



Hazel F. Hughes

February 1, 1932 - November 19, 2019

Rye - Hazel F. (Ham) Hughes, 87, longtime resident of Rye, passed away Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at Webster At Rye where she made her home in assisted living for the past year. She was born in Portsmouth on February 1, 1932, a daughter of the late Charles E. Ham and Evelyn (Farrell) Coker.

A loving wife, mother and homemaker, she enjoyed raising her family in Rye. She was a wonderful cook and baker and was well known for the chocolate Kahlua and carrot cakes that she baked for the Old Salt Restaurant. In her earlier years she was an avid runner, also an artist and an enthusiastic gardener. Hazel was a powerful model for her grateful daughters as she faced all of the obstacles in her life with strength, humor and grace.

Hazel was predeceased by her husband, Lloyd Hughes, brother James Ham, and sister Marian (Ham) Bateman.

She leaves four daughters, Sandra Finn and husband John of Effingham, Cynthia Salem and husband Anthony of Stuart, FL, Debra Hughes of Maui, HI, and Lisa Edmiston and husband John of Auburn, ME, and grandchildren (to whom she was "Abby" as well as "Grammy") Michael, Jared, Danielle, Amanda, Anthony, Chelsea, John-Corey, Jonathan, Cassandra, Alex, Dakota, Christian, and Keoghan, brother Ronald Coker, brother-in-law Robin Hughes, sister-in-law Carolyn (Hughes) Marshall, 17 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

When the ocean is calm and the sky is clear, we'll take our Mom to the sea to be with Dad.

The family suggests donations to NH SPCA(<https://nhspca.org/donate-today/>) 104 Portsmouth Avenue, Stratham, NH 03885.

Comments



“ Hazel was a very sweet and interesting lady. I had met her when her daughter and family were neighbors of ours on Pine St. We would bump into each other here and there. Post Office, Rye General Store or Rye Harbor checking out waves after a storm. She was a pleasure to know.

Condolences to family

Sandra Piekarski

Sandra Piekarski - December 02, 2019 at 09:08 PM



“ We will miss our neighbor and friend Hazel...we always always enjoyed visiting her and her beloved Benny. We have wonderful memories of years of special treats she gave our daughter at Halloween, and her Kahlua cakes she made for us for the holidays. She always spoke so lovingly of her family...thinking of you all with sympathy, Gwen and Jim Bailey

Gwen Putnam-Bailey - November 25, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ I have the pleasure and the honor of being one of Hazel & Lloyd's daughters. My mom was the most amazing woman. She loved her family more than anything and adored each and every one of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Nothing will ever fill the hole that her loss leaves. I find solace in knowing that she is once again with my Dad and all of the relatives that have gone before her. I would like to thank everyone who has shared wonderful memories of time spent with Mom. She will be so deeply missed!

Lisa Edmiston - November 25, 2019 at 06:47 PM



“ Absolutely the finest person I have had the pleasure of knowing, always a smile a positive outlook and a wonderful nature about her. God Bless her and her family, God has a good one

George Bryant - November 24, 2019 at 06:59 PM



“ We all have a special place in our hearts for Hazel. Many great memories. Debbie I'd love to here from you when you get a chance. I have no numbers for you all God bless all of you.

Alice Bryant - November 25, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ Hazel had such an amazingly positive outlook on life. I always enjoyed time spent with her and her buddy Bennie! The neighborhood hasn't been the same without her. Hazel will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her daughters and their families!!

R.J., Britt, Alex & Adi Lincoln - November 24, 2019 at 12:24 PM