



Mrs. Marguerite "Marge" Nixon

March 2, 1942 - February 22, 2025

Marguerite Mary Flaro Nixon passed away Saturday, February 22, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born on March 2, 1942, to Gordon Flaro and Frances Kelley Flaro, Marge was the youngest of four daughters. Marge was born and raised in Pittsfield until she moved to Dalton in 1976. She was predeceased by her sisters, Marilyn Harris, Lenoir Conrow, and Barbara Hould, all of whom she adored.

In 1979, on Thanksgiving day, Marge married her longtime friend, James Joseph Nixon, recently celebrating their 45th anniversary in 2024. Together they raised two daughters: Laura Nixon Belair (Matthew) of South Portland, ME and Colleen Nixon of Pittsfield, MA. Marge is also survived by her three grandsons who meant the world to her, James and Lucas Halvorson, and Carson Belair. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends that she made over the years.

A graduate of St. Joseph's High School class of 1959, Marge stayed active in her faith as a communicant of St. Agnes in Dalton until she moved into Mt. Carmel Nursing Home. After high school Marge started at the telephone company working her way up to engineering clerk, where she was also twice president of the Telephone Pioneers. She retired in 1991 after 32 years of service giving her the ability to be always accessible to her daughters as they were growing up. In her twenties, Marge learned to ski, eventually joining the

Mogul Masters and travelling to the Swiss Alps to ski. She would pass this passion on to her daughters, working on Saturdays at Bousquet for 25 years, mostly in the rental shop, to ensure their access to the sport she loved.

Marge always had a voracious love for life that she shared with everyone that came across her path. She travelled. She took in experiences. She loved live music, especially going to see some her favorite artists in and around the Berkshires. Marge had an impeccable memory for names and faces, remembering details of people she hadn't seen in decades. Being with her when she would run into people she hadn't seen, sometimes even for decades, and watching their eyes light up as she reminded them of the fun they had together will be always be one the most special parts of Marge. She always made everyone feel welcome whether you were an old classmate, a friend of a family member, a coworker, leaving a lasting impression on everyone she met.

Marge taught us how to speak up, but to know when to keep your mouth shut; to work hard and to live life to its fullest in every moment. She taught us to see the beautiful things around us, to hold onto and love your family, and to take care of each other. Not a moment was wasted in Marge's life.

The family wants to give a special thank you to Mt. Carmel Nursing Home and the Carmelite nuns; especially Daisy, Pam, and Jammie.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Marguerite will be Saturday, March 8, 2025, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 12noon at St. Agnes Church, celebrated by the Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Pastor. Burial will be at a later date.

There will be a time of visitation prior to the service from 10am to 11:30am at

the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home in Dalton, 525 Main Street, Dalton MA 01226.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Marge's memory can be made to the Special Olympics of Massachusetts in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Dalton
525 Main Street
Dalton, MA 01226
(413) 684-0215
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

MAR 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Agnes Church
489 Main St.
Dalton, MA 01226

Tribute Wall



“ *Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Marguerite "Marge" Nixon*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 24, 2025 at 10:41 AM

SF

“ *It was my pleasure and privilege to meet Marge and Jim (Colleen as well) at Mount Carmel Care Center. I appreciated hearing about their life together and seeing the love and devotion they shared. Jim, you were an inspiration in your daily attentiveness. My deepest sympathies to you Jim and to your family. I hope that you can find some comfort in your memories and the support of others. You and your family will be in my prayers and the prayers of all of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged & Infirm, who sponsor Mount Carmel.*
Sr. Sean
Sponsor Representative

Sister Sean D Flynn - March 13, 2025 at 11:34 AM

LG

“ *Marge was always a breath of sunshine. We'll miss her kind and generous heart. She was a unique and joyful friend who always had the courage to speak her mind in any situation. She always tried to make things better and had a tremendous spirit. . She made me feel like I was home the moment I met her. We can't ever forget her.*

linda gromadzki - March 07, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 07, 2025 at 04:48 PM

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“ *From spring to fall whenever I worked outside, which was often, Marge would come over and "shoot the breeze" with me. We talked about many things from the weather, our aches and pains, and what camp our grandsons were going to. I will feel alone while working from this time forward without the visits from my friend. Our neighborhood has Marge to thank for not having the 33 units where the old school was as the local infrastructure could not support it and we would have been in serious trouble without her initiative. I will miss you! Rest in Peace.*

Sharon LaVerda - March 06, 2025 at 10:06 AM

GC

“ Aunt Marge was never afraid to speak her mind. That is what I enjoyed about her as a young guy back in Dalton. Uncle Jim, Laura, and Collen, the years go by fast and the distances and journeys we all travel may not be on the same roads - but the prayer is the same for all I know - and it is that the wind can be at your back more often than your front to make most travel much easier. I pray for the peace and love that God and Jesus promise us in your time of grief - for the loss of a parent and a spouse are very difficult. As the good book said, My good and faithful servant, you have run the race - you have completed your mission - you may now rest knowing that you have won your victory through Jesus Christ. She can now rest with her sisters and parents and await your arrival whenever that journey is completed for you. Peace and Love From Gordie Conrow - The Carson Ave gang.

GORDON R CONROW - March 05, 2025 at 06:49 PM

EM

“ Margie was a dear friend to my sister, Ann, who was a classmate at St Joe.
Eileen Martin

Eileen Martin - March 03, 2025 at 08:00 AM

LR

“ Lots of Love, Claudia, Gavin & Ava Rose purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Marguerite "Marge" Nixon.



Lots of Love, Claudia, Gavin & Ava Rose - March 02, 2025 at 11:05 AM

MM

“ *Marcie M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marguerite "Marge" Nixon.*

Marcie M. - February 28, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Marge*



Laura NB - February 27, 2025 at 09:58 AM

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“ *To Marge's Family,
We were saddened to read of Marge's passing. Our deepest prayers and sympathy are sent your way. We always looked forward to seeing and chatting with both Marge and Jim at various events in the City. We will miss this with her. We know you have many wonderful and memorable memories that you will keep close in your hearts. We do, too. Rest in Peace dear friend. You will be missed.*

Pat and Marie Gormalley - February 27, 2025 at 06:08 AM