



Donald "Deke" DeCarteret

February 26, 1934 - October 15, 2024

Rye - Donald R. "Deke" DeCarteret of Rye, NH and former resident of Exeter and Seabrook Beach, NH and Lowell, MA died on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at Webster at Rye. He was born on February 26, 1934, in Lowell, MA, the son of the late Russell W. and Grace E. (Rogers) DeCarteret.

Deke graduated from Lowell High with the Class of 1946. After high school he went to work for Cushman's Bakery before entering into the prosthetics field with the family business, Boston Artificial Limb Co. In 1975 Deke founded Northeastern Prosthetic and Brace Inc. of Woburn, MA (now JFK Prosthetics) and continued to be actively involved in the business until his retirement in 1996. He was a past member of the Ancient York Masonic Lodge of Lowell, MA and of the Aleppo Shriners Scottish Rite of Wilmington, MA.

Deke married his high school sweetheart, Sandra (Zapanes) DeCarteret in 1953 and the couple had made their home in Pelham and Salem before moving to Seabrook Beach in 1992. After his retirement in 1996, Sandra and Deke had split their time between summers in New Hampshire and winters in Lakeland, FL. They relocated to Exeter in 2006 and to Rye in 2023. After more than 70 years of marriage, Sandra passed in May of 2024.

Deke leaves his sons, Glen DeCarteret and his wife Doreen Casey of Bethel, ME and Mark DeCarteret and his wife Kathleen Clancy of Rye. He is also

survived by his sister, Diane Fay Hayes of West Palm Beach, FL and his nieces Kimberly Hayes Magee of Manchester, NH and Jennifer Hayes of Kennebunk, ME.

Family and friends may visit on October 22 from 10-11am in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home- Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Services will follow at 11 AM at the funeral home. Private burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Hudson, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to World Central Kitchen by clicking here (https://wck.org/?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKC A jw68K4BhAuEiwAylp3kq5-viWbrySBb_9S_soXkqtX_rLgCIV8BYjvSg5T-Hz6k VfJGfDDhxoCZ7IQAvD_BwE).

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PI

“ Sad to say, I just found out today the passing of not only Deke, but Sandy too. They were my next door neighbor down in Lake Worth, Florida. When my husband, Lenny, and I moved to Summer Chase in 2011, we were blessed to know them, and share a few meals out with them. After they sold their (warm) Florida home and moved back to (cold) New Hampshire, we kept in touch by phone. My husband passed away in 2020, but I still gave him a call every now and then just to say hello, but today (12/23/24) when I picked up the phone to call them for the holiday season, I found out the sad news. They are sadly missed, and may they rest in peace.

Sincerely,
Patricia Impagliatelli
Lake Worth, Florida

Pat Impagliatelli - December 23, 2024 at 01:05 PM

RS

“ Diane, Glenn and Mark;

I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your brother and father. I have such fond memories of Deke. He was always nice to me growing up in our Pelham neighborhood. He taught me how to ride his horse Tanya and let me help take care of her. He even brought me to some horse shows. He was a very generous man and I'll never forget him. My deepest sympathies Roberta Blanchette-Schelberg



Roberta Schelberg - October 23, 2024 at 10:04 AM

JP

“ Jessica P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Deke" DeCarteret.

Jessica P. - October 22, 2024 at 08:46 AM

SS

“ S S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Deke" DeCarteret.

S S. - October 21, 2024 at 06:13 PM

AB

“ Ali and Bill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Deke" DeCarteret.

Ali and Bill - October 20, 2024 at 11:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald "Deke" DeCarteret.



October 20, 2024 at 11:30 PM

FF

“ From Kathy Clancy's Holy Cross friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Deke" DeCarteret.

From Kathy Clancy's Holy Cross friends - October 20, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald "Deke" DeCarteret.*



October 20, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ *LOVE Diane, Kimberly and Jennifer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Deke" DeCarteret.*

LOVE Diane, Kimberly and Jennifer - October 20, 2024 at 09:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald "Deke" DeCarteret.*



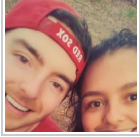
October 20, 2024 at 09:19 AM



“ *Mark, Glen, Kathleen and Doreen purchased the Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray for the family of Donald "Deke" DeCarteret.*



Mark, Glen, Kathleen and Doreen - October 18, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ Terri Provencher lit a candle in memory of Donald "Deke" DeCarteret



Terri Provencher - October 18, 2024 at 11:05 AM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - October 18, 2024 at 10:38 AM

PE

Great memories with Deke and Sandra at Sterling Hill in Exeter. I will always cherish you my wonderful memories. Keep loving 🤗 Deke I miss you already ❤️ Peggy

Peggy - October 18, 2024 at 02:04 PM

DC

I first met Don and Sandra in 1983 when I went to work part time at Northeastern Prosthetic and Brace in Woburn. My Sister, Judy Walsh, worked there but had been diagnosed with cancer, so they needed extra help especially when she had to go for her chemo treatments, Judy loved them both and I soon found out why. They were the nicest and kindest people that anyone could ever ask to work with. We were all like family and became such great friends. Judy passed away at age 44 in 1984 and everyone who worked there became my lifelong friends. I became the full time "secretary " for ten years loving my job and never dreading going to work. Other employees would see us all laughing and having a great time and ask me if Don had any job openings 😊❤️😊. Bill and I also lived at Seabrook Beach and visit with Don and Sandra and then moved to Sterling Hill a few years ago. Don would say "are you following me?"

Don you were a very special person to me and I'll miss our solving the problems of the world and then having a good laugh about them! You certainly helped a lot of people as a prothetist at the Rehab. And all your patients loved you. You were very caring and concerned about everyone and our world will miss you ❤️❤️❤️

Deb Carroll - October 21, 2024 at 06:40 PM

KM

*“ My gosh Uncle Deke, you couldn't live without Aunt Sandra. And who would blame you. Go, be with your girl. But know that the people you leave behind love your love for family. Your smiling eyes, the instruments you played (accordian) to entertain us on holidays. But most of all your generous spirit. You shared the nicest memories along the way. You saved lives and limbs! So many lives were touched by YOU!
I miss you already ❤️*

Kimberly E Magee - October 17, 2024 at 09:23 PM