



Diane Eastman Jones

October 26, 1933 - February 1, 2025

North Hampton - An incredible life of extraordinary kindness, service, and humble achievement came to a close February 1, 2025 with the passing of Diane Eastman Jones of North Hampton, NH from complications of multiple system atrophy. She was a friend to all, and to know her was to love her. This irrepressible (impossible to control) rascal lady was truly a woman for all seasons, whose zest for life and service was unparalleled, and an inspiration for all. A mother whose deep and enduring love and devotion for each of her children and their mates was unconditional and unrelenting.

Diane was born in St. Johnsbury, VT on October 26, 1933, the daughter of Dr. Cyrus Darling Eastman and Grace Abernethy Eastman. A graduate of Woodsville High School, she attended the University of Vermont, where she captained the 1955 women's ski team, and graduated with a B.S. degree in Psychology.

Learning was a constant in her life. Diane earned a master's degree in Marine Zoology at UNH, where she was elected into the prestigious Society of Sigma Xi (devoted to the promotion of research in science). Her many other inquisitive endeavors included such things as real estate fundamentals and appraising (she had her own real estate agency), volunteering as an EMT (she was an original volunteer EMT in North Hampton), automobile mechanics (oil changes OK, brake changes and tune-ups, not so good), typing and

introduction to computers (she was dangerous at it), tap dancing (in her mid-60s, she was the oldest in her class of 6-14 year olds), woodworking (she built a huge bureau and a hutch) and the list goes on.

She married her “favorite boyfriend,” Dick, in 1958, settling in North Hampton in 1962, where she raised four children and one husband, plus numerous cats, collies, and shelties. In 1973, she became a USPS rural mail carrier in North Hampton. This was a perfect match -- an early morning start, plenty of exercise, and most of all, serving the people. She alerted others when people did not meet her for their mail delivery, when they needed help, and even helped to identify and apprehend armed house robbers.

Along the way she became involved in town affairs, serving 19 years on the North Hampton School Board (five years as the Chairwoman) where she was instrumental in ensuring and implementing Title 9 (equal sports programs for women). She also served on the town’s Budget Committee, Safety Committee, Ambulance Corps. (as a volunteer EMT), and the Supervisory Union No. 21 Joint School Board.

Diane was a lifelong, strong athlete. After retiring in 1994, Diane embraced her love of skiing, returning to ski instructing and becoming a ski EMT and a Ski Patrol member. She resumed her racing career, and in 1996 qualified for the North American Alpine Masters Championships held in Sunday River in Maine. Although injured 2 weeks prior and could not race her best event (downhill), she placed 4th in the Slalom and Giant Slalom, racing against the best women in their 60s from eastern and western America and Canada.

Her ski racing came to an abrupt end in 1997. For ski conditioning, she rowed singles in the summer, and she qualified and placed for several years in the Head of the Charles and other regattas. However, that dedication to intense training also created stress and wear resulting in a hip replacement revision

which made skiing too risky to resume.

If skiing was her love, then golf became her passion. She summered at her beloved, lifelong camp at Harvey's Lake in East Barnet, VT, playing out of the St. Johnsbury Golf Club where she had a special group of friends. A member of the Vermont State Women's Golf Association, she played in the annual Tri-States Championships (ME, NH, VT) for many years and never lost a point.

Diane wintered in Lehigh Acres, FL, playing at least 18 holes a day with her Fairways III friends any day the temperature was above 50° . It was there Diane made her 4th Hole in One at the age of 86!

Diane's legacy lives on with the lives of her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. She leaves us with much love, outlandish memories, and the grateful gift that she enriched so many lives. Her love, goodness, wisdom and graciousness are deeply missed and will be forever remembered.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Colonel Richard Jones, USAF retired, of North Hampton, sister-in law, Margery Jones of Berwick, ME, and Diane and Dick's children and their families: Liz and Chris Taylor of Lee, NH (Kinsman, married to Abby Collinsworth, and son Easton of North Hampton, NH; and Lex, married to Will Rose of Cambridge, MA), Sandra Jones and Suzannah Pogue of North Hampton, NH, Susan Jones (and son Ansel) of Freeport, ME, and James and Susan Jones of Rye, NH (Alyxandra, married to Chris Sawyer of Hampton, NH, and Kylie Whitehouse of Rye, NH).

