



Janet C. (Powers) Douyard

October 13, 1937 - February 9, 2026

Janet C. (Powers) Douyard, 88, of Holyoke, Massachusetts passed away peacefully on Monday, February 9, 2026, at home surrounded by her loving family. Janet was born on October 13, 1937, in Northampton to the late Robert and Alma (Poudrier) Powers. Janet attended Northampton schools and went to Saint Michael's High School. She was a communicant of the former Sacred Heart Church.

On July 23rd, 1956, Janet married William "Bill" Douyard. Janet and Bill had six children together. Janet worked for the VA in Leeds as a Food Service Supervisor until she retired in 1997. She was passionate about quilting and was a skilled seamstress, she made many quilts for family and loved ones. Janet and Bill loved to travel and often took their children and grandchildren with them. Whether as a day trip to Howe Caverns or a cross-country trip to Arizona, they racked up the miles by the thousands visiting family, amusement parks and national parks all over the country.

Janet and Bill launched a project called "Operation Gulf Bags" for troops deployed in the Gulf War. They handcrafted cribbage boards, buttons and included candy and toiletries. They packed and sent thousands of bags before passing the project to the VA.

She is survived by her children, Deborah Thornton of Amherst, Teri Martinbeault of Loveland, Colorado, William and his wife Chrissy of Shutesbury, Mark of Goshen, Robert of Cummington, James and his wife Roberta of Whatley, and her sister Ann Ouimette of Connecticut. Janet is

survived by 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Janet is predeceased by her parents, husband William Douyard, son-in-law Alan Martinbeault and brother Gary Powers.

There will be a Calling Hour on Saturday March 7, 2026, from 10AM-11AM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 DAMON RD., NORTHAMPTON, MA. A Prayer Service will begin at 11AM at the Funeral Home. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to: <https://compassuslivingfoundation.org/give-now/>

For additional details or to extend your condolences to the family, please visit: drozdalfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hour

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd.
Northampton, MA 01060
drozdalfh@aol.com
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

Prayer Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-5306
<https://drozdalfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Janet C. (Powers) Douyard.*

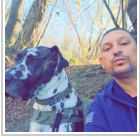


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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janet C. (Powers) Douyard.

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I will always love and miss you, Grammy. Please save a seat for me at the table with God and the rest of our family in heaven. May you rejoice in life everlasting with the Lord, resting in His perfect peace and the renewed body He has given you. As it is written in Psalm 103:5, “who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s,” may you once again soar, continuing to be a blessing there as you will forever be a blessing in my life here.

~Craig Martinbeault

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Grammy Douyard was a doer and did things with us grandkids "in motion". We traveled with her and my grandfather Pepa Douyard who passed before her. She always wanted us grandkids to have fun when we were around her. She had a personality that you could never forget as it stuck with you for life. A lifetime indeed, as I can remember her jumping rope with my own children, her great grandkids. A memory that my own children carried into their now adult lives with children of their own.

Life gets ahold of us sometimes and before we know it we are grand parents too. This is something I can personally testify too. One thing I will say is that Grammy Douyard surely set the bar and a great example of what an amazing grandparent should be, and I hope that my grandchildren and great grandchildren will always love and remember me the way I love and remember Grammy Douyard.

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