



## MaryLouise Boddy

May 28, 1926 - August 23, 2018

MaryLouise (Coulombe) Boddy died peacefully August 23, 2018. She was born May 28, 1926 in Boston, MA to Catherine A. (Ryan) Coulombe and Joseph Coulombe. Her parents met while working at the Poland Springs House in Poland Springs, Maine. Her father died when she was aged 2, and her family returned to Methuen, where she was raised. She spent many childhood summers with her Aunt Margaret and Uncle Ed Jackson in Maine. She was proud to have graduated from the Edward F. Searles High School in 1944 where she served as a class officer and played on the basketball team. She graduated from Colby College in Waterville, ME, with a degree in English. After graduation, she worked at Curran and Joyce Tonic, where she met her husband.

She valued education highly, ensuring that her children not only had college degrees but graduate degrees. Her own graduation from Colby College established a life-long family connection with the College, with her son graduating with the Class of 1984 and her grandson as a member of the Class of 2020. She looked forward to attending his graduation.

She enjoyed volunteerism and community service; serving as a Girl Scout Leader at Christ Presbyterian Church, Lawrence; as a member of the Lawrence High School Band Parents Association in the 1960s; as a class officer and reunion organizer for the Methuen High School Class of 1944, as an activist in the Prospect Hill/ Back Bay Neighborhood Association, and, in the 1990s, as the Treasurer for the Rollins School Clock Tower Restoration Committee.

She was appointed by Mayor Dowling, and reappointed by Mayors Sullivan and Lantigua, to Lawrence's Bellevue Cemetery Board of Directors, serving for more than 16 years with many years as Chairman. It became her passion later in life. During her tenure she was responsible for the Cemetery's placement on the National Register of Historic Places, for grants to restore the historic Hearse House, for Re-Leaf Grants for trees, and for many capital improvements, including repaving roads in the historic Old Yard.

In the early 1970s, recognizing the influx of Spanish-speakers to her hometown, she took Spanish classes, encouraged bilingualism, and committed family members to becoming fluent in the language.

She was a communicant of St. Laurence O'Toole Church and later St. Mary's Church,

Lawrence. Over the years, she enjoyed many summers with her family at Little Island Pond, Pelham, NH.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles D. Boddy, Sr. in 2014. She is survived by her daughters and sons- in-law, Jane and P.T. Hart of Bridgewater, NH, Marjorie and Charles Haggerty of Andover; her son and daughter- in- law, Anne (Donahue) and Attorney Charles D. Boddy, Jr. of Bellingham, MA; granddaughters Kathryn (Hart) Steele and Linda (Hart) Greenwood, grandsons, Sean and Michael Boddy of Bellingham, four great grandchildren, Emma and Sloane Steele, and Nicholas and Matthew Greenwood, a niece, several nephews, and their families.

Calling hours will be Friday, August 31 from 4pm to 8 pm at Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 122 Amesbury St. Lawrence, MA.

A Rite of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 am Saturday, September 1 at St. Monica's Church, Methuen, MA. Burial will be at the Bellevue Cemetery, Lawrence. Memorial contributions can be made to the Christian Fellowship Church of the Merrimack Valley, PO Box 2181, Methuen, MA 01844.

# Events

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**AUG 31**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 08:00PM

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John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. - Lawrence  
122 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA, US, 01841

**SEP 1**   **Funeral Mass**   10:30AM

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St. Monica Church  
212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA, US

# Comments

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“ Condolences to Charles and family. I will be keeping your family in my prayers. From what I just read, MaryLouise lived a wonderfully full life.

**Jeff Prescott** - August 31, 2018 at 09:31 PM

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“ Charles I have been thinking a lot about you and your family and the passing of your Mom. We have discussed our aging parents so much through the years and even though they are no longer physically still with us and no matter how much they and we age we all wish we were younger. I firmly believe that even when our loved ones are gone their spirits stay with us as we relive those many happy, special and emotional times we had with them in our hearts and souls. We see them in the beauty that still surrounds us, we hear it in the sounds of the wild life, we feel it in the cold chill in the air and we feel their touch when rain drops fall and snow blankets the trees, we feel them in our hearts when we hear a child laugh and when a school bell rings and as the seasons come and the days go by every now and then you will shed a tear and begin to cry you will ask yourself why they had to die and you will think of them and this is the moment they will give you those memories that you have cherished and shared with them to help you through this difficult time to help you continue to live each day in the most fulfilling way.

**David and Marsha Burns** - August 30, 2018 at 08:45 PM

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“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of MaryLouise Boddy.



August 30, 2018 at 10:01 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing Marjy, my heartfelt condolences :(

**Gloria Jacobucci** - August 28, 2018 at 12:06 PM