A wake will be held at the Remick Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory in Hampton, NH on Friday, February 7th between 5 pm and 7 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University of Vermont Foundation – Women's Ski Team by clicking here (<https://www.uvmfoundation.org/s/1690/1>

9/interior.aspx?sid=1690&gid=2&pgid=4633&cid=13013&ecid=13013&crd=0&calpgid=447&calcid=6281).

Previous Events

Wake

FEB 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

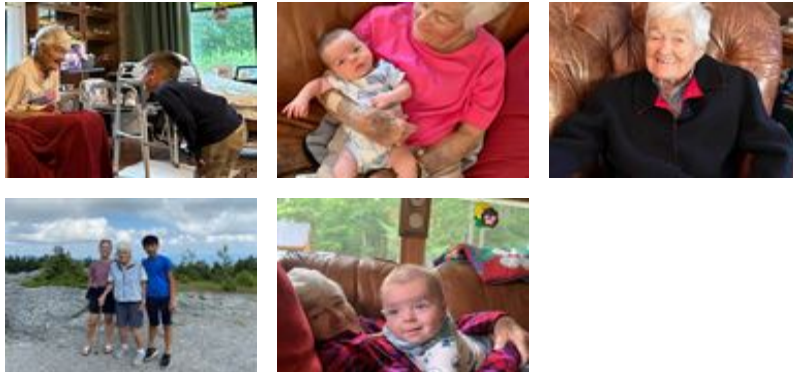
MS

“ My condolences to the Jones family and so sorry I was out of town and unable to come to the wake. I have known the Jones family since I was a kid. I do remember a long time ago...maybe in the 1990's?, I visited a gym in North Hampton and got a day pass because I was in the area. While working out I saw Diane working out. She said she had her hip replaced a couple months ago and was getting ready for ski season! I thought that was fantastic and really showed her spirit. She will be missed.

Mark Smith - February 10, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ 115 files added to the album LifeTributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - February 07, 2025 at 11:47 AM

ML

what a great way to say good bye to one of North Hampton's best. remember Mrs Jones as always being at softball , delivering mail , and most everything that was mentioned and having a dog with her most all the time. RIP MARY SIMMONS LAMBERT

Mary Lambert - February 07, 2025 at 06:23 PM

JG

Although Janice and I are Canadian, at 70 years old we came to Fairways III, where we were most fortunate to be welcomed there by many...but none more gracious and giving than Dick and Diane Jones. We love our American neighbors and friends...but none more than Dick and Diane. Diane was truly a diamond and an angel. We just oved her passion for life and for giving of herself in so many ways. We will surely miss her!...Jim & Janice Grant

Jim Grant - February 08, 2025 at 12:40 PM

SB

*She was one of my favorite ladies on the golf circuit, we both delivered mail so we had that in common, Special lady inside and out, she will be missed and remembered!
My condolences to the family 💕🙏*

Susie Bremner - February 10, 2025 at 04:26 PM

GR

“ *Gayle Darling, Chet Rosa and Linda Rosa purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Diane Eastman Jones.*



Gayle Darling, Chet Rosa and Linda Rosa - February 06, 2025 at 11:31 PM

GR

“ *Gayle Darling, Chet Rosa and Linda Rosa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Eastman Jones.*

Gayle Darling, Chet Rosa and Linda Rosa - February 06, 2025 at 11:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Diane Eastman Jones.*



February 06, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Eastman Jones.

February 06, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *Such a wonderful tribute. My mom served with her as an EMT back in the late 70's and early 80's. Our shelties were related 😊*

Barbara Preston - February 05, 2025 at 08:55 PM



“ *Dear Dick and family you have shared with us one of the most beautiful obituaries I have ever read in my life about a very special person..*

I can't express how much her Fairways 111 family loved her and will truly miss her. I personally have had many conversations and shared lots of stories with my dear friend over the years.

Dick and Di giving to Fairways 111 over the years. Sending down Christmas trees, donating many times to our activities.

Too many precious memories to even list.

We love you both very much. Take care, Dick and hang in there. Of course we'll always be talking.



Jan and Bob Oyer - February 05, 2025 at 07:00 PM

PS

“ I played lots of Golf with Diane, she was so much fun to be with. She was definitely one of the greatest generation and it was an honor to know her. My thoughts & prayers go out to her family.

