



Virginia C. Partridge

May 30, 1924 - June 28, 2015

Rye Beach - Virginia C. Partridge, 91, of Rye Beach, died Sunday, June 28, 2015 at her home with dear friends at her bedside.

She was born in Lawrence, MA on May 30, 1924, the daughter of the late Benjamin F. and Ann J. (Seddon) Conway. She had resided in Lawrence until moving to Hampton in 1984 and then to Rye Beach in 1998.

A veteran of WW II, Mrs. Partridge served as a clerk in the US Navy. She was an elementary school teacher for many years in the Wakefield, MA Public Schools.

She was a 1942 graduate of Lawrence High School and a 1948 graduate of Lowell State College. She received her Masters in Education in 1956 from Boston University, where she was a member of Phi Lambda Theta, an educational honor society. She was a member of the Rye Congregational Church and a former member of the First Calvary Baptist Church of Lawrence and past president of the Women's Federation of the Church; a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association and past director of the Essex County; a member of the Rye Over 55 Club and the Rye Garden Club.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Benjamin Conway and Walter Conway.

Family members include her cousin Joseph Cockroft and his wife Jeanette and their children, David, Mark and Donna; a nephew and two nieces. She also leaves her dear friend and companion, Belle and her husband Dick Gohlke.

A graveside service will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, July 11, 2015 in the Elmwood Cemetery, Methuen, MA. A memorial service will follow at the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye at 1 PM. In accordance with Mrs. Partridge's wishes, flowers should be omitted. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Cornerstone VNA, 178 Farmington Road, Rochester, NH 03867 or to a charity of one's choice.

Events

JUL **Graveside Service** 10:00AM
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Elmwood Cemetery
130 N Lowell Street, Methuen, MA, US, 01844

JUL **Memorial Service** 01:00PM
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Rye Congregational Church
580 Washington Road, Rye, NH, US

Comments



“ Mrs. Partridge was my teacher in 3rd and 4th grade at Doyle School in Wakefield. She was always kind, devoted, caring and impeccably dressed. I remember to this day many things she said to me.

I am forever grateful for your example, grace and love.

Mark



Mark Churchill - December 12, 2017 at 08:18 PM



“ I knew Virginia and her mother, Mrs. Conway, from The First-Calvary Baptist Church in Lawrence, Mass. This church was destroyed by fire in January, 1988. Virginia salvaged a lot of the roof slates, cleaned them, painted scenes on them, offered them for sale and then donated the proceeds to the building fund for the new church which was built in North Andover and dedicated in 1992. I still have my slate hanging in my kitchen. The scene on my slate is that of a church. I just love it and think of her when I look at it. She was very artistic. I visited Virginia and her mother when they lived in Hampton, NH. Mrs. Conway regaled us with humorous stories and would then giggle, which delighted both me and Virginia. They were warm and gracious hosts and well respected members of our church. Virginia and I exchanged Christmas cards every year and she always invited me to visit her at Rye Beach, but alas, that was not to be. She was a dear friend, May she rest in peace with her Mom and Dad and her brothers.

My name is Anne Higgins and I am 87 years old.

Anne Higgins - July 07, 2015 at 06:46 PM