



## Barbara C. (Cash) Lorge

September 3, 1941 - January 27, 2018

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Scholarship, West Boylston High School, 125 Crescent Street, West Boylston, MA, 01583. Arrangements are under the Care of Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main Street in Holden. To share a memory or offer an online condolence visit our "Guest Book" here on this page.

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