



Dorothy L. Duddy

March 10, 1918 - October 3, 2013

Rye, NH — Dorothy Louise (Barrett) Duddy, 95, a longtime Rye resident, passed away peacefully on October 3, 2013, surrounded by her loving family.

She lived independently right up to the time of her brief hospitalization.

Dorothy was born March 10, 1918, in Waltham, Mass., the daughter of the late Ernest and Edith (Butler) Barrett.

She attended school in Waltham and upon graduation from South High School, attended Simmons College in Boston. Following graduation, Suma Cum Laude, she was employed by the college, and later worked in the Boston banking industry. She married Robert J. Duddy, also of Waltham, on October 29, 1949 and was part owner of two Waltham landmarks, the Moody Spa and The Ranch House restaurant. In 1972, the Duddys moved to Rye, converting their two room summer cottage into a beautiful ocean side home under Dorothy's direction.

Dorothy was the Chief Financial Officer, and later President of Interstate Tower Communications, a telecommunications business built on the vision of what would later become wireless communication. The business was sold to Motorola Corporation at the height of the development of cell phone technology.

She was also the co-founder of the Hampton Fuel Company, and together with her husband, Robert (Bob), developed the marine fuel facility at Rye Harbor. Dorothy was a very well-known and well-respected figure at Rye Harbor even at the time of her passing. Dorothy passed the NH Realtors

course in 1980.

She was very proud of her Barrett ancestry, and was a member in good standing of the National Society of Magna Charta Dames and Barons, as well as the Old Concord Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her personal connection to early American history created what would become a lifelong love of antiques. She greatly enjoyed reading of all genres, but especially historical biographies and was an accomplished knitter. Behind her sparkling blue eyes and ready smile was a keen intellect, a kind heart, and a generous spirit. She will live on through those whose lives she touched.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband of thirty years, Robert, and her infant granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth. She is survived by three sons; Rob and his wife, Nina, of York, Maine, Richard, and his wife Sue Ellen, of Portsmouth; Ron and his wife Susan, of Concord; and two daughters, Jan Carroll and her husband Michael of Rye; and Johanna Jackson of Durham; nine grandchildren, Richard Jr., Michael Duddy and his wife Karen of Portsmouth; Sarah Vaillancourt and her husband Gregg, of Portsmouth; Scott Duddy and his wife Ariel, of Simsbury, CT, Sean Duddy and his wife, Margaret, of Boston, MA; Jill Muir and her husband, CJ of Hampton Falls; Jen Carroll and Pete Kirkland of North Hampton; and grandsons Conner Jackson and Collin Jackson, of Durham; six great grandchildren and many cousins, nieces, and nephews; all whom she loved dearly.

There will be no visiting hours. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m., Monday, October 7, 2013 at Saint Theresa Church, 815 Central Road, Rye Beach. Burial will follow in the Central Cemetery, Central Road, Rye. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited, with a reception in the Saint Theresa Parish Center following interment. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to an organization that provided Dorothy countless hours of enjoyment, the "Friends of the Rye Public Library", 581 Washington Road, Rye, NH 03870.

Cemetery Details

Central Cemetery

20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy L. Duddy*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Duddy family. I have very fond memories of Mrs. Duddy.*

Phip & Tina, Greenland, NH

Phip Miles - October 06, 2013 at 06:42 PM



“ *Your mother and mine, Doris Ellis, were childhood friends in Waltham and stayed in touch over these many years. My sister and I had the pleasure of meeting your Mom, with Jan, over lunch a few years ago. She was a lovely lady and the two of them shared many laughs at that meeting. It was as though the years had faded away and they were two young girls once again.*

We send our deepest sympathy to the entire family.

Doris Ellis, Susan Ellis, Cherie (Ellis) White

Susan H. Ellis - October 06, 2013 at 06:17 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Peggy Sheehan and family

Peggy Sheehan - October 06, 2013 at 06:12 PM

DL

“ *Damien & Mary Duddy. Galway. Ireland lit a candle in memory of Dorothy L. Duddy*



damien & mary duddy. Galway. Ireland - October 06, 2013 at 04:56 PM

DA

We are all thinking of you and so sad for the loss of your very dear Mum. We will miss those long distance chats! May her gentle soul rest in Heavenly peace. Damien, Mary, Niall, Brian and Alma.

damien - October 06, 2013 at 05:00 PM

JL

“ *Jodie, My thoughts are with you and the rest of your family. ~Jonel Leake*

Jonel Thames Leake - October 06, 2013 at 11:02 AM

TK

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family.*

Tom & Marie (Beaupre) Kelleher - October 06, 2013 at 07:12 AM