



## Donna Ann Nice

January 1, 1946 - December 5, 2023

Rye – Donna A. Nice, 77, of Rye, formerly longtime resident of Portsmouth, passed away peacefully from complications due to multiple sclerosis on December 5, 2023, at Webster at Rye in Rye, NH. surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Burlington, Vermont on New Year's Day - January 1, 1946.

Donna attended high school in Spain where she was the Valedictorian of her class. Growing up in an Air Force family, she visited many destinations which always included interesting stories for her children and grandchildren. She later settled in New Hampshire where she worked at Pease Air Force Base as a secretary. It was at Pease where she would meet her true love, Stan J. Nice. They married in December of 1967, spending 55 happy years together on the seacoast before his passing in 2022.

The Nice's later moved and settled in Portsmouth, NH where Donna retired from the Portsmouth Regional Hospital after over 30 years of dedicated service. While serving both colleagues and patients, Donna was awarded the Frist Humanitarian Award. Award winners are nominated by their hospital peers, for employees whose daily dedication and caregiving epitomize the highest standards of quality and personal commitment. Donna's greatest rewards were the many beautiful friendships that grew at Portsmouth Hospital and her Maple Haven neighbors who became like family for the rest of her life. Donna was a gentle and compassionate soul who wasn't afraid to share her faith, wisdom, and great sense of humor with others. She dearly cherished her

husband and treasured every moment with her children. Her unending support and love were evident throughout her life as she often put family needs before her own. Her strong faith and service to the Lord were evident throughout her life. She often told her children, "I started praying for your future spouses when you were little."

Donna's prayers were answered.

Donna also served as a faithful CCD teacher and later as a Marriage Focus Counselor preparing and supporting new couples getting married. A very important job.

Donna loved her 4 grandchildren. She radiated both pride and love in every interaction and attended as many events as her body would allow. Whether or not she could attend a basketball, football, track, or judo competition; Nana was their biggest fan. She was in love with them, and they with her.

Although Donna and Stan spent many nights tearing up the Country-Line dance floor, Donna was without question the happiest when surrounded by family. Whether it was cooking, playing a board-game, attending many tea-parties, watching movies, throwing another Patriot's Super-bowl party, smoking homemade kielbasa, or simply surrounded by family, she appreciated every moment and felt love.

Donna will be missed for her wisdom, selfless ways, and her genuine ability to make others feel as if they were the only person in the room. Donna was truly graceful in spirit and grateful in nature. This helped sustain her until the end. Donna's family is abundantly grateful for the tender care and compassion she received from the "legion of angels" who cared for her at Webster in Rye while living there. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Donna is survived by her son Keith and spouse Marianne Nice, and their two children, Cameron and Natalie Nice of Newmarket; her daughter Alena (Nice) Cusson and husband Barry, and their two children Lauren and Brayden Cusson of Eliot Maine; her brother Ron J. LaCourse and wife Elaine LaCourse; her brother-in-law Robert Van Horn and brother-in-law Alan Nice and wife Mary-Therese Nice as well as several cherished in-laws, nieces and

nephews. She is predeceased by her loving husband, Stan; father and mother, Clifford and Bertha LaCourse and her younger sister Elena Van-Horn.

Visiting hours will be 5-7 pm Friday, December 15, 2023, at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home- Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH. A Mass Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 am Saturday, December 16, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Church, Corpus Christi Parish, 98 Summer Street, Portsmouth. A burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Portsmouth.

There will be a reception after the burial on the Pease Trade Port (27 International Dr, Portsmouth, NH 03801)

In lieu of flowers please consider donations St. Jude [https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc\\_icid=header-btn-donate-now](https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=header-btn-donate-now).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church  
98 Summer Street  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

## Cemetery

DEC **16** (ET)

Calvary Cemetery  
Rt 33, Greenland, Rd.  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Jackson B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Ann Nice.*

**Jackson B.** - December 14, 2023 at 09:39 PM

LB

“ *Love her!!! one of my mom's best friends sending love and prayers*

**Lisa Barnes** - December 14, 2023 at 04:11 PM

MR

“ *Keith and Alena,  
What a special gift your mom was to everyone who was lucky enough to know her. I will always remember our long conversations about our two sons, the closeness they shared and.....  
sometimes the situations you boys got yourselves into! Thank goodness, never anything serious!! She and your dad are together again as it should be.*

*Marlene and Alan*

**Marlene Rubin** - December 14, 2023 at 09:40 AM

TV

“ Keith and Alena, Your mom was an angel on earth and best friend to the McCoomb family. Growing up with her across the street and knowing her was such an honor. Before she was a loving grandmother herself, and I was just a new mother myself, I will always remember how excited she would get when I came back to visit my mom and she would run over to greet me and get a snuggle from my babies. She would always ask if she could give them a kiss on the back of their soft tiny necks. She would always say that's the best spot to snuggle. I find myself doing that to other little babies and always think of her. I will remember her for sharing her loving heart with me and my boys.

Theresa Vinciguerra

Theresa Vinciguerra - December 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KN

Thank you Theresa. The McCoomb family will always fill a special place in our hearts. Your words made me smile during a very tough week. Her life was blessed because the McCoombs were in it. XXOO  
Keith

Keith Nice - December 14, 2023 at 09:33 AM

KN

Thank you for sharing that special memory as I remember that as well. I mean it when I say, her life was blessed because the "McCoombs" were in it. Thank you!

Keith Nice - December 20, 2023 at 02:51 PM

BF

“ Betty & the McCoomb/Vinciguerra families purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Donna Ann Nice.



Betty & the McCoomb/Vinciguerra families - December 13, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Ann Nice.*



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December 13, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *Dear Alena & Keith, my heartfelt condolences to you both and your families.*

*Your mother was a delight to know, always smiling and inquiring about others regardless of how she herself was feeling. She was a true angel. Thank you for sharing her with us!*

*Suzanne N.*

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**Suzanne N** - December 11, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ *Such a nice woman who always made me feel welcome. Deepest sympathies to you and your families.*

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**Tim Kenney** - December 11, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ *Keith and Alena, I'm so sad to hear of your mom's passing. She was a wonderful mother and a wonderful neighbor. I remember Julie came home from your house and said, ask Mrs Nice what she uses to clean because her house is sparkling. I told her, Julie that doesn't come in a bottle. And I remember how your dad was trying for the perfect lawn to please his father. It's my pleasure to have known them. Bless you and your families.*

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**Mary Champagne** - December 10, 2023 at 07:49 PM

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*Mrs. Champagne, thank you, now that made me smile!*

**Keith Nice** - December 10, 2023 at 08:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Ann Nice.

December 10, 2023 at 03:18 PM

HR

“ I have been best friends with Keith since the third grade, which means I have known Donna for approximately 45 years. Donna, whom I affectionately referred to as Mrs. Nice, has always been like a second mother to me. I have spent countless visits at her house with Keith, Alena, and Mr. Nice, and she always treated me as if I were her own son. I truly adored her. I consider myself so fortunate and blessed to have experienced her loving and welcoming smile, as well as her unwavering positive attitude. When people speak of someone who is incapable of being unkind, they are referring to Mrs. Nice. Although I will deeply miss her, I find solace in knowing that she is no longer suffering and is now reunited with her parents, beloved sister, and her ever-loving husband Stan.

**Howard Rubin** - December 10, 2023 at 09:52 AM

KN

*Thank you Howie. I appreciate your words made public about my mom. I don't have to tell you, she cherished our friendship and loved you like a son.*

**Keith Nice** - December 11, 2023 at 05:45 PM

JK

“ Julie K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Ann Nice.

**Julie K.** - December 09, 2023 at 07:58 PM

AF

“ I will forever be thankful to have met & cared for Donna at Webster. She made work something to look forward to. I will never forget her wisdom and contagious positivity. She made a special impact on everyone she met. I am so grateful to have been a part of her life & I will hold her words close to my heart for years to come. A very easy person to love! Sending my deepest condolences to the family ☐

Alyssa F - December 09, 2023 at 03:43 PM

KN

Thank you Alyssa from the bottom of our hearts for taking such amazing care of my Mom. She always said you and the others were angels on earth. I believe her. Thank you!

Keith Nice - December 11, 2023 at 10:32 AM

PH

“ Donna you will be well missed but never forgotten. A gentle woman who sought out the good in all. A friend, a mother, an inspiration for the next generation. Top priority was her faith and family, and led by her actions. Committed to her community and friends. Always a smile and an impish sparkle in her eyes. She took the time to truly listen and kindness was a basic part of her nature. Loved your humor, life stories and parables. Felt like you were always teaching us in the most subtle of ways. Despite all the challenges of your health issues, you were always grateful and graceful. You have transitioned elsewhere in the universe and are finally with “your Stan”. Your cycle of life has ended here on earth but rest assured, the wheel of life will not be broken. Your children, grandchildren, & friends will continue to hear your voice in their hearts and minds. Lovingly, Patti and Rich Helminski

Patti Helminski - December 09, 2023 at 10:18 AM

KN

*Patti, her life was blessed, because you were in it.  
Thank you! xxoo*

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**Keith Nice** - December 11, 2023 at 05:46 PM

MK

“ *God Bless her soul. She is now with her soulmate, Stan, and I can see them hugging, kissing and holding hand. Too many wonderful memories to share but she was an Angel. Rest in peace with your family. Love you. Marie Kosin*

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**Marie kosin** - December 09, 2023 at 09:39 AM

CM

“ *Donna is one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. After my retirement from PRH I moved to Florida for 20 years & when I came back for a visit, I always made it a point to visit Donna; she was so special & will never be forgotten.*

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**Carol Murray** - December 09, 2023 at 07:55 AM