



## Mrs. Marie E. Shelsy

April 15, 1940 - May 17, 2026

Mrs. Marie E. Hurley Shelsy, of Pittsfield, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 17, 2026, just a month after celebrating her 86th birthday. Born in Pittsfield, MA on April 15, 1940, daughter of the late William and Alice Feeney Hurley, she graduated from Lenox High School with the class of 1957.

After graduating from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in 1960, Marie worked as a registered nurse. She was most recently employed by Family Practice, from where she retired at age 75.

Marie was a self-taught artist who took watercolor lessons well into her 80s. Her artistic style transformed her home for the holidays, and every card and gift she gave was wrapped like a piece of art, featuring her own playful doodles. She loved to go tag sale hopping with her late friend Micky Malatesta and was always on the hunt for a bargain. She was a lucky lady who loved the thrill of the casino and scratch-off tickets, even winning big a few times! Marie knew how to tell a good story in vivid detail and prided herself on making connections with strangers and friends alike. She was known to be impeccably dressed in bright colors with matching jewelry and perfectly done makeup. In honor of her love of bright colors, her family welcomes you to refrain from dark colors and wear your favorite colorful clothes to her services.

Marie was predeceased by her beloved husband of 58 years, William P.

Shelsy, whom she married on August 12, 1961. Bill passed away on August 20, 2019.

Marie is survived by her longtime companion, Earl Albert, who held a special place in her heart. She also leaves behind her brothers Gerard (Christine) and William Hurley (Shannon), children Christine Pratte (Ric), Terri Clark, Tracie Shelsy and Eric Shelsy (Jennifer), her nine grandchildren Carly Jones (Matt), Courtney Hayes (John), McKensie Carlson (Joshua), Laine Chiaretta (Katie Tierney), Catherine Petraccione (Vincent), Paige Bliss (Tom), Jackson, Katherine and Jacob Shelsy, and five great grandchildren, with two more on the way – all of whom she adored.

Marie's children wish to extend their deepest gratitude to their sister, Tracie, whose devoted care for Mom meant the world and is immensely appreciated. Additionally, the family would like to thank her partner, Earl, whose loving companionship and heartfelt care brought Marie so much joy. We're so blessed to have you as a part of our family.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Marie will be Wednesday, May 27, 2026, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10am at St. Agnes Church, celebrated by the Very Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Calling hours will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026, from 4pm to 6pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Marie's memory directly to the Michael J. Fox Foundation in support of Parkinson's research.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 26.** 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

**MAY 27.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Grateful for you. The Crown of Heaven is yours, rest easy💛

Francie - May 28 at 09:53 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie E. Shelsy.



May 26 at 08:28 AM

TL

“ The Preyer-Blakneys & Lamanskys purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Marie E. Shelsy.



The Preyer-Blakneys & Lamanskys - May 25 at 09:02 PM

LL

“ My deepest sympathy to the Shelsy family on your mother's passing she was a beautiful lady. I enjoyed working with her

Linda Litano - May 25 at 05:33 PM

TF

“ *The Buckley/Gibeault Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Marie E. Shelsy.*



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**The Buckley/Gibeault Family** - May 25 at 01:10 PM

KD

“ *Our condolences to Gerry and Chris and the entire family for your loss.*  
*Keith and Delores Dapper*

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**Keith Dapper** - May 24 at 01:08 AM

CH

“ *Thanks for your friendship and being a shining example for everyone you met. <3<3*

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**Chris** - May 23 at 09:12 PM

CH

“ *1 file added to the album Chris C*



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**Chris** - May 23 at 09:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie E. Shelsy.*



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May 23 at 07:21 PM



“ *The essence of kindness. She brought to the world a model for genuine goodness. I have never known a better person. Robert Taylor*

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**robert taylor** - May 23 at 01:50 PM



“ *Marie and Paul O'Connor purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Marie E. Shelsy.*



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**Marie and Paul O'Connor** - May 22 at 01:39 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest condolence. Marie was a very special person with a warm heart and beautiful soul. She will be missed. Brianne Toole*

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**Brianne Toole** - May 22 at 09:41 AM

KI

“ Marie was a very talented artist that I was fortunate enough to meet through a painting group. I looked forward to sitting next to her and chatting as we worked. I appreciated viewing her talent. She was so kind and encouraging. I am thankful for having known her for a short time.

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**Kim** - May 21 at 09:48 PM

CP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Christine Shelsy Pratte** - May 21 at 05:47 PM

AM

“ To the children of Marie, Vic and I are very sorry for your loss of a great mother and a great friend. Marie always had friendly smile and a great person to sit and talk to, she will be missed by all.

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**Alfred Moulen** - May 21 at 05:01 PM

CP

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



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**Christine Shelsy Pratte** - May 21 at 03:35 PM

MB

“ *To all the Shelsy kids, our deepest condolences to the loss of your dear Mother. She was the brightest light always with a smile and a kind word. She was wonderful when our Mom passed a few year ago and we all have many fond memories growing up on Stratford Avenue. May your wonderful memories keep you at peace in the days ahead. Much love, Bill Sr., Mary Teresa, Bill Jr., Chris and Joe Stevens*

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**Mary Teresa F Barnhart** - May 21 at 03:10 PM

JO

“ *Sorry for your loss Marie was a beautiful woman in many ways. Our prayers are with you.*

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**joe** - May 21 at 02:55 PM