



Ada M. Merrill

May 7, 1930 - May 2, 2014

Hampton – Ada May Merrill, 83, of Hampton, died Friday, May 2, 2014 at Webster at Rye surrounded by her loving family.

She was born May 7, 1930, the daughter of the late Eugene A. and E. Lillian (George) Heal.

Ada was raised in Hampton Falls, attended Lincoln Akerman Elementary School, and graduated from Hampton Academy with the Class of 1948. She later graduated from New England Baptist School of Nursing in Boston as a registered nurse.

Mrs. Merrill worked for a short time at Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport, Mass. She then became the nurse at the practice of the late Dr. Wayne P. Bryer in Hampton for nearly 15 years. She spent the next 30 years as the school nurse at both the Lincoln Akerman School in Hampton Falls and the Barnard School in South Hampton until her retirement.

She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church as well as St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Church in Rye Beach. She also attended the First Congregational Church of Hampton with her husband and was a member of the Ladies Guild of the Congregational Church. She was also a member of the Portsmouth Country Club, Hampton Historical Society, was a 50 year member of the

Profile Automobile League and enjoyed playing cards especially Bridge. Ada also volunteered at Exeter Hospital for many years.

She will lovingly be remembered for her quick wit, sense of humor and sending of cards for any occasion. Ada's friends and family always enjoyed her fabulous cooking and baking. Attending one of her dinner parties was always a treat. Everyone looked forward to going to the parties to see what unique hat Ada would wear for the occasion.

She shared 61 years of marriage with her husband, Russell A. Merrill.

In addition to her husband, family members include two sons, Dean Merrill and his wife Deborah of Exeter, Geoffrey Merrill and his wife Marjorie of East Kingston, her daughter, Lisa Spring and her husband John of Pembroke, six grandchildren, Patricia Balsone, Kimberly Merrill, Jillian and Emily Spring, Christina and Jennifer Merrill, two nieces and two nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, Eugene A. Heal, Jr.

Visiting hours were held on her birthday, May 7, 2014 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 A.M. Saturday, June 7, 2014 at St. Andrews by-the-Sea, 30 Church Road, Rye Beach. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Private interment was in the High Street Cemetery Hampton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Andrew's by-the-Sea, P.O. Box 555, Rye Beach, NH 03871-0555 or to the First Congregational Church Baby Closet, 127 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, NH 03842.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Andrew's by the Sea
30 Church Road
Rye Beach, NH 03871

Tribute Wall



“ *Ada M. Merrill*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *You all have been such great family friends all of these years--Mom misses Ada terribly
Peter Brewitt- for the Brewitt Family*

Peter Brewitt - June 07, 2014 at 05:50 AM



“ *My deepest condolences on your loss. My mother, Kay Brennan, and Ada were School Nurses together. Mom died 3 years ago and now she has her friend Ada to talk to in Heaven.*

Lizbeth Cummings - June 02, 2014 at 02:35 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Seppo & Linda Kulju - May 07, 2014 at 05:14 PM

PW

“ Lisa and family, so sorry to of your mom's passing. She sounds like a person I would have liked to have know. Thinking about you at this difficult time.

Pauline Whalen

Pauline Whalen - May 07, 2014 at 01:08 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ada M. Merrill.



May 06, 2014 at 11:40 AM

LS

“ Cousin Russ so sorry to hear of your Ada's passing . One yr ago close to date we were at Hampton and we loved how Ada was giving it her all to keep moving. And a few years before she opened up her home for all the cousins to come. Such a giving family .

*Our Love and sadness Cousin Steve Sylvester Louise Sylvester.
(son of your Cousin Marjorie Noyes.)*

Louise Sylvester - May 05, 2014 at 06:46 PM

DH

“ Dean and Geoff and your families,
We are both very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Reading the warm tributes to your mom, we can only imagine what a wonderful and well loved person she was and still is in your hearts. Our condolences.

Sincerely,

Debora Hillier
& Craig Sargent

Debora Hillier - May 05, 2014 at 02:56 PM

CO

“ Ada, there will be an empty spot in "our" pew at St. Andrew's and I will miss you. Rest in peace pretty lady.

Carol O'Leary - May 05, 2014 at 05:04 AM

CS

“ Uncle Russ, Dean, Jeff, and Lisa

My heart is so sad of the passing of Aunt Ada. She was such a wonderful person, so full of love, happiness and such a passion for family and friends. I will never forget all the times our families would get together - such great memories. She is in my heart and prayers - and I know she, Uncle Gene, Aunt Barbara, dad and mom are in heaven partying together.

Love to you all
Cindy (Smith) Scott
and family

cindy Scott - May 04, 2014 at 09:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ada M. Merrill.*



May 04, 2014 at 06:39 PM



“ *Bill and I were so sorry to hear of Ada's passing. I will always remember her quick wit and her willingness to offer a helping hand. We hope it brings you comfort to know that she will be missed by all those who knew her.*

*Sincerely,
Bill and Barb Johns*

Barb Johns - May 04, 2014 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dear Russ and family my thoughts and prayers are with you and May God bless! Ada graduated with me with the class of 1948.*
Phyllis Stickney Hefler

Phyllis E. Hefler - May 04, 2014 at 05:22 PM



“ *Ada and I go way back to Hampton Falls. We spent time at the marsh trying to teach Ada to swim. Till we meet again Ada. Love*
Sandy Moore Baker

Sandy Baker - May 04, 2014 at 11:59 AM

MW

“ Codolences to Ada's family. Remembering a life well-lived and well-loved.

Thinking of you Dean, Deb, and everyone at this difficult time.

Warm regards,

Maryann Wilson

Jack McDonald

Maryann Wilson - May 04, 2014 at 10:14 AM

DB

“ Dear Russ, Dean, Geoff and Lisa,

It has been a long time (1969) since I was in your mother's kitchen but it was always one of the safest, sunniest, wisest place in Hampton.



Godspeed Ada and loving thanks from Dave Baker

David Baker - May 04, 2014 at 08:01 AM

LG

Dear Russ, Dean, Jeff and Lisa - I was so sorry to hear this afternoon of dear Ada May's passing. She was a great lady, a great neighbor and a lifelong friend to my family. I remember her bringing freshly dug steamers, homemade baked bread, her special pickles and jams to my grandmother, "Nana" Kelsen, and to my mother, her good friend, Ruthie. I like to think they are playing bridge and having a good laugh together, in Heaven, where there is no more pain or suffering. My sincerest condolences to you all at this most difficult time. Love, Lisa (Ross and Ted) Gupton

Lisa Gupton - May 04, 2014 at 05:22 PM

JC

Dear Merrill family, Just heard of Ada's passing and I am so sorry for your loss--she was one of a kind! Ada was such a wonderful, fun loving, giving human being, I always loved being around her. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love, Janet Keefe Cataldo

Janet Keefe Cataldo - May 06, 2014 at 05:11 PM

KD

When I was a child, I went with Jillian Spring, Ada's granddaughter, to visit. My own grandmother had passed away, and the other was far, far away. Ada took me into her arms and said, "From now on, I will be your honorary grandma." She was a wonderful woman who made a lonely little girl feel amazing. I will never forget what she gave to me. She had a heart bigger than most could imagine. I'd like to emulate her.

K. Eeve Dupuis - May 07, 2014 at 01:27 PM