



Claudia Josephine Hackett

July 11, 1934 - November 18, 2025

Rye Beach - Claudia Josephine (Marcou) Hackett, 91, of Rye, NH died November 18, 2025, at her home surrounded by family after a period of declining health.

Born in Portland, ME, the daughter of Louis Benjamin Marcou, MD, and Yvonne (Chretien) Marcou on July 11, 1934, she grew up in Berlin, NH, graduating from Berlin High School and the University of Vermont (Class of '57) with a degree in nursing. Following several years of clinical experience in pediatric and public health roles in TX, AZ and CT, Claudia earned her masters degree in nursing education from Boston College (1963). In 1964 she married Raymond W. Hackett, Jr. and they spent their first year of marriage in Madrid, Spain, where she taught English and became fluent in Spanish.

Returning to the US, they settled in Rye Beach, built their own home, and began raising a family. There, her affection and attachment for the New Hampshire Seacoast began in 1965 and continued to grow for the next 60 years. The family, including their three young children, traveled extensively throughout Mexico on two separate year-long sabbatical excursions where they were immersed in the language and culture. Claudia then re-entered the nursing profession, and from 1981 to 1996 she served as school nurse for several Portsmouth (NH) public schools including Dondero, New Franklin, Wentworth and Little Harbor. In 1993, Claudia was named the NH School

Nurse of the Year in recognition of her tireless advocacy for all children.

Following her retirement from school nursing, she devoted a great deal of her time to volunteer efforts with the Rye Public Library, Rye Senior SERVE, and Saint Theresa Catholic Church, where she was an avid member of the choir. Claudia was known and will be remembered for her adventurous spirit, a kind and generous heart, boundless energy in the service of others, and unshakeable faith.

Claudia is predeceased by her husband, Raymond W. Hackett, Jr. as well as parents Louis B. Marcou, MD and Yvonne Chretien Marcou, and her sister, Lois J. (Marcou) Kilroy.

She leaves behind her three children, Charles M. Hackett and his wife, Elizabeth of Hanover NH; Catherine A. Esmonde and her husband, Laurence of Kensington, NH; and Daniel R. Hackett and his wife, Katherine of Rye, NH; grandchildren Finnegan, Ethan, Daniel, Samuel, Molly, Ray and Benjamin; cousin Maureen Van Horn of Concord, NH; many dear nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews; and too many devoted and cherished friends to list.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Saint Theresa Catholic Church, 820 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH with a reception to follow directly at the Saint Theresa Parish Center. Internment will be at St. Anne's Cemetery in Berlin, NH.. To attend the Mass remotely, please click here on the day and time of the funeral Mass. (<https://sainttheresachurchrye.org/live-stream/>)

In lieu of flowers, donations in Claudia's memory may be made to:

GATHER For a Hunger Free Community by clicking here (<https://www.gathern>

h.org/)

143 Heritage Ave, Unit 3

Portsmouth NH, 03801

or

the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Hampton by clicking here (<https://svdphampton.com/>)

289 Lafayette Road

Hampton 03842

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

KH

“ Claudia was my beloved mother in law for 8 years. For the last 17, she continued to treat me like a daughter. I will love and miss her forever and a day. Smart, funny, kind, caring, loving, funny, and beautiful inside and out. She was a blessing. And now my children have a guardian angel.

Kendra Hackett - November 25, 2025 at 10:53 AM

LD

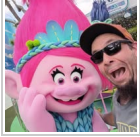
“ Lynne D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claudia Josephine Hackett.

Lynne D. - November 24, 2025 at 01:55 PM

VM

“ Vicki M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claudia Josephine Hackett.

Vicki M. - November 24, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ I loved your mother SO MUCH! She was the grandmother I never had. She used to take me out to breakfast back in elementary school. Then, when in middle school, I would take the bus from the middle school to Dondero to meet up with her to go out to dinner. She also took me shopping from time to time. She knew my home life was a bit rough and my family struggled. This woman put so much more of herself out there for me then she ever needed to. In high school I still met up with her from time to time and would go over to her house sometimes and she would bring me over to the beach. Ray was also wonderful during these times. Such an amazing person. I hope she knows how much she meant to me and my family. I know she did so much for her community as well. You will be missed Mrs Hackett. You will ALWAYS hold an AMAZINGLY SPECIAL place in my heart. I love you more than words can say.

Matthew Montgomery - November 22, 2025 at 09:04 PM

JH

“ Claudia was always so welcoming to us when we came to the beach - and always had some ice cream to share with my daughters and me. She never forgot their birthday and we even got a card for their most recent bday in October. She had an incredible life and was indeed ahead of her time. Rest in peace Grammy Claudia. Our visits to the beach will never be the same.
The Doherty family

Jane Hannon - November 22, 2025 at 04:40 PM

KC

“ I have so many fond memories of working with Claudia at Rye Elem. School and of her children, esp. Danny, Kathleen Cole

Kathleen Cole - November 22, 2025 at 09:15 AM

MM

“ Matthew M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claudia Josephine Hackett.

Matthew M. - November 21, 2025 at 12:30 PM

RS

“ Rye Senior SERVE planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claudia Josephine Hackett.

Rye Senior SERVE - November 20, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Claudia Josephine Hackett.



November 20, 2025 at 04:24 PM

PD

“ Oh my dear friend Claudia
I never came for that last cup of tea.
We had special times over the years. We prayed together, we worshipped together, we laughed together, we shared many a story together. Your love your wisdom, your pork pies at a Christmas ,your beautiful voice flowering from the loft at st Therese's, all of these memories will be part of the fabric of my life too. Carry on nurse Claudia you served your Master well.
Peg Duffin. Your loving friend

peg Duffin - November 20, 2025 at 10:09 AM

MP

“ *Maureen P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claudia Josephine Hackett.*

Maureen P. - November 20, 2025 at 04:54 AM

MP

“ *Maureen P. purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Claudia Josephine Hackett.*



Maureen P. - November 20, 2025 at 04:54 AM

BC

“ *Claudia was a special friend for both of us. Her sharp wit and compassion for others was just two qualities that made her so amazing. As one of the most interesting women we have met, and a woman ahead of her time, her stories of travel, work, family were always fascinating to hear. She was generous with wisdom and love. You will be dearly missed, our friend. A special place in heaven was set for your arrival.*

Bob and Sharon Consentino - November 19, 2025 at 05:58 PM