



Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt

May 4, 1932 - January 5, 2025

Rye - Sitting at the piano bench, humming the music of an Oscar Hammerstein song with her family by her side was a great day for Bea McDevitt! Bea passed away on January 5 surrounded by her children and family.

Beatrice was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts on May 4, 1932. The third of Daniel and Bea Sullivan's five children, she is predeceased by her beloved siblings; brother Donal and sisters Kathleen and Ann. Her devoted older sister Alice was her lifelong-companion and best friend and was, once again, by her side during her passing.

She attended Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart graduating in 1951. She was an active alumna and served on the Alumni Board. Bea then attended Bridgewater State University where she was Class President in her senior year and graduated with a degree in education in 1955.

Bea met and fell in love with George McDevitt at Rye Beach where their families were neighbors. They married on April 11, 1955 and began their family journey in Montecito, California where George was stationed in the U. S. Army. They quickly moved back to Massachusetts living in Holliston and then Wellesley where the Shirley Road neighborhood became their treasured

community. Bea transitioned from full-time mother to the Wellesley public school system as a teacher's aide. For over 30 years, she worked tirelessly with learning-challenged students bringing an untiring compassion and a formidable sense of duty.

George and Bea's continued love and connection to Rye was inspiring and filled their years with joy. As early caretakers of 15 F Street they faithfully assisted a Sullivan O'Dowd family legacy with deep dedication. It was there that George drowned at Rye Beach, their heaven on earth, on September 4, 1995. Her quiet strength was never more evident; a genuine demonstration of inner capacity and faith.

She was a nurturing, loyal and unfaltering friend, colleague, teacher, neighbor, mentor and cheerleader to a vast and loving collection of people that were a central part of her daily life. The impact she had was notable to all but the purpose from where it came was purely selfless.

The true riches and rewards of Bea's life were her children and grandchildren. Her five boys and one girl were the source of her purposefulness and "active duty." As a parent she was the most affectionate mother and unconditional champion. She was always there to celebrate any and all moments of accomplishment and never far away when the challenges of life were unmet. She was Grambea to her cherished grandchildren. Her engaging nature and unyielding patience were relentless. From spirited Easter egg hunts, to peaceful treasure hunting for sea glass on the beach, to apple checkers at the kitchen table, Grambea delighted in the gift of family and demonstrated faithful gratitude always.

Bea is survived by her children and spouses, grandchildren and great-grand child; George, Jr. and Sue McDevitt of Rochester, New Hampshire (Tim, Connor and Harlow Bea), Dan and Ginger McDevitt of Scarsdale, New York (Olivia) , John and Polly McDevitt of Greenland, New Hampshire (Sarah,

Allison, Casey, Molly and Johnny), Lynne and T.J. Palmer of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire (TJ, jr., Jessica and Brady), Jim and Amy McDevitt of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire (Michael, Alexandra and Julia), and Tom and Amy Lynn McDevitt of Wells, Maine (Jack). Her sister, Alice Sullivan Hart of Salisbury, Massachusetts and devoted cousin Mary Alice O'Dowd of Rye Beach, New Hampshire.

A public wake will be held on Sunday, January 12th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Remick & Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, New Hampshire. Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, January 13th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 820 Central Road, Rye Beach, New Hampshire.

Donations may be directed to Catholic Charities New Hampshire by clicking here. (<https://www.cc-nh.org/>)

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Funeral Mass

JAN **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Theresa Parish
820 Central Rd
Rye Beach, NH 03871
(603) 964-6440

Tribute Wall



“ *The Curvey Scholars Program at Villanova purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.*



The Curvey Scholars Program at Villanova - January 14, 2025
at 11:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.

January 12, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *The Johnsons purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.*



The Johnsons - January 11, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ *The Johnsons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.*

The Johnsons - January 11, 2025 at 02:02 PM

NB

“ On behalf of the Burns family, we want to extend our deepest condolences to all the McDevitts on the passing of their Mom, grandmother and sister. We loved Mrs. McDevitt and have very fond memories of her on Shirley Road in Wellesley. We remember her at Little League baseball games and Cub Scout meetings as well at church. She was a lovely, caring and supportive person. May she rest in peace. The Burns Brothers—Stan, Chris, Nick and Jeff.

Nick Burns - January 11, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.



January 11, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.

January 11, 2025 at 10:45 AM

TF

“ The LifeFlight of Maine Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.



The LifeFlight of Maine Family - January 11, 2025 at 10:28 AM

TE

“ The Reilly’s (Jim, Mary, Sean & Erin) purchased the Love’s Journey for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.



The Reilly’s (Jim, Mary, Sean & Erin) - January 10, 2025 at 07:47 PM

TE

“ The Reilly’s (Jim, Mary, Sean & Erin) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.

The Reilly’s (Jim, Mary, Sean & Erin) - January 10, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.

January 10, 2025 at 04:20 PM

JF

“ John, Pamela and the Tucker Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.



John, Pamela and the Tucker Family - January 09, 2025 at 01:33 PM

JF

“ John, Pamela and the Tucker Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.

John, Pamela and the Tucker Family - January 09, 2025 at 01:33 PM

DS

“ Dustin and Sarah Smiley purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.



Dustin and Sarah Smiley - January 09, 2025 at 11:37 AM

LC

“ Love, Kevin & Karen Cronin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.



Love, Kevin & Karen Cronin - January 08, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.



January 08, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.

January 08, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.



January 08, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.



January 08, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.

January 08, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt*.



January 08, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt*.

January 08, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ *The Zeigler Family* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of *Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt*.



The Zeigler Family - January 08, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt*.



January 08, 2025 at 11:04 AM

TF

“ *The Furdon Family purchased the Gracious Laver Basket for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.*



The Furdon Family - January 07, 2025 at 06:53 PM

LF

“ *Love the McManus family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.*



Love the McManus family - January 07, 2025 at 06:36 PM

AM

“ *Alexandra McConaghy purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.*



Alexandra McConaghy - January 07, 2025 at 06:02 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.*



January 07, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.

January 07, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ Your Loving Nephew, Jimmy White purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.



Your Loving Nephew, Jimmy White - January 07, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ Alice Hart & Family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.



Alice Hart & Family - January 07, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ Alice Hart & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beatrice Sullivan McDevitt.

Alice Hart & Family - January 07, 2025 at 02:29 PM