



## Clarice M. Casassa

September 9, 1930 - January 15, 2025

Rye Beach - Clarice M. Casassa of Rye Beach, New Hampshire passed away peacefully on January 15, 2025 at the age of 94. She was the beloved wife of H. Alfred Casassa for 68 years. Clarice was the devoted mother of Anne Ramsey (Bill) of Ridgewood, New Jersey and Rye Beach, New Hampshire, Robert Casassa (Sara) of Hampton, New Hampshire and Christine Thomson (Michael) of Hampton, New Hampshire, and proud grandmother of Elizabeth Ramsey, Matthew Casassa, Catherine Casassa and Will Thomson.

Born to Francis R. Murphy and Clarice Gwynne Murphy in 1930 in Arlington, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of a proud Irish Catholic family. She was predeceased by her brothers Robert Murphy, Francis Murphy and Richard Murphy. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Clarice was raised in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. She graduated from Deering High School in 1949 and Gorham State Teachers College (now part of the University of Maine system) in 1953. Clarice taught in the Wakefield, Massachusetts schools before marrying H. Alfred Casassa in 1956. She and Al resided in Hampton, New Hampshire where they raised their children. Upon moving to Hampton Clarice formed a bridge group that played together regularly for over fifty years. She was an active volunteer in the community, serving as President of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (OLMM) Women's Club and she taught religious education classes at OLMM for many years.

She was a volunteer for the Exeter Hospital Associates including serving as the Chair of the Exeter Hospital Fashion by the Sea gala. She loved to garden, was an excellent cook and enjoyed hosting family gatherings at the holidays. She and Al moved to Rye Beach, New Hampshire in 1986. Clarice was an avid golfer and longtime member of Abenaki Country Club and Portsmouth Country Club where she played in the Ladies League every summer and formed lifelong friendships. Clarice was also a member of the Rye Beach Club for over fifty years.

She is remembered by her husband, her children and her grandchildren for her kindness, support and determination.

The family expresses its gratitude and appreciation to those involved with Clarice's care.

Funeral Mass Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 11AM at St. Theresa Church, 820 Central Road, Rye Beach, New Hampshire. There are no visiting hours. Interment at the High Street Cemetery in Hampton, New Hampshire is private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Clarice's memory to the McDonough Golf Scholarship Foundation by clicking here ([https://www.mcdonoughgolf.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawH4ojJleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHcsGarZ\\_yPIIdGPXkGAPVNfsWHUY42-UA82gyJ75btkZg8juhsiXK6SQ6Hg\\_aem\\_C0wFJ4Y86yFEVJmdQwqUYg](https://www.mcdonoughgolf.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawH4ojJleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHcsGarZ_yPIIdGPXkGAPVNfsWHUY42-UA82gyJ75btkZg8juhsiXK6SQ6Hg_aem_C0wFJ4Y86yFEVJmdQwqUYg))

or by mail to:

The McDonough Scholarship Foundation  
61 North Street  
Manchester, NH 03104



# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Theresa Church  
815 Central Rd  
Rye Beach, NH 03871

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ *My sincere sympathies Al on the loss of your beautiful wife. Rosi Andrews*

Rosi Andrews - February 21, 2025 at 11:21 AM

SW

“ *Dear Al, Bob, Anne, Christine and families, We send you our sincerest condolences on Clarice's passing. Sam and Dominique Winebaum*

Sam and Dominique Winebaum - January 27, 2025 at 12:44 PM

SS

“ *Many fond memories of our days at Abenaqui*

Sheila Sullivan - January 27, 2025 at 08:49 AM

MP

“ *Al, Bob, and families,  
Special Blessings to this beautiful Lady. Our families crisscrossed through time all our lives.  
I'm sure Mom and Dad will be with you at Saint Theresa's...  
May you enjoy the pleasant smiles and memories always.  
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Martha Preston & Families*



Martha Anne Preston - January 25, 2025 at 11:36 AM

DB

“ Gosh so many memories of both Cowie and Al. Red House, Beach Club, Golfing, socially. My sympathies to the family!

**Diane Bradley** - January 24, 2025 at 05:40 PM

EW

“ To Al and family, My sympathies to you and your family for the loss of Clarice. May you find comfort in the memories of the times you spent together. Elizabeth Dolly Weinhold and family.

**Elizabeth Dolly Weinhold** - January 23, 2025 at 09:01 PM

JS

“ Al and family,

*The world has lost a first class lady; we are so sorry for your loss. Cowie was a warm and friendly person and will be missed by all who knew her. May your memories bring you comfort.*

*Ted and Joyce Sharples*

**Joyce Sharples** - January 22, 2025 at 10:51 AM

SC

“ So sorry for your loss  
Susan Conway

**susan conway** - January 21, 2025 at 11:39 AM

MH

“ To Al and the Casassa Family...I remember fondly meeting “Cowie” at the Rye Beach post office on occasion. She most often walked to the post office the short distance from her home on the bright summer days and drove on the snowy and cold days. I will always remember her as a ray of sunshine, always smiling, so sweet and the epitome of a true lady. She will be missed in this life. God bless her and her wonderful family. Sending love, Marcia Hannon-Buber

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**Marcia Hannon-Buber** - January 20, 2025 at 09:47 AM

JG

“ Al.... Sending my sympathies to you and your family  
Joyce Grandmaison

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**Joyce Grandmaison** - January 20, 2025 at 09:05 AM

TB

“ So sorry to hear about Clarice's passing. My thoughts are with you, Al, and the children.

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**Tim Brooks** - January 17, 2025 at 03:36 PM