



## George D. Donovan

February 2, 1932 - June 15, 2025

Rye - George D. Donovan, 93, of Rye, New Hampshire and formerly of Andover, MA, died peacefully, surrounded by family, on June 15. Married 66 years, he was the devoted husband of Marie (Geary).

Born and raised in Lawrence, MA, George was the son of John and Winifred (Cutter) Donovan. George graduated from Central Catholic High School in Lawrence and went on to graduate from The College of the Holy Cross and attend Harvard Business School. He proudly served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

George lost both his parents at a young age, and this shaped the man he would become, forging a fierce independence, charting his own course in life, with family at the center. He was, above all and to the end, "his own man."

As a young man, George was strong and active. Drawn to the New England seacoast, he was a lifeguard at Salisbury and Hampton beaches during his college years, and later the head lifeguard at Hampton Beach. He was an avid sailor with his beautiful boat Mariah moored in Rye Harbor for over three decades. He was an accomplished skier who enjoyed skiing throughout the US and especially the Arlberg region of Austria. George maintained an active and healthy lifestyle -- swimming, running and biking well into his 80s.

While George worked in the defense industry for 15 years, he ultimately built and ran his own clothing manufacturing and importing business. His business revolved around the ski industry, which enabled him to combine his passion for sports and love of travel into a successