



Edward J. Ireland

November 13, 1939 - December 30, 2025

Rye – Edward J. Ireland, 86, of Rye, passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2025. He was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on November 13, 1939, a son of the late Asa and Dorothy (Gniffke) Ireland.

Edward was a graduate of Portsmouth High School, Class of 1958. In his younger years, he worked as a mechanic before dedicating much of his life to serving the Town of Rye. He worked as a Rye patrolman, performed various duties within the highway department, and served for many years as Superintendent of the Rye Central Cemetery. Edward was a large part of the Rye community and will be fondly remembered for his commitment, reliability, and many years of service to his town.

He enjoyed hunting and was a proud member of the Rye Lions Club. Edward will also be remembered for being generous, quiet, and having a dry sense of humor. He would do anything for anyone and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Edward shared 63 years of marriage with his loving wife, Jane E. (Erickson) Ireland. They celebrated their anniversary on December 2, 2025. Jane passed away just one day later, on December 3, 2025.

Edward is survived by his daughters, Wanda Millett and her husband, John,

and Christine Barnum and her husband, Larry; Janice Ireland, Julie Thibodeau and her partner, Jason Whiteman; his son, Jeffrey Ireland; his grandchildren Ryan Thibodeau, Madison Ireland, Mariah Barnum Sherman and husband Seth, Erica Sarcione and partner Mike Baxter, Benjamin Sarcione and partner Kate Roche, Nathan Millett and wife Danielle Millett, Danielle Remick and husband Bob Remick as well as great grandchildren Harper Millett and Skylar Millett, Bobby Remick and Alistair Sherman. Additionally, he leaves his brother Richard Ireland, and his children Ricky, Michael and Kathy Ireland.

No services are planned at this time. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.