



## Ann Davenport Fuller Donovan

September 27, 2025

Rye - Ann Davenport Fuller Donovan passed away peacefully on September 27, 2025 in Agawam, Massachusetts. Born in Boston, in 1941, she was the daughter of Alvan Tufts Fuller, Jr. and Leonore Reynolds Fuller, and the granddaughter of Viola Davenport Fuller and Alvan Tufts Fuller, the former Governor of Massachusetts and esteemed businessman and philanthropist.

Ann spent her youth between Boston and Rye, New Hampshire—a rhythm of city and seaside that remained constant throughout her life—alongside her siblings Melinda Fuller vanden Heuvel, the late Alvan Tufts Fuller III, and the late John Reynolds Fuller.

Independent, fun-loving, and adventurous, Ann made her home in Boston, New York, Palm Beach, and the Litchfield Hills, and found respite on Martha's Vineyard and in Rye. Her love of travel reflected her restless curiosity, while her beloved dogs, Dagmar, Bo, Mandy, and Coco, were her faithful companions, offering constance and comfort across the many chapters of her life. A connoisseur of the arts and music, Ann studied at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris and later earned a degree in culinary arts from Boston University. The consummate hostess, her greatest honor was working as a chef for the Archdiocese of Boston, a role that united her culinary talents with her deep faith.

Ann is survived by her four children and six grandchildren: Alfred Donovan of Peacham, Vermont; Diana Donovan and her husband Andy Walbert of Mill Valley, California, and their daughter Charlotte; Blair Alexander and her husband Peter of Middletown, Rhode Island, and their children Shelby and Digby; and Andrew Hoskins and his wife Lauren of Washington Depot, Connecticut, and their children Bryce, Thea, and Jackson. She is also survived by her sister, Melinda Fuller vanden Heuvel.

She will be fondly remembered for her keen sense of humor, impeccable style, and fierce spirit.

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember Ann for a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, October 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at The Paulist Center, 5 Park St, Boston, MA 02108. Burial will take place later the same day at 2:00 p.m. at the Little River Cemetery, Corner of Woodland Road and Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton, NH 03862.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program at [www.bhchp.org](http://www.bhchp.org).

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Paulist Center  
5 Park Street  
Boston, MA 02108

## Interment

OCT **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Little River Cemetery  
95 Atlantic Avenue  
North Hampton, NH 03862

# Tribute Wall



“ We remember Ann’s Trusteeship at The Fuller Foundation and at The Fuller Foundatiin of NH dba Fuller Gardens. Many non profits in the Greater Boston Area and Seacoast N.H. Benefited from her interest and counsel.

The Trustees of The Fuller Foundations - October 09, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ann Davenport Fuller Donovan.

October 08, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ann Davenport Fuller Donovan.



October 08, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ So many beautiful memories with Ann so much laughter and tears along the way. So grateful for her friendship throughout the years, Ann was a good friend. I will always remember her and Coco. My condolences to the family.

Love Jessica

Jessica - October 03, 2025 at 11:22 AM

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“ *She was my 1st Boss shortly after I arrived in USA & I learned so much of her... RIP.... We stayed in touched throughout the years. I will miss you tremendously.... Condolences to her family*

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**Genevieve** - October 01, 2025 at 10:46 AM