



## Mrs. Sylvia M. Briggs

July 20, 1941 - June 21, 2021

Sylvia M. (Swift) Briggs, 79, long time resident of Savoy, passed away on Monday, June 21, 2021, at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, due to complications following emergency surgery.

She was born in Florida, MA on July 20, 1941, a daughter of the late Wilfred and Nellie (Brown) Swift. Upon graduation from Drury High School in 1959, she completed radiology studies in Boston.

Sylvia served as Postmaster in Drury, MA for more than a decade, until its closing in 1989. Soon after, she operated the Bear Swamp Visitor Center at the former New England Power Company and prior to retirement was employed in the Imaging and Medical Records departments at the former North Adams Regional Hospital.

She was a member of the Florida Baptist Church and the Savoy Senior Citizens. Sylvia was a lifelong Red Sox fan, enjoyed her daily crossword puzzles, vacationing in Maine and traveling to spend time with family. She appreciated life in country and living in Savoy, where she and her husband established their home in 1964.

Sylvia leaves behind her husband of nearly 60 years, Wesley H. Briggs, Jr., whom she married on October 1, 1961; her daughter, Karyn Stavaski and her husband Paul of Cheshire; a sister Cynthia Ryan of Florida; a brother Dean Swift and his wife Frances of Arizona and many nieces and nephews.

Sylvia was the gentle strength and driving force of her family. Though her most successful accomplishment was being an exceptional Mom. She will be

greatly missed by family and friends.

The family extends our deepest gratitude to Dr James Feeney and the CCU nurses at Berkshire Medical Center for providing extraordinary comfort and care during this difficult time.

A memorial service for Sylvia Briggs will be held on Monday, June 28th at 12:00 Noon in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams.

Burial will follow in the Florida Church Cemetery, Florida, MA.

Memorial donations may be made to the Derek Clark Educational Fund through the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Florida Church Cemetery

Mohawk Trail  
Florida, MA 01247

# Previous Events

## Service

**JUN 28.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Paciorek Funeral Home  
13 Hoosac Street  
Adams, MA 01220  
(413) 743-0815  
jspaciorek@gmail.com  
<https://www.paciorekfuneral.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Karyn, my heart breaks for you!! I feel like I knew a little of your mom just in the short stories you told me in the last few weeks. I'll tell you this...she raised an incredible daughter! You are a servant, a tremendous friend, an encourager, a peaceful presence, and an absolute blessing. I pray that God grants you peace as you navigate this new way of life. Please know I'm only a phone call, text, or email away...always! I love you, my friend, and so thankful God crossed our paths so many years ago and saw fit for us to walk this journey together...even if I'm just a few miles away lol! You are a pillar of strength...but as you mourn, rest. Take time for you.

Allison Bowers

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**Allison Bowers** - June 25, 2021 at 10:53 AM

LC

“ Karen & Paul, so very sorry to hear about your Mom. I have such great memories of her and spending time with you and your family during our younger years. She was a great lady and will surely be missed. My condolences to you and your Dad . You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Laurie Carpenter

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**Laurie Carpenter** - June 25, 2021 at 10:18 AM

RJ

“ My condolences, prayers, and thoughts go out to the Briggs family as you go through this difficult time. May Sylvia rest in peace...

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**Ron Lenois, Jr** - June 25, 2021 at 09:24 AM