



Donna G. Purdie

November 12, 1949 - July 25, 2022

Rye - Donna Gayle Purdie, 72, of Rye, died Monday, July 25, 2022 after a sudden illness.

Born November 12, 1949 to Richard and Margaret Roberts in Manchester, NH, she attended local schools (with her future husband Bill) and Plymouth State College.

Her family and friends were her life. Through enjoyment of outdoor activities that included tennis, golf, skiing and boating she met many wonderful people. She loved art, cooking, reading, sewing, exercising and had a fantastic eye for interior decorating. One of her greatest joys in life was being a grandmother and creating special memories for four lucky grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Bill; daughters, Becky Clinard (Nate) and Jenny Karnacewicz (Marty); grandchildren, Tatum and Morgan Clinard, and Adelyn and Stone Karnacewicz; sisters, Lindsay Harbour (Ron) and Patricia McClintock (Randy); brothers, Michael and Jonathan; and nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her parents; brothers, Gary and Mark, and sister Leslie.

A celebration of life will be planned in the future.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill & Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with you and Donna
over the years at NH Glass and am saddened to hear of her
passing.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!
Sincerely,
Chris Masters*

Christopher Masters - April 25, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ *Donna G. Purdie*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Dearest Bill, Jenny, Becky, and family,*

*I'm so very sorry for the loss of Donna; your wife, mother,
grandmother, and all the other wonderful things she was to so many
people.*

*I will always remember Donna with fondness. She was kind with a
fun-loving character; always upbeat. When my son and I first started
skiing, Donna gave me her old Nordica ski boots to see if I liked the
sport or not. We got hooked!*

But so many acts of kindness to others seemed to be her way.

*Sending love to you all hardly seems enough.... take care of each
other.*

*Fondly,
Darlene Furbush Ouellett*

Darlene Furbush Ouellett - August 07, 2022 at 11:10 AM

TB

“ I can remember Donna in many of my childhood memories and in every one she has a huge smile across her face. She will be missed and I pray for comfort and support for her family and friends. -Tara Murphy Beardsley

Tara Murphy Beardsley - August 05, 2022 at 03:35 PM

FT

“ RIP Donna.



Frank Titus - August 05, 2022 at 10:56 AM

DR

“ Donna, you had been a friend for such a long time and you were admired and loved by all your friends- You were always the voice of reason and I admired you very much for that. May you rest in peace and watch over your family. You will be missed by all. Your long time friend Denny Richmond9

Dennis Richmond - August 03, 2022 at 09:11 AM

 Beth Jefferson

“ My heart goes out to you and your family over this tragic news. Donna's smile and spirit were just so beautiful, and she made each of us feel loved whenever we were around her. My deepest condolences for your loss. Beth Jefferson

Beth Jefferson - August 03, 2022 at 08:06 AM

JG

“ I was fortunate to not only call Donna my "fuzzin" (fun cousin), but also a friend. I admired how she prioritized her family but also made a point of taking time to develop deep friendships and have a lot of fun while doing it ALL. She was extremely talented and a great storyteller. I will miss her immensely and am holding the Purdie family in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Jennifer Grace

Jennifer Grace - August 02, 2022 at 12:30 PM

KG

Cousin Donna you will be missed So many memories over the years from your house, Grammie's house and the beach cottages. We always had fun when the "Iowa cousins" came to visit. So very glad we reconnected over the last few years. My heart and prayers go out to your family. So glad you were in my life
Kathy Henze Gracey

kathy gracey - August 05, 2022 at 01:06 PM

PS

“ Our hearts are breaking over the news of Donna's sudden passing. May you each find peace and comfort in the beautiful legacy she has left each of you. Know that you; Bill, Jenny, Becky, and families are forever in our hearts.
Our love to you,
Pat and Sharyn Short

Patrick and Sharyn Short - August 01, 2022 at 01:03 PM

JM

“ Joe McDowell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donna G. Purdie.



Joe McDowell - August 01, 2022 at 10:03 AM

RS

“ Bill,
So sorry to hear of Donna's passing. The last time I saw her, at the football reunion, she looked great - healthy and full of energy. Seemed like she would go on and on.
I wish you and your family the strength to deal with this tragic loss.
Rob Swift

Rob Swift - August 01, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna G. Purdie.



August 01, 2022 at 08:15 AM

JH

“ Tuesday late afternoon Donna would come off the 18th.green into the grill room and always be looking forward to that first sip of a Blue Moon Ale in a “frosted” glass!A truly kind pleasant lady that when you met her you wouldn't ever forget her,may you Rest In Peace Donna ,it is wonderful to know you.and by the way it was one beer “ only”! Jon Hoaty Houghton 🌹

Jon Houghton - July 31, 2022 at 04:14 PM

JF

Donna was such a lovely person. Years ago, I babysat the girls. Sending sympathies to the family ❤️

Jeanne Freeze - August 01, 2022 at 07:25 AM

SS

“ I was so surprised and saddened to hear about Donna’s passing. I played golf with her in Sanibel and we exchanged stories about our shared love of Maine and NH. She was always so positive about life and really fun to be with. My condolences to her family - she will be missed.

Sally Shott

Sally Shott - July 31, 2022 at 02:23 PM

MM

I was so shocked and saddened by the sudden death of the most beautiful, gracious, loving, creative, athletic, fun woman. Her grace and dignity and calm nature attracted so many of us to Donna.

Bill ,Jenny, Becky, and grandkids I am so sorry for the loss of your wife mom and grandma she cannot be replaced but her memories will remain in place forever.

My prayers are with all of you

Mary McKee

Mary McKee - August 02, 2022 at 10:26 AM

JE

Thank you very much Mary. You were special to her as well.

Jenny - August 03, 2022 at 08:02 PM

KS

“ I was sad to see news of Donna’s passing in todays paper. Just a couple of weeks ago I was talking about her telling me about living close to a beach. And then I realized how long ago that was and how old the babies I babysat were now! Donna was one of the adults that made growing up easier for me. Kathy Currier Steinmetz

Kathleen Steinmetz - July 31, 2022 at 09:04 AM

JM

“ We were so sorry to hear of Donna’s sudden passing. Our deepest sympathy to the entire Purdie family. Jane (Erskine) and Brian McCoy

Jane Erskine McCoy - July 31, 2022 at 07:07 AM

DW

“ *Bill*
So sorry and sad to learn of Donna's passing. So many fond memories. As part of the Harrison St gang, Donna drove Morira Power, June Hanscom and me to Central all my junior and her senior year in that funny green car. I know that you two were one of the the all time great couples from those wonderful years. Your huge loss is shared by so many. Don and Paula Winterton

Don Winterton - July 30, 2022 at 05:30 PM

JO

“ *Dear Bill,*
Our hearts go out to you and your entire family. We were so saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Donna. She was a genuinely beautiful person inside and out. Her friendly nature, warm beautiful smile and wonderful sense of humor were just a few of her qualities that were so endearing. She and I had so much fun playing golf together and her great stories always kept me laughing. She was a gift to us all....truly an unforgettable woman. Bob and I will miss her greatly and never forget her. Our deepest condolences.
Judy and Bob Otterbein

Judy Otterbein - July 30, 2022 at 03:05 PM

CS

*Dear Billy and family,
I am fortunate to have such wonderful memories of Donna starting with neighborhood kick the can games and summers at Grandma Dickson's Hampton Beach cottages to meetings in Portsmouth chatting about our husbands, kids and grandkids. Donna was a beautiful person inside and out. She made everyone feel special and that is a true gift.
My love and sympathy to you and your family.
Cindi Pappas Shanley*

Cindi Pappas Shanley - July 31, 2022 at 12:42 PM

SC

*Bill
Kent and I are so sorry for your loss. Donna was such a beautiful person, inside and out. Her smile will always be remembered. May her memory be eternal.
Kent & Sandy Comeau*

Sandy Comeau - August 01, 2022 at 07:00 AM

PC

“ *Paul Chase lit a candle in memory of Donna G. Purdie*



paul chase - July 30, 2022 at 02:17 PM

TS

“ *Donna and I, along with Bill, were classmates, at Manchester Central High and graduated, in 1967. Though we didn't share the same circle of friends, in high school, we always managed to re-connect, at our Class Reunions, as if time had never passed. Donna had a beautiful smile, was gracious and always made you feel comfortable. Rest In Peace, my classmate and friend. 💕*

Theresa (Burke) Simard

Theresa (Burke) Simard - July 30, 2022 at 01:38 PM

MK

“ I will miss Donna’s kindness and friendly conversations, she always extended herself to make me feel welcome. Wishing her family peace and love as they navigate this tremendous loss of a warm, beautiful woman.

Micheleen Karnacewicz - July 30, 2022 at 11:57 AM

JP

“ I knew Donna when I was a child. More recently she and her husband helped me reconnect with my best childhood friend, Karen. I remember Donna as beautiful and very kind. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Jeanne Phelan

Jeanne Phelan - July 30, 2022 at 08:14 AM

KM

“ I only met Donna once, but I instantly liked her. She was strikingly beautiful with a gentle way about her. I will always appreciate her kindness toward my daughter, Tess. Tess’ time at the farm and at the beach with the Purdie family are some of her fondest memories. Morgan and Tatum, I am so very sorry. I know that Donna was more than a grandmother. She was a best friend.

Kimberly Marble - July 30, 2022 at 07:11 AM

PC

“ Jim and I are just devastated to learn of Donna’s sudden passing. She ALWAYS represented the gentleness, grace and beauty that we all admired. A FUN Lady to play golf with and to have at any social gathering. Our broken hearts go out to you Bill and your family. Jim and Pat Crawford

Pat Crawford - July 30, 2022 at 07:06 AM

RW

“ I am so sad to wake up to this news. Donna (she made me stop calling her “Mrs. Purdie” years ago!), was one of many moms who were so special and important to me growing up. I was always welcome at their home and as I grew up and had a family of my own, they were welcome there too. I have spent countless hours at their home and beach with family and 2 of my oldest friends, Becky and Jenny. Donna was a wonderful example to me as a mom and especially a grandmother. I will miss her a lot and always hold a special place in my heart for her.