*Pam Shover
Underhill, VT*

Pam Shover - February 05, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Diane Eastman Jones.



February 05, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Diane Eastman Jones.



February 05, 2025 at 06:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Eastman Jones.

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RK

“ Ross King purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Diane Eastman Jones.



Ross King - February 04, 2025 at 10:32 PM

RK

“ Ross King planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Eastman Jones.

Ross King - February 04, 2025 at 10:32 PM

RK

“ That was a beautiful tribute to Diane from the Jones family! I was a neighbor for about 15 years, but didn't know just how gifted she was as an athlete, nor her fearless attempts at auto repair! Caring, humble, funny, wise, patient, and encouraging are some adjectives that instantly come to mind when I think of Diane. One memory I recall is when Diane and Dick planted pine trees on the slope of the gravel pit behind our houses. It seemed like a long shot and yet, against all odds, they grew!! Thank you, Diane, and all the Jones family, for being such great neighbors to me, my siblings, and parents. My thoughts are with you all and I will hold her in my heart, always!

Ross King - February 04, 2025 at 10:25 PM

DM

“ *'Mrs Jones' as I always called her, was a wonderful woman and this is great loss to North Hampton and everyone who was fortunate to have known her. Always smiling and active in all the kids sports growing up. I remember when they lived on Post Rd and she was one of my favorite mailmen (along w/ Mr Miller). I am so sorry for your loss and you have such wonderful memories to help ease your pain along with many laughs to go w/ them.*

God Bless
Donna Meyer-Miller



Donna M Meyer Miller - February 04, 2025 at 05:14 PM

TF

“ *The Graham Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Diane Eastman Jones.*



The Graham Family - February 04, 2025 at 05:05 PM

TF

“ *The Graham Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Eastman Jones.*

The Graham Family - February 04, 2025 at 05:05 PM

HK

“ We, the King Family, were lucky enough to have Dick, Diane, Liz, Sandy, Susie, and Jim for neighbors on Post Road in North Hampton for many years. The memories are etched deep in my heart--and how lucky we were. Di was a force of a nature: unfailingly cheerful with a mischievous glint in her eye and a funny story delivered in her inimitable style...Solid strong legs, always it seems in Bermuda shorts, and always tanned...the door always open...old-school apple pies...always a project of some kind...busy but never frantic. Also, as mentioned, the best mailperson ever. The highest kind of neighbor, citizen, and human being. Her spirit obviously lives on in her kids and grand-kids. Deep sympathy to Dick and the rest of the Jones family, and thank you for sharing her with us.

HEATHER KING - February 04, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Eastman Jones.

February 03, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diane Eastman Jones.



February 03, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Eastman Jones.

February 03, 2025 at 06:01 PM

KC

“ *my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time*

kathleen collyer - February 03, 2025 at 05:36 PM

IM

“ *I can't believe that such a force has now left this earth. Diane was a classmate of mine at Woodville high school, and always full of high jinx. I remember when she first came to the elementary school in Woodsville and we were all in awe of her because she had this beautiful blonde fat braid down the middle of her back, and she was the doctor's daughter!*

My thoughts and prayers are with Richard and all of their children. I wish that I lived closer to Hampton, New Hampshire because I would certainly go to the services. Most sincerely, and with very fond memories. Irene Johnson Morrissey, south Deerfield, Massachusetts.

irene Morrissey - February 03, 2025 at 04:34 PM

LM

Di Jones was an amazing golfer and human being. I lost to her many times on the golf course, but it was always fun. My wife and I also spent my great time at the lake with Di and Dick. What a full life she lead.

Linda Morrow - February 04, 2025 at 03:40 PM

SM

Sue Ming

Di Jones was an amazing person, friend and fellow golfer. We spent many a day on the St Johnsbury Golf Course as well as courses throughout Vermont, NH and Maine playing State Day and Tri State tournaments. We always had a lot of fun and many laughs while playing. We even laughed during a tournament where we would apply ice packs between each swing and stopped the beverage cart a couple of times. Our scores weren't the best that day but we still enjoyed playing. And then there were the fun times at Harvey's Lake after golf. More fun, a few beers and hearing Dick talk about his Christmas Tree farm.

What a wonderful description her family wrote of her life.

Sue Ming - February 05, 2025 at 06:17 AM