



## Joyce Shirley Syphers

December 29, 1933 - November 11, 2020

Brentwood - Joyce Shirley (Caswell) Syphers, 86, of Brentwood, died on November 11, 2020 at the Rockingham County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. A resident of Rockingham County most of her life, she grew up in Rye and later spent many years living in Kingston.

She was born Dec. 29, 1933 in Portsmouth to the late Gay E. and Gladys S. (Joy) Caswell of Rye. She graduated from Portsmouth High School, and then from the University of New Hampshire, being elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

She taught 2nd and 3rd grade in the Pittsburgh PA and Newton MA school systems, and for many years was an antique dealer with her business, Country Joy Antiques.

Joyce married her high school sweetheart Jim Syphers soon after high school, and had four children after college, before they split in 1968. She raised her four children while teaching in Newton MA, and worked in the afternoon and evening as a waitress to help make ends meet, and ushered shows at the Wang Center. She had a passion for living life fully and loved to immerse herself fully in nature, and hosted memorable parties in Newton MA. She went scuba diving, sky diving, loved camping and canoeing, and spent time selling her finds at antique shows from New Hampshire to Florida with her later life partner Len Ostrow. When she lived alone in Kingston, she always had a faithful dog by her side, and enjoyed each one immensely.

She is survived by her children, Gail of Hopwood PA, Dale of Brunswick ME, Paul of Gloucester MA, and Neal of Milton MA. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Barbara Caswell of Rye and Mary "Pinky" MacDonald of Greenland, as well as a number of nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was pre-deceased by her brother, Paul Caswell; sister, Jean Caswell; half-sisters, Jackie Lipka and Norma Immoor; partner, Len Ostrow; brother-in-law, Ray MacDonald and sister-in-law Bertha Barrier.

Given the current covid-19 situation a graveside service at the family plot in Rye Central Cemetery will be delayed until the spring.

# Comments

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“ We will miss you, our dear Joyce! We met 27 years ago on the “yard sale circuit” out hunting for treasure and we now know she has found the ultimate and true treasure in Heaven. She used to make home made suet for our backyard birds and we would reciprocate with chocolate chip cookies. Jon would always joke with her about how delicious her “fudge “ was, and she’d laugh at the thought of him eating her suet, thinking it was fudge!

Joyce was a kind and lovely woman who dearly loved her Red Sox and Patriots. She had a keen, dry sense of humor and a profound love of animals. Paramount to all, she deeply loved her family. We were saddened to learn of her passing but are happy for her in that she has left her earthly vessel, frail and pained for an eternity of blissful, tearless living in Heaven. God bless you dear friend. XO, Jon & Martha

**Jon and Martha Madden** - March 07 at 08:17 PM

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“ Joyce lived three houses away from m e, classmates Rye and Portsmouth schools, always a cheerful greeting . george w. moynahan

**george w. moynahan** - November 22, 2020 at 07:57 AM