



## Peggy Ann Roper

August 6, 1936 - September 15, 2017

Rye - Mrs. Peggy Ann Roper, 81 of Rye, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 15, 2017 at her home, with her sons by her side. Peggy was born August 6, 1936, in Martinsburg, W.Va. to Martin Luther Romesberg, and Irene Elizabeth M. Romesberg. Mrs. Roper was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Lee Howard Roper, on October 16, 2008. Family members include three sons and their wives, Brian Roper and wife Wendy of Gilford, Martin Roper and wife Michele of Arlington, OH and Mark Roper and wife Rachel of Cornish; five grandsons, Justin, Aaron, Noah and wife Vanessa, Lucas and Marcus; and her sister, Donna Lee Furry of Hagerstown, MD.

Growing up, Peggy spent much of her childhood on her Grandmother and Grandfather Swope's farm in Hagerstown, Maryland. Following high school in Martinsburg she earned her B.A. from the University of Maryland where she met her husband Lee, of Rye. In 1958 she graduated from Maryland and was married the next day. Following her graduation, she stayed with Lee while he attended dental school in Maryland, and while he served in the military at Loring Airforce Base in Maine. They returned to Rye permanently in 1962 so Lee could establish his dental practice and Peggy could raise her growing family.

Peggy loved dogs and the SPCA in Stratham would call her when one needed a home. On several occasions Lee would come home from work and without his knowledge there would be a new dog that she adopted greeting him at the door. Many of the dogs she adopted were abused, or abandoned by the previous owners but with her love and care they all became wonderful pets. Peggy's death was preceded by her beloved dogs Lucky, Noir, Mocha, Caper, Chauncey, and Pierre.

Peggy cherished family gatherings and would begin planning a menu months in advance. Often, she would have a party theme like Bermudan, or a Hawaiian. Regardless of the theme the amount of food involved was usually substantial and enough to feed an army with the more leftovers the better.

She cared deeply for her friends and her family. Peggy was thoughtful and caring, and had a huge heart helping people out whenever she could. She always put everyone else's problems ahead of her own. Even very recently when she was diagnosed with cancer her concern was that everyone else was going to be ok.

There will be no visiting hours or public memorial service per Peggy's request. In lieu of

flowers, the family requests instead that donations be made to the SPCA, 104 Portsmouth Avenue, Stratham, NH, 03885 or to a cause you are passionate about.

# Comments

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“ I am sorry to hear about the loss. Mrs. Roper was always very warm and welcoming when I used to drop by and visit with Brian.  
Rich Saklad

Richard Saklad - October 08, 2017 at 11:30 AM

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“ Terry Fittante Mitch Crosbie lit a candle in memory of Peggy Ann Roper



Terry Fittante Mitch Crosbie - September 24, 2017 at 07:57 PM

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“ To the Roper family, so sorry to hear of your mothers passing,it was an honor to work for your father (Dr. Roper) Your mother was a true lady. She is now with Dr. Roper watching all the wildlife pass through their backyard. Terry Fittante

Terry Fittante Mitch Crosbie - September 24, 2017 at 07:56 PM

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“ Sue Plummer lit a candle in memory of Peggy Ann Roper



Sue Plummer - September 23, 2017 at 06:59 AM

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“ Peggy, you will be missed by all of us who knew and loved you. You were a good friend to both two footed and four footed alike.

I take comfort in knowing that now you are in heaven reunited with Lee and all the

dogs that you rescued.

Ilana

Ilana Loewenthal - September 21, 2017 at 09:30 AM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the Roper family.

Peggy's love of animals was very strong and she obviously had a huge heart for them; I always asked Lee how the dogs were and I also know he enjoyed outings with them.

Peggy will now be with her beloved Lee for eternity. God bless.

Janice (Jan) Gray

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Janice Gray - September 20, 2017 at 09:15 AM