



## Constance "Connie" Reed

September 20, 1935 - March 6, 2023

Rye - Constance Reed, Major, United States Air Force (Retired), of Rye, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 6, 2023, after an extended period of declining health. Connie was born in Winthrop, MA on September 20, 1935, the oldest of three daughters to the late Henry C. and Norah (Barker) Reed.

Connie was raised in Rye and graduated from Portsmouth High School with the Class of 1953. She earned her nursing degree from the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital School of Nursing and upon graduation, began her lifelong career in nursing. Connie went on to earn her master's degree in night school while working full-time in Boston. After several years in Boston, her yearning to see the world led her to joining the United States Air Force. She was commissioned as a 1st LT in 1960 and served her country honorably as a Clinical and Flight Nurse during the Vietnam War. Connie received several awards during her Air Force career including the Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Vietnam Service Medals. She retired from the service in 1980 and continued in the healthcare field as an administrator with Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital in Bradford, MA. Due to failing health, she retired for the second time in 2012 at the age of 77.

Family members include her sister, Barbara R. Blinn of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, her nephews and nieces, Peter Reed of Hampton, John Dennehy and his wife, Pam, of Cohasset, MA, Jill Preston of Palm Beach Gardens, FL and

Robin Remick and her husband, Brian Wille, of Palm Beach and New York.

In addition to her parents, Connie was predeceased by her sister, Roberta Reed who died in 2006.

Services were held privately and burial with full military honors was in Rye's Central Cemetery. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to: Benchmark at Rye, Employees Christmas Fund, 295 Lafayette Rd., Rye, NH 03870.

# Cemetery Details

## Central Cemetery

20 Central Road  
Rye, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Remick & Gendron Funeral Home created a Connie's Service in memory of Constance "Connie" Reed*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - March 12, 2023 at 01:24 PM

GS

*I remember Connie as the Nursing Supervisor at Portsmouth Hospital. Lovely person and a great nurse.  
Georgette Shapiro*

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**Georgette Shapiro** - March 14, 2023 at 09:50 AM

NH

“ *My dearest Connie, I will miss seeing you, we connected the first time I met you. When I found out that you were in the Air Force, I told you that my dad was also in the Air Force. You had asked me what he did and I told you he fixed airplane engines. You laughed and stated that maybe you were on one of the planes he fixed. You told me as a nurse that at one time ,you had about fifty guys with chest tubes and that you had to constantly run back and forth checking them. Then you started to laugh, with that twinkle in your eye, and you stated that that was very stressful. And how you couldn't wait to get back on land. Connie, I do miss your laugh and the twinkle in your eyes, but,, you earned your wings, so go fly with the angels!*

*Love Nancy Hanscom*

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**Nancy. L. Hanscom** - March 13, 2023 at 05:34 PM

GO

*Connie, you will be missed...Loved the subjects of conversation we have had over the years. You had such a beautiful heart and soul...I was honored to be classified as your friend.....Fly high, fly high in the sky.....Love Gina*

**Gina Obrien** - March 22, 2023 at 02:39 PM

LG

*I flew with Connie in the Phillipines. She was a good nurse and took the younger nurses under her wing!  
We worked hard and took care of the Vietnam casualties who were teenagers for the most part. Very sobering to say the least. She always had her hair perfection in an up sweep which was not easy in the extreme heat and extra long days. We also would go shopping as our missions took us to Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Thailand and Okinawa also. Yes, I remember shopping with Connie. She knew how to be selective and chose the very best. She was happy to share her strategies with us. Thirty odd years later I attended an AF Air Evac reunion all had aged but all knew "The Silver Fox"(loving nickname) I live in the Washington, DC area and saw Connie here and at various AF Nurse Conventions. She was a fun lady We shared many memories over the years. I was lucky to get to know her*  
*Lois (Haluska) Gay*

**Lois (Haluska) Gay** - April 08, 2023 at 12:49 PM

CM

*I remember her from Scott Air Evac days! She was focused, committed and a very good nurse. My sincerest sympathies to those she leaves behind. Rest In Well Deserved Peace, Connie!*

**Carol (Wargo) Mosher** - May 01, 2023 at 05:29 PM

JH

*Rest in peace Connie!  
I am very proud to have worked with you.  
Love Jacqui*

**Jacqueline Hammond** - January 17, 2024 at 07:27 PM