



## Sheila Elizabeth Pittman

March 18, 1951 - May 26, 2025

Sheila E. Pittman, age 74, of Naples, FL, passed away peacefully at her residence on May 26, 2025.

Born on March 18, 1951, in Fall River, Massachusetts, Sheila was the beloved daughter of the late William and Frances (née O'Leary) Kennedy. She grew up in Acushnet, MA, and was a proud graduate of Holy Family High School. She later pursued studies at Bristol Community College in Fall River.

Sheila dedicated 20 years of her professional life to Essex Investment Management Company in Boston, where she served as office manager with diligence and grace. She retired on January 23, 2003, looking forward to embracing her next chapter in sunny Florida, a state she had cherished since first becoming a winter resident in 1987, before settling permanently in Naples in 2003.

A woman of deep faith and generous spirit, Sheila volunteered her time at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, and St. William Catholic Church. She was also an active member of several local knitting groups, sharing her love of the craft with friends and community members. In addition to knitting, she found joy in swimming and playing the piano.

Sheila is survived by her devoted husband of 37 years, Robert M. Pittman, of

Naples, whom she married on October 30, 1987. She also leaves behind her brother, Dennis Kennedy (Mary Kate) of Turners Falls, MA, and her four sisters: Kathleen Hohl (Thomas) of Easton, MA; Jane Small (Daniel) of Columbia, MD; Mary Treen (David) of Leominster, MA; and Patricia McKnight (Joseph) of Acushnet, MA. Her presence will be missed deeply by her family and all who knew her.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate Sheila's life will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, June 2, 2025, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples, FL 34108. For those unable to attend in person the Mass will be livestreamed at <https://sjecc.org/mass-livestream/>

Burial will follow in St. John's Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105, or online at [avowcares.org](http://avowcares.org).

To sign the guest register or leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home – Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.  
Naples, FL 34108

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
625 111th Ave N  
Naples, FL 34108-1825  
(239) 566-8740

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ Dear Bob, Sincerest Sympathy at the death of Sheila. She certainly was one beautiful person. I used to look forward to your summer return to West Island and Sheila’s daily morning walks. I don’t know if I ever told you but I had a special connection with Sheila , her Aunt Pearl O’Leary, then Sister Mary Adelaide, was my first grade teacher at St. Mary’s School, down the South end. May Sheila know the fulfillment of her Faith, joy in God`presence forever. Prayers for you Bob , asking The Lord to comfort and strengthen you as you experience her loss. Love and Prayers, (Fr.) Brian Harrington

Brian Harrington - June 04, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ Condolences to Sheila’s family and friends  
We have many happy memories of her  
We will remember her fondly  
Georgette and Darryl

Georgette Murphy - June 02, 2025 at 08:58 PM

JF

“ Shelia’s dad was my mother’s (Ethel Mary Kennedy Padden) younger brother. Our family (also with 6 kids) started in Fall River and then from NC we dove up to Ma. every summer for vacation. I have so many wonderful memories of all the 9 cousins playing in Uncle Bill and Auntie Fran’s house and spacious backyard! We all got along so well. I missed those trips when we moved to Tx. So fortunate to have memories of my cousins!

Judi Padden Flaherty - June 02, 2025 at 05:29 PM

GM

“ Our condolences to Sheila’s family.  
We have so many wonderful memories of time spent with her.  
We will remember her fondly  
Darryl and Georgette

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**Georgette Murphy** - June 02, 2025 at 11:00 AM

LH

“ Our family is thinking of all of you at this difficult time. With sincere condolences, the Huerta’s ( sister of Elli Small married to Tim Small.)

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**liz Huerta** - June 01, 2025 at 08:15 PM

SC

“ It is with great sympathy that we send our sincerest condolences to Sheila's whole family. I have known Sheila for about 45 years and have always admired her as being one great lady. I worked with Sheila at Essex for many of those years and can attest to her work ethic and integrity. She always held all of her family in the highest esteem, and I am sure will be sorely missed. Although it was a long bus ride into Boston every day regardless of the weather, fish and chips at Kate Cory's was especially welcome on Friday night. Although she was confronted with various issues in recent years, she consistently faced all of them head on and always with a smile and great attitude setting a good example for all of us. She is in our thoughts and prayers. Steve and Joan Clark

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**Steve & Joan Clark** - June 01, 2025 at 03:59 PM

LR

“ Bob and family, Mary and I send our condolences on Sheila's passing. Len Roche

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**leonard roche** - June 01, 2025 at 08:33 AM

DP

“ Always found Sheila to be a shining light! Her kindness was always appreciated, and she will be deeply missed. Loved getting together at her house for dinners or holidays. She always made me feel welcomed! I know she hated using a wheelchair and I am sure she is in heaven laughing with all who left us before her. Until we are together again, I will hold the memories in my heart! Deb

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**Deb Pittman** - May 31, 2025 at 02:21 PM

GK

“ Our thoughts are with Bob and all my cousins. Sheila will always be with us.

*Gil Kennedy and Jane Hewitt*

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**Gil Kennedy** - May 31, 2025 at 01:42 PM

CP

“ We wish you peace Uncle Bob at this most difficult time. Sheila will be deeply missed.  
*Steve & Caryn Pittman*

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**Caryn Pittman** - May 30, 2025 at 05:03 PM

TF

“ The Hohl family - Tom, Kathy & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sheila Elizabeth Pittman.



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**The Hohl family - Tom, Kathy & family** - May 30, 2025 at 03:52 PM

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“ *The Hohl family - Tom, Kathy & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sheila Elizabeth Pittman.*

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**The Hohl family - Tom, Kathy & family** - May 30, 2025 at 03:52 PM