



Elizabeth "Betsy" Gagnon

January 13, 1951 - September 23, 2021

Hampton – Elizabeth Harris Gagnon, 70, of Hampton, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro after a period of failing health. Betsy was born in Melrose, MA on January 13, 1951, a daughter of the late Robert B. and Marcia E. (Wells) Harris.

She grew up in Melrose and graduated from Melrose High with the Class of 1969. Betsy then entered the University of New Hampshire where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1973 and subsequently her Master's Degree in Education in 1974. She loved children and taught 3rd and 4th grades at both the Centre and Marston Schools in Hampton. Betsy retired from teaching in 2003 after more than 29 years in the classroom.

Family was always most important to Betsy and she loved the summers at the family cottage on Long Island in Lake Winnepesaukee. These were very special times at the cottage that had been in her family for generations.

Betsy was also active in her seacoast community. She was a faithful parishioner of Hampton's First Congregational Church and a member of the Seacoast Education Association and the Seacoast Community Women's Group.

She is survived by her husband of over 46years, Brooks D. Gagnon of

Hampton and also leaves her daughter, Amy Angove and her husband, Philip of Sacramento, CA , her grandchildren, Gabrielle and Jamison, her brother, Robert B. Harris and his wife, Lori of Hanover and her sister, Kathryn Richardson and her husband, Irv of Peterborough, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 am on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Hampton's First Congregational Church, 127 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association (<https://www.diabetes.org/donate>) or to God's Baby Closet, c/o Hampton Congregation Church, 127 Winnacunnet Rd., Hampton, 03842.

Previous Events

Service

NOV **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church
127 Winnacunnet Road
Hampton, NH 03842

Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth "Betsy" Gagnon

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ Brooks and Amy, I just saw that Betsy passed away, I am so very sorry. We had some great times together, may she Rest In Peace
❤️🙏

Wendy Moquin - January 14, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ So sad to hear of Betsy's passing. Betsy and I began out teaching careers together and shared a special friendship filled with soo many laughs. She had a way of lighting up a room with a humorous slant on everyday occurrences. She was soo kind and able to see potential in her students which I always admired. I know she shared in more recent years how much she loved her family which was soo evident. Anyone who knew her was better for knowing her I would guarantee. She will be sorely missed. My prayers go out to Amy, Brooks and her beloved family as those memories that bring tears of loss now will one day bring smiles and joy.

Joanne Sinclair - October 11, 2021 at 08:58 PM

SH

“ Sending love and heartfelt condolences to Amy, Brooks and all of Betsy’s family at this very sad time. This was a valued friendship, mostly conducted over e mail catch-ups, for almost 25 years. Lots of humour and chat about the family, quite a bit of how we would sort out the state of our world.....but nobody would listen!
We’ll miss you,Betsy, but we’ll have lots of happy memories. Sleep well.
Love from Sheila,Jeff, Laura and Alison in the UK.

Sheila Hines - October 11, 2021 at 05:19 AM

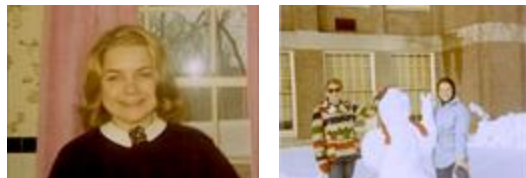
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“ Brooks and Amy, You are in our thoughts and prayers. Betsy was always a joy to be around. May you be comforted by your memories together.

Stacy and Debbie Noyes - October 03, 2021 at 08:23 PM

AC

“ Betsy and I were friends through high school, college and into our later years keeping in touch on Lake Winnepesaukee. To Brooks and her family so sorry for your loss. May she rest in peace. Hope you enjoy the two photos I managed to find of some fun times we had!
With deepest sympathy, Ann Cutter-Specht



Ann Cutter-Specht - October 02, 2021 at 02:12 PM

MS

“ It is with sincere sadness that I read dear Betsy's obituary, just now. That picture of her is beautiful as she was and I'm only an acquaintance, meeting her a few years ago, when I would be working at the front desk of Lamies Inn, when she would come in for lunch and sit in the lobby with me, while the car was being parked. God Bless all of you, now and during your mourning time ahead.
MAU

Maureen Schneider - September 30, 2021 at 10:41 AM

RS

“ Brooks, Amy, and all of Betsy's Family and Friends,

It is with halting sadness that we learned of your great loss of your life-long friend, spouse, mother and grandmother. Brooks, you got your degree at UNH back in the day; yet, the very best thing was not just your high GPA but meeting Betsy at UNH where you introduced her to us, your friends there. You both began your life's journey there. Many can easily recall her good nature and ability to find and share humor, and laugh.

Brooks, she knew and appreciated your and Amy's great love and support. And how wonderful that she shared her love for children and education through teaching. Losing such a wonderful family and community member and anchor is unimaginable, and now as a global family, we wrap our arms around you all to comfort you in these moments of horrendous loss. Many say, too, that we never want to see our loved ones suffer in any way, and in deep grief we know the person we loved and lost is no longer in discomfort or pain. We will never not miss them, and our recollections based in loved will prevail.

Our most sincere condolences go out to you all.

Sincerely,

Richard Shine

Richard Shine - September 28, 2021 at 02:10 PM



Thank you, Richard.

Amy Angove - September 29, 2021 at 08:20 PM

FO

“ Dear Brooks and Amy,

We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend of 47 years. Our thoughts, prayers, and love go out to both of you and Betsy's family.

Betsy was a colleague and respected teacher at Center and Marston Schools. From our first year of teaching, Betsy's love of children and wonderful sense of humor made our teaching experiences fun and interesting. Over the years when we would talk or visit, she loved reminiscing about the many students and funny incidents we shared while teaching together. In recent years, Betsy loved telling us about her grandchildren, Gabrielle and Jamison. A text she sent to us on September 5th said, "Enjoy your little granddaughter. I enjoy my job as a grandmother. I love them so."

Amy -- your mom was such a compassionate and kind person. We always loved being around her. We can clearly see the legacy she has left in the mother and educator that you have become. You brought immense joy to her life.

Brooks -- we are heartbroken about Betsy's death. We shared so many happy memories of the two of you. Betsy had such an amazing and contagious laugh! She was always happy to put everyone at ease with a funny story. We hope those happy memories we shared are a source of peace, support, and strength.

We send our love and deepest sympathy to comfort you and our prayers to help ease the pain. Wishing you peace and strength during this difficult time.

With all our love, Frank & Irene O'Gara

Frank & Irene O'Gara - September 26, 2021 at 02:46 PM



Thank you, Frank and Irene.

Amy Angove - September 29, 2021 at 08:29 PM