



## Deborah B. Gustafson

July 31, 1937 - November 1, 2024

Rye – Deborah B. Gustafson, 87, of Rye, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 1, 2024.

She was born in West Harford, CT on July 31, 1937, daughter of the late William and Margret (Crossley) Bockus. She graduated from Hartford Hospital School of Nursing and worked at Harford Hospital for several years.

In August of 1959, she married Richard Gustafson and moved to Hyde Park, NY. They raised two daughters and Debbie followed her calling into volunteer work. She was the Director of

The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, a founder of The Grace Smith House, a shelter for battered women, and a member of the Hyde Park Historic Society plus more. In 1994 they moved to Rye NH to enjoy their retirement years by the seacoast.

In addition to her husband of 65 years, Debbie is survived by her daughters, Diana Gustafson

and Heidi Coscia, her son-in-law John Coscia, all of Rye, and her granddaughter Maddie Coscia of Boston, MA.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Webster at Rye Assisted Living, the nurses at Beacon Hospice and Pastor Ken Lawrence who all gave her

amazing care and comfort in her final days.

All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Hampton Falls, 3 Lincoln Avenue, Hampton Falls, NH 03844.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Carolyn and I are so sorry to hear about Debbie. She always had a smile and a loving personality. Great times and great memories at the parties she and Dick hosted... Great picture of her.. great memories. The world is a colder place without her.  
Nick Caringi.

Nick - November 11, 2024 at 08:00 AM

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“ The loss of Deb pains me greatly. She and I and a few other people worked together tirelessly to form the Rye Christian Church some years ago. She was always so wise and pleasant and a real joy to be around! My wife Carol and I send our heartfelt sympathy to Dick and Diana and the family. God bless and keep you all. Scott Seely.  
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Scott Seely - November 09, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ So sorry to hear this news Heidi, Diana and Mr G. She was a very special woman and I loved this picture, as it was exactly as I remembered her. With deepest sympathy - Jen Bowen

Jennifer Bowen - November 08, 2024 at 08:13 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah B. Gustafson.



November 05, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah B. Gustafson.

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