



## Claire C. Sedgewick

October 11, 1923 - October 14, 2022

Hampton - Claire Cryan Sedgewick, formerly of Dover, NH, passed away unexpectedly on October 14, just days after her 99th birthday. Her week was filled with birthday cards and calls, excellent food and special visits from her family.

Born and raised in Melrose, MA, she attended Wellesley College for two years then found her home at Tufts University where she graduated with a BS degree in Chemistry from The Jackson College for Women. She worked in this field until she chose to leave the work force and raise her family in Dover, NH with her late husband Richard. She highly valued family life and education and shared these values with others by working as Director of the Dover Day Care Learning Center for many years when her children were older. She was also active on the Board of the Dover Adult Learning Center for many years.

Claire was an exceptional bridge player and it was a great source of fun with her family and friends in her later years. She also excelled at all word games and was more often than not the gracious winner. She could be counted on until her death to provide the correct spelling of a word or the correct grammar for a sentence. She loved crossword puzzles, playing tennis, the Boston Celtics and had a tender spot in her heart for all animals, including her beloved Coco and Huey.

Her late husband Dick surprised her in the 1950's by buying a cottage in Maine without her knowledge. This would prove to be the most amazing gift and they shared a love of the island for the rest of their lives. Many of her favorite times were on Great Diamond Island where she and her children and grandchildren have spent many summers. She credited "the island life" of fresh air and exercise with her longevity. She could always be found working on an island project such as caning chairs, scraping or painting, doing yard work, or just enjoying lemonade with friends in the yard. She spent many years on the DIA Board of Directors and she was a founding member of the very successful GDI investment club with island friends.

Claire will be greatly missed by her four children, grandchildren, great grandchildren as well, her nieces and many lifelong friends. Where her husband was a creative and inventive soul, she will be remembered for her ever-present support, optimism and her steady presence in our home.

Claire was predeceased by her loving parents at a young age. She was also predeceased by her sister, Carolyn, and her husband, Richard.

Donations in Claire's memory may be made by clicking here to Pope Memorial Humane Society Cochecho Valley (<https://popememorialcvhs.org/donations/>) at 221 County Farm Road, Dover, NH 03820.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Claire’s passing, and my heart goes out to her beautiful family. I have so many wonderful memories from my summers on Great Diamond Island. She was my mother’s best friend and a second mother to me. Our families bought cottages on the island at the same time; my Dad and Dick went house hunting together. My love to Jan, John, Jimmy and Judy. May your memories help you all through this time. ❤️

Pam Arey Lord - October 18, 2022 at 07:10 PM

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Thank you so much Pam. She loved you and your family. Your mother was such an important person in her life for so many years. Love to you all and I hope we see you sometime!

Judy Sedgewick - October 26, 2022 at 10:09 AM

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Love this!!

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