



Lorraine M. Greaney

September 4, 1928 - July 17, 2025

Lorraine M. (Boudreau) Greaney, 96, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, July 17, 2025, with loving family at her side. Born in Holyoke on September 4, 1928, daughter of the late Arthur and Lillian (Talbot) Boudreau. Lorraine was devoted to her family throughout her life. She greatly enjoyed knitting, ceramics, crossword puzzles and word searches. Lorraine was predeceased in 2016 by her beloved husband, John F. Greaney, and is survived by her loving children, Francis and wife Dianne, Karen Martino and husband John, Daniel and partner Elizabeth Sharon, Lynn Rurak and husband Ronald, Brian and wife Karen, Kathy Paquette and husband Robert, Shawn and wife Diane, Keith, Kevin and wife Althea, and Laurie Greaney and husband Lars Brown; numerous cherished grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased in 2013 by her son, Thomas and by three grandsons, Shawn, Brian, and Anthony, great-granddaughter Brittany, sister Louise, and brother Arthur. Funeral services for Lorraine will be held Saturday, August 16, 2025 from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica, 566 Front St. Chicopee. Committal service and burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Saturday morning from 9:30-10:45AM. Memorial contributions in Lorraine's name may be made to the Curt and Shonda Schilling ALS Clinic at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, 41 Mall Rd., Burlington, MA 01805.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hour

AUG 16. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
565 Front Street
Chicopee, MA 01013
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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

BG

“ I would like to thank the entire family for all their support over the past few months especially the last week of our mother’s life. That last week was very traumatic to all of us but the strength of this family allowed our mother to spend her last days at home surrounded by those she loved. I deeply thank you and I know she truly appreciated all your love and support.

All the love and support she received is just a reflection of how devoted she was to her family. Everything she did in life was always for someone else. Family was first. Family was everything. She told me numerous times that her goal in life was to raise children. Her uncle even offered to pay for college but all she wanted was to be a loving wife and mother. As we all know, she reached her goal and then some. At a young age I remember asking her where babies came from. She told me that she prayed to God for children and he blessed her with children. 11 to be exact.

Mom was the strongest person I have ever known and also the last of a great generation aunts and uncles whose parents (my grandparents) migrated to the U.S. A generation of hardworking people that made our life’s what it is today. Thank you for being a great role model to all of us. Mom is now with them all.

Mom was both strong physically and mentally. She had to be given she had to deliver and then raise 11 children. You don’t go camping with that many kids and also bring all the pets along and make corned beef and cabbage at the campsite without being a very strong person. Washing clothes, drying them on the clothesline, ironing them in the morning before school, and the endless number of diapers and again with no dryer. As Dr Po said just a few months ago “she was super woman”.

She was also the best teacher I ever had and the stories she told about her younger years were amazing. She truly was a fantastic storyteller whose memory of the details was second to none.

She led by example and the perfect role model for being;

Fair- we were all treated equally but still felt special in her eyes.

Kind - always welcoming. You always came first. Even when she could barely walk she would be offering to run downstairs to get you a soda or offering up her chair so that you didn't have to stand.

Loving - she loved everyone and always found the good side in everybody.

Forgiving - there were a number of challenges when raising that many kids and she never ever held it against you.

Thoughtful - one memory on this that stands out the most is when she bought me a shirt for washing the dishes frequently when I was around 12-13. At that age I got into reading the Bible and it became more apparent how special mom and dad were and wanted to help them out more. Mom showed me her thoughtfulness in return by giving the shirt in a private moment between just her and I.

Unselfish- she always found time for you regardless of her own limited time and health struggles. Teaching me how to drive a car in the middle of raising both teenagers and infants. Being there for our brother Tom daily as he struggled with ALS, and making each Christmas so special year after year.

Grateful - Mom had more than her share of medical issues but never complained and felt blessed with what she had. I still laugh about the story she told about how her foot fell off in a car accident but don't worry... it wasn't that bad.

There are many many more things she taught me but probably the best was "it's not how often you go to church or pray... it's who you truly are and your actions that will get you into heaven". And right now, she is in heaven with her husband and our dad.

Thank you, mom, for being the best. We love you. Until we meet again.

Brian Greaney - August 16, 2025 at 05:18 PM

KG

“ *She was not just my mom; she was my guiding light and my greatest supporter. Her love was a constant source of strength, and her laughter filled our home with warmth and joy.*

As I reflect on the beautiful memories we all shared together, I am reminded of her kindness, her unwavering spirit, and the countless lessons she taught me about love, resilience, and compassion. She had a unique way of making everyone feel special, and her legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Though the pain of her absence is profound, I find solace in knowing that she is now at peace. I will carry her love with me always, and I hope to honor her memory by living a life that reflects the values she instilled in me.

Kevin Greaney - August 07, 2025 at 09:05 AM

RR

“ Ron Rurak
Son in-law

When Lynn brought me to meet her parents for the first time she told me she had 10 brothers and sisters which I was reluctant to believe until I turned into the driveway.

Chaos is an understatement.

During our courtship I was witness to a woman that peeled more potatoes than the U.S. Army and Sunday dinner was open house 10 or 30 people all were fed.

Mrs. Greaney was the information hub and the family glue.

Mr. & Mrs. Greaney was a love story that lasted more than 65 years and created a family with unbreakable bonds.

For me I was a Son In-Law who felt I was a son.

She will be missed

Ron Rurak - July 28, 2025 at 11:37 AM

LC

“ *The World has lost a warm Loving soul. Always very generous and kind .I always enjoyed our deep conversations when we would go out. It was very meaningful to talk about what is important in life. We will meet again.*

Lori A call - July 26, 2025 at 06:43 AM

GP

“ *Aunt Lorraine I will always remember the party's at your home. I remember going to your house and Gary and I would practice on the way all our cousins names. Christmas at your house was the best. I always loved talking with you on the phone, we would reminiscence about my Dad and Aunt Louise. Aunt Lorraine always could put a smile on my face. The comfort that I have is that your family was there to greet you. Love you always*

Gail Pontbriant - July 25, 2025 at 12:27 PM

AG

“ Mom welcomed me into her home and family from the very moment I walked into the chaos of Christmas in 1989. She blessed each of us with her love and acceptance and shared her talents and gifts happily. There are sweaters, blankets, bookends, and table lamps that are treasured because she made them for the people she loves. May we all continue her legacy of giving and sharing love and talents as a tribute to her beautiful life.

Althea Greaney - July 19, 2025 at 02:06 PM