 moved to Pittsfield and welcomed 2 more girls.

Eileen worked as a substitute teacher at various schools in Pittsfield and later as a food demonstrator at Big Y supermarket. She loved camping with her family, especially in Savoy State Forest, and hiked often with her kids and the Berkshire Knapsackers. A lifelong lover of music, Eileen had always wanted to play the bagpipes, so after her 40th birthday, she joined the Berkshire Highlanders. This kicked off a long and fun hobby of being a piper. She was

known for popping up with her pipes anywhere—schools, weddings, funerals, and birthdays.

Eileen was exceedingly friendly and outgoing, speaking to anyone and everyone she met, with a happy-go-lucky nature and quick wit. She cherished being a Mother and homemaker and loved cooking and baking, especially her famous Irish soda bread.

Eileen is survived by her children Mary (Brad), Betty Ann, Jimmy (Helen), Tommy (Martha), Peggy, and Nancy (Chirag) and grandchildren Althea, Sinéad, and Caleb Lamel; Amelia and Órla Murphy; Oona and Violet Patel; and great granddaughters Stella and Lenny.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral service for Eileen will be Tuesday, December 9, 2025, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11am at St. Mark's Church, celebrated by the Rev. John Salatino, Pastor. To view this service, please visit the following link: <http://www.dwyerfuneral.com/obituaries/permalink/11976754/LTWebcast>

Burial will be at a later date.

Calling hours will be Monday, December 8, 2025, from 4pm to 6pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to Meals on Wheels or Sisters of Charity in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 442-5094  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Church  
400 West St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Eileen M. Murphy*



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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - December 08, 2025 at 05:40 PM

KS

“ *Deepest condolences from The Springer Family to “Clan” Murphy. Father “Bud” was our Chaplain at the Navy Base in Goose Creek, South Carolina. His sister Eileen was coming to visit (1987) and he requested she bring her Bagpipes with her so he could throw a big Gaelic party at his house for all the Celtic members of his parish. That’s when we met Eileen and our friendship began. (It was a great party). Remember joyfully all your happy memories and let them bring you much comfort at this very sad time.*

*Katy & JD Springer  
Houston, Texas.*

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**Kathleen Springer** - December 18, 2025 at 01:49 PM

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**Kathleen Springer** - December 17, 2025 at 02:43 PM

JH

“ My deepest condolences. When I think of your mom it always brings a smile to my face. She was always so welcoming and full of energy. Among my favorite memories was getting a birthday bagpipe call or hearing all the latest and greatest news from my Dad after he ran into her at the Big Y. My heart goes out to you all.

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**Jean Higgins** - December 10, 2025 at 12:24 PM

KS

“ Nancy & all of your family...

*I am so sorry for your loss. My first introduction to your Mom was when she'd come play the bagpipes while we were having lunch at Sacred Heart. To this day when I hear them, I think of her. As we got older, it was always a joy to run into her and find out what was going on in her life.*

*Sending you all love.  
Kelly Southard*

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**Kelly Southard** - December 10, 2025 at 07:38 AM

MA

“ Heartfelt condolences on the death of your mother, Eileen. She was such a vibrant and great woman. May she rest in peace.  
Martina Campbell & Mike Carpanzano.

Martina - December 09, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - December 08, 2025 at 01:52 PM

HC

May your happy memories be a source of comfort and strength at this sad time. Thinking of all of you at this time. Hugh, Brandy, Niall, and Cody Campbell - Monaghan, Ireland.

Hugh and Brandy Campbell - December 08, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - December 08, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - December 08, 2025 at 08:14 AM

BC

“ *Heartfelt condolences to Jim and all of Eileen’s family on the death of your very special Mum.*

*We had the pleasure of meeting her on a number of occasions both on her visits to Monaghan and on a visit to her home in Pittsfield with her son Jim back in 1996.*

*We have very treasured memories of those occasions.*

*Thinking of you all at this sad time.*

*May her gentle soul rest in peace.*

*Ronnie & Brian Clerkin*

*Monaghan Ireland.*

**Brian Clerkin** - December 07, 2025 at 01:06 PM

TG

“ *The Fort Tryon Park Gardeners purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mrs. Eileen M. Murphy.*



**The Fort Tryon Park Gardeners** - December 07, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ *My thoughts go to her family and friends, I was also in the Berkshire Highlanders with my sister Joan. She was quite a lady. She will be missed. God Bless*

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**Annie Bennett** - December 06, 2025 at 09:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eileen M. Murphy.*



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December 06, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ *Eileen: It was a pleasure to march alongside you with the Berkshire Highlanders. My 89th birthday is only a month away, so I anticipate meeting again with you soon. John O'Connor*

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**John O'Connor** - December 06, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eileen M. Murphy.*



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December 05, 2025 at 09:32 PM

GL

“ Sincere Sympathy to all of our Murphy Cousins on the passing of your Dear Mom Eileen after a long life well lived. I'm sure she will be so missed by all of You who cared for as well as you possibly could. We will include Eileen in the prayers at our local church this weekend. May she now rest in Peace.

*Ger & Teresa Lane Rathcormac, Co Cork Ireland*

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**Ger Lane** - December 05, 2025 at 04:23 PM