



Catherine Eda Linden

November 23, 1949 - November 16, 2025

Rye- Catherine E. Linden, 75, of Rye, NH died peacefully at Portsmouth Regional Hospital on November 16, 2025 after a short illness.

Cathy, as everyone called her, was born on November 23, 1949 in Beverly, MA, the daughter of the late Norman E. and Catherine C. (Carney) Linden. She grew up in Beverly and graduated from Beverly High School in 1967. From there she moved on to the University of Massachusetts, graduating in 1971 with a degree in education. She then followed in her parents' teaching footsteps and began an elementary teaching career in Beverly that lasted until she retired early in 2008.

Cathy loved her students and was a very popular teacher. On many occasions parents of former students requested that younger siblings be assigned to Cathy's classes.

During the summers Cathy and her family enjoyed spending their vacations in Rye in a cottage built by her grandfather in 1940 in the Wallis Sands Beach neighborhood. Following her retirement, Cathy moved into a new house built where the cottage had stood and enjoyed living permanently in Rye until health issues forced her to move to the Webster at Rye Nursing Home last fall.

Cathy enjoyed traveling, was active in candlepin bowling groups in Beverly and New Hampshire, attended the Rye Congregational Church and volunteered at the church's thrift shop, the Rye Public Library, and the local animal shelter, and was an active member of the Portsmouth YMCA. Unfortunately, the Covid shutdown and declining health forced her to give up those activities.

Cathy is survived by her older sister Pamela (Linden) Sherman and her husband Everett of Dartmouth, MA, her older brother Norman Linden and his wife Gladwyn of St. Augustine, FL, and nephews Jonathan Sherman and wife Jennifer of Naples, FL and Eric Linden of Jacksonville Beach, FL, and nieces Kirsten (Sherman) Cote and partner Tom Poto of Randolph, MA and Laura (Linden) Bissonnette and husband Logan of St. Augustine, FL.

A memorial celebration of her life will be held this summer in the Rye Congregational Church. Date and time will be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her memory may be sent to the Town of Rye Ambulance Service, 555 Washington Road #1, Rye, NH 03870

Private funeral arrangements were conducted by the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home, Hampton, NH.

Tribute Wall

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“ I did not know Cathy but I knew her dad. Mr. Linden was principle of Memorial Jr. High School in Beverly while I was a student there. Great guy. I have very fond memories of Mr. Linden and Memorial. So many years, so many memories.

Brandon - March 30 at 08:11 PM

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“ Aunt Cathy always had the quick wit and humor at all our family Christmas, Thanksgiving and summer gatherings in NH. I will always remember her playing with us when we were little and her love of teddy bears and seagulls. I will always cherish our trips to Hampton Beach for the arcade, fried clams and ice cream. She was always up for a game of Boggle or Scrabble and would beat me every time! Rest in peace in heaven. -Jonathan

Jonathan Sherman - November 19, 2025 at 08:22 PM

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“ Cathy usually sat in the pew in front of me during church service at Rye Congregational Church. We served together on the Fellowship Committee for quite a while. I will always remember working with Cathy on the Cookies and Carols event. The times I saw her happiest - when she visited the horses at Ryemeadow Farm where I kept my horse... she spent time talking to and feeding carrots to ALL of the horses in the barn! I loved her laugh!! She loved her home here in Rye. Rest in peace with God's love Cathy. John and I extend our sympathy to her family.

Linda Cavanagh - November 18, 2025 at 06:41 PM

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“ Cathy was one of my closest cousins growing up, and I have so many happy memories of visiting the cottage and hanging out on Wallis Sands Beach with her. Even these last years, the house on Parsons Rd. continued to be a connection for our extended family, as Cathy, with help from Pam and Norm, hosted reunions of cousins, including the younger generations. Cathy had a wonderful sense of humor and a loving heart. May she rest in peace.
Julie Carney

Julianne Carney - November 18, 2025 at 06:14 PM

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Jonathan Sherman - November 18, 2025 at 10:39 AM