



E. Thelma Hutton

October 8, 1925 - July 26, 2021

Durham - Ethel "Thelma" Hutton, born on October 8, 1925, passed away Monday, July 26, 2021 at Harmony Homes by the Bay in Durham, NH at the age of 95 with her loving and devoted daughter Patrice at her side.

Thelma was born in Lowell MA, to Ethel (Trickett) Mitchell and Willis Mitchell, who had emigrated to the US from Newfoundland, living most of her youth in Everett, MA.

Married to Charles F. "Hut" Hutton in 1946, they moved to Derry where they raised their family and became involved in the community. Having graduated for Everett High School in the mid 40's, Thelma later went on to earn an associate degree from White Pines College and then a BA in social work from UNH. Thelma worked as a social worker for Rockingham County until her retirement in 1992.

Thelma was actively-involved with Eastern Star in Derry. Additionally, she served as Mother Advisor for Rainbow Girls and supported Hut's Masonic and Shriner endeavors.

Faith and family were two foundations of her life. A lifetime member of the Episcopal Church, she served in many capacities at both The Church of the Transfiguration in Derry and later at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hampton. Traveling both nationally and internationally as Representative to Province 1 of the Episcopal Church, she worked tirelessly to support the projects of the United Thank Offering. In more recent years, she loved to share her wealth of knowledge with those who visited the Food Pantry at Hobbs House/Trinity Episcopal Church.

Thelma frequently talked about how proud she was of her children, grandchildren and her extended family by choice and love. The deep connection, love, and support of the extended family for each other brought her great comfort and joy.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, parents and four brothers, Bill, Jim, Charlie and Ted. She is survived by her children Barbara Mitchell Hutton, (Pam McKinnie),

Patrice Hutton Wood, Janice Hutton Malek (John Malek) William E. Hutton (Nadine Carson Hutton), grandchildren Christine, Kelly, Rebecca, Matthew, Julia, Anna, Kathryn, and Chelsea plus eleven great grandchildren. Numerous nieces, nephews and extended family mourn her loss.

Her unconditional love, sense of humor, compassion, quest for adventure, passion for travel and a questioning mind that embraced all life has to offer, marked hers a life well lived and loved.

God speed, good and faithful servant.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. Please check back for date and time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 200 High St., Hampton, NH 03842

Cemetery

Forest Hill Cemetery

East Derry Road

Derry, NH, 03038

Comments



“ Oh my lord!

I just saw this on the internet!
I loved Thelma, I met her at the "food pantry" that she worked at!
Also, knew her from church, she was a compassionate n caring woman.
I admired her so much and I just shed tears , before I write this post.
I have fond memories and fond conversations with Thelma.
I held her in prayer and I pray, the lord "repose"her beautiful soul.
In Jesus name-amen .

I miss you Thelma, love Jason maneiro

Jason maneiro - August 21 at 07:58 AM



“ Thelma served for many years as the intake person at Trinity Church Food Pantry. When I picked her up on Saturday mornings she was always cheerful and eager to go.
If the sky was clearing up, she would sing “Blue Skies.” At the pantry, we had many entertaining conversations. Clients looked forward to sharing their stories with Thelma, who laughed and cried with them, and gave them practical advice. She encouraged them to join us for church on Sundays, and she made a difference in their lives.
Hope Murray

Hope Murray - August 07 at 08:37 AM



“ Hey hope, it's Jason from church.
I miss Thelma, I am in disbelief

Jason maneiro - August 31 at 11:19 AM



“ Hey Jason,
I was looking for the date of the memorial service, and just happened to read your beautiful words about Thelma.
I hope all is well with you.
Hope

Hope - September 12 at 08:19 PM



“ I met Thelma Hutton when I was hired as the Office Administrator for the Church of Transfiguration in Derry, NH. Thelma and I had many conversations over the next 10 years where she freely shared her wisdom and had a very positive influence on the many difficult decisions I had to make in my life. I was truly blessed to have known her and am forever thankful for having her as a friend. You were a bright light in many others lives. RIP

Rae - August 04 at 12:29 PM



“ I enjoyed quite a few happy times with Thelma over the past twenty years, especially a trip to Ireland that she needed a roommate for. Always happy (most of the time) and a pleasure to be with at UTO meetings, Triennial Conventions, apartment visits in Hampton & Durham. Amazing and loving woman----and often a good time. Love to Patrice and family. Susan Long

Susan Long - July 31 at 02:33 PM



“ Trudy Ann Marshall is following this tribute.

Trudy Marshall - July 29 at 09:58 PM



“ My tribute isn't shown. I remember Thelma with fondness for her dedication to the Rainbow girls. Always pleasant and smiling showing the beautiful person she was.

Trudy - July 31 at 06:20 PM



“ Thelma was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever met. Her passing will leave a hole in the lives of everyone who knew her.
Deborah Golondzowski

Deborah Golondzowski - July 29 at 05:48 PM



“ A very lovely lady who will be missed right late She took me under her wing win and Help me figure out where I was going and how I was getting there when Harry got sick after I 1st moved up there



Donna Moore - July 29 at 03:31 PM



“ If it weren't for Thelma I never would have been introduced to Rainbow. It was such a large part of my youth - and I have her to thank for that! She also started my love of peanut butter fudge. Thelma also made Halloween memorable (albeit scary) for anyone trick or treating at her house. Who would have though the sweet lady next door was also the scariest witch I'd ever encountered. Thank you for the memories. Thank you for providing a safe place to hide from my parents and siblings. Thank you for housing the spare key for when said evil siblings locked the doors. Thank you for being the amazing neighbor I still talk about. Thank you for the love!

Jill (Cunningham) Edelmann - July 29 at 02:53 PM



“ In the past decade or so when I have had the privilege to converse with Thelma, there was always an ambiance, an aura that surrounded her. She was witty, upbeat, at times a bit puzzling, but always charming and deeply reflective of her life and faith journey. Thanks, Thelma, for allowing me the joy of connecting with you. Now the Heavens will be filled with that same joy!

Gary Dozier - July 28 at 09:15 PM



“ How we loved this charming, funny lady! Will never forget her singing "Fever" at Hebert's restaurant Karaoke during my retirement party as Organist at Trinity Church. God must have greeted you with "Finally! We've been waiting for you Thelma!" Let your light so shine !
Wes and Anne Rowe

Anne & Wes Rowe - July 28 at 06:53 PM



“ I'm going to miss the old gal. She was a force of nature and she filled a room with her personality. Be at peace, Thelma.
Lynda Swartz

lynda swartz - July 28 at 03:36 PM



“ Such a sweet lady she loved all and was loved by many, Till we meet again
Rusty & Louise

Rusty Bridle - July 28 at 03:05 PM



“ Thelma was a neighbor of mine for a long time. You couldn't of asked for a sweeter person to greet you especially when you were having a bad day. Her smile was infectious.
My condolences to her whole family.
RIP pretty lady.

Deb Kiernan - July 28 at 12:52 PM