Rachel Willerer - July 30, 2022 at 06:17 AM

JK

“ We don't need flowers or food. We need your compassion and kindness in words. My Mom died of a stroke after having it while playing golf with my Dad in Maine. She was as beautiful as ever on her death bed and I got to say goodbye to her. Thank you for your support. Jenny Karnacewicz

Jenny Karnacewicz - July 30, 2022 at 05:28 AM

MS

Dear Jenny,

I remember both of your parents well, as we were in high school together. I am so sorry for your family's devastating loss. What a blessing that your Dad and Mom were together when she was stricken. Please convey my heartfelt sympathy to Bill and your sister.

Marilyn Goodwin Soper

Marilyn Soper - July 30, 2022 at 07:35 AM



Jenny - I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother! I hope fond memories fill your heart in the days to come. My condolences.

Sue Downey Gray - July 30, 2022 at 09:06 AM

SC

Donna was, simply, the very best. A true and wonderful friend, I will miss her and love her forever.
Sheila and Hal

Sheila Cail - July 30, 2022 at 10:03 AM



I am so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. She was a wonderful person, so sweet and beautiful. We played golf together on Sanibel and talked about our love of Scotland. My condolences to Bill, her daughters and the rest of the family. She will truly be missed.

Jill Johnson - July 30, 2022 at 12:21 PM

PC

Bill, Jenny and Becky I am so sorry to hear of your loss. When Donna came in for a fill up she always had time to check in with me and ask how I was doing. When she left she always had a smile.

paul chase - July 30, 2022 at 02:15 PM



To know Donna was to love her and she was loved by so many. I will cherish my wonderful memories of our times together over the past twenty five years. I will miss your friendship, your positive persona and infectious smile. Good bye my friend. Until we meet again.

Kathy Walker

Kathleen Walker - July 30, 2022 at 03:44 PM

KC

Jenny and Becky and family, You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Kathleen Cole, Rye Elementary School, 1970-2010

Kathleen Cole - July 30, 2022 at 08:46 PM

BM

Bill and I were so saddened to hear about the sudden loss of Donna. We knew her from the beach as neighbors, and every time we met she was so lovely. We are very sorry for this tragic loss. We hope love lives forever in your heart. Our best to your family.
Bill and Beverly MacLeod

Beverly MacLeod - July 31, 2022 at 11:14 AM

DG

*Bill,
So sorry and sad to learn of Donna's sudden passing. Great tennis memories from Longfield. She was always sweet and kind to me when we would bump into each other(usually while shopping).
Dick Grossman*

Dick Grossman - July 31, 2022 at 12:04 PM

DD

Donna was just a wonderful person inside and out. She opened her heart to everyone. Bill, God Bless you at this trying time.

DIANNE dURKIN - July 31, 2022 at 12:06 PM

JM

Bill, I am sorry for your loss .. Your wife was always gracious , courteous & patient with guests such as myself & others at your wonderful beach home .Best wishes, Joe McDowell

joseph mcdowell - August 01, 2022 at 09:54 AM

KA

Words cannot express the deep sadness and heartbreak so many of us feel in losing Donna so unexpectedly. Her smile, her laugh and her kindness will be etched in my life forever.

kitsy abbott - August 01, 2022 at 10:21 AM

SP

So sorry for your loss. Donna was always helpful and kind. She will be missed

Scott Pelletier - August 01, 2022 at 07:01 PM

GM

Bill, Jenny, Becky and families, We are heartbroken for you over the sudden loss of Donna. So many memories, so many years. She was very kind, helpful and friendly. Thank You Donna. You were so graceful and beautiful.

Greg & Regina Mondoux - August 02, 2022 at 07:04 PM

JM

Dear Bill and Family-

We are heartbroken for all of you. We send our love and prayers. An incredible wife, mom , grandmother and friend. Her stories about how much she enjoyed life- especially her family were heartwarming. A beautiful smile and a beautiful soul...she will be so missed.

Joan and Claude Marchessault

Joan Marchessault - August 02, 2022 at 09:15 PM

BS

Bill, Jenny, Becky, and family. I am saddened beyond words by your loss. Donna was a beautiful, friendly and caring classmate and friend. Donna's ever present smile, her energy and warm conversation is what I will always remember. My sincere condolences to you all - you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Bill Smagula

Bill Smagula - August 03, 2022 at 02:26 PM

RS

*Dearest Bill, Jenny, Becky, and family,
I wish I had words to tell you how sorry I am about your loss. Donna was always beautiful, kind, and warm to everyone. I will always remember her beautiful smile and keep it in my heart. May you always remember the love she had for your family. I hope these memories will give you comfort in the days ahead.*

Roberta Smagula

Roberta Smagula - August 07, 2022 at 03:03 PM

BB

*Bill, Jenny, Becky and Family,
So Sorry to learn of Donna's sudden passing. She was a beautiful lady, always helpful and gracious. Our Thoughts are with you.*

Bette Babicki

Bette Babicki - August 10, 2022 at 06:09 PM