



Diane Seyfort Kensler

August 2, 1926 - September 5, 2022

North Hampton - Diane Seyfort Kensler, 96, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, September 5, 2022.

Born Aug 2, 1926 in Binghamton, New York, to the renowned artist Aimée Seyfort and silk manufacturer, Erhart Ruegg, she grew up in Binghamton, Amsterdam, Santa Fe and Boston. While attending Radcliffe College, Harvard, she met her first husband, composer and professor Morton Margolis of Boston University. The couple settled near Boston and had three children.

Divorcing in 1957, she married pharmacologist and cancer researcher scientist Dr. Charles J. Kensler. The whole family moved to Ryegate, a farm in North Hampton, NH, where Mrs. Kensler raised champion show ponies and started the NH Pony Club.

An avid gardener, Mrs. Kensler enhanced and designed Ryegate's gardens with every kind of tree and shrub possible. The Kenslers traveled all over the world for his work. In the summer they retreated to Vinalhaven, Maine, where they enjoyed boating, fishing and gardening. She was very knowledgeable and was known for her great wit.

Predeceased by her husband, daughter Valerie Margolis and brother David Seyfort Ruegg, she is survived by Nadia and Aimee, Doron Margolis,

grandchildren Amelia and Max Margolis; stepson Thomas W. Kensler, Dr. Nancy Davidson and their children, Dr. Caroline Kensler and Kevin Kensler.

A memorial life celebration will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at Ryegate, 130 Woodland Rd., North Hampton. The family requests that those attending please be fully vaccinated. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Diane Kensler Memorial Green Space at the North Hampton Public Library, 239 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton, NH 03862.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Ryegate
130 Woodland Road
North Hampton, NH 03862

Tribute Wall

AM

“ All those people who are planning to attending the Diane Kensler Memorial Life Celebration on Oct 15th, please be fully vaccinated. Thank you :)




Aimee Margolis - October 05, 2022 at 02:16 AM



“ Diane Seyfort Kensler

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

 Joan Sheehan

“ My very favorite days growing up were the days I got to visit Ryegate. Both my older brother Bob and sister Mary Ellen worked there and my lifelong love of all things ponies and horses started on the Ryegate Pony Ride. In fact I made most of my living by riding and training horses. So I thank Mrs. Kensler and her incredibly beautiful ponies for giving me such a wonderful beginning. My condolences to her family, she was one remarkable lady.

Joan Sheehan - September 13, 2022 at 08:21 PM

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Remick & Gendron - September 12, 2022 at 03:59 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Aimee Margolis - September 12, 2022 at 03:12 PM



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Diane Kensler - September 12, 2022 at 03:27 AM



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Diane Kensler - September 12, 2022 at 03:14 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Pictures of Diane Kensler



Diane Kensler - September 12, 2022 at 03:07 AM

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“ Aimee, So sorry to read about your mothers passing Growing up i remember all the ponies and beautiful flowers went my dad Dr Simmons use to come to the house i hope you have many memories to help you thur this time. Take Care Mary simmons Lambert

mary lambert - September 09, 2022 at 09:49 AM



Hi Mary, I was just thinking of you when I rode past your old home. Please come to the Memorial Life Celebration, next month on October 15th, 1 PM at Ryegate :)

Diane Kensler - September 12, 2022 at 02:25 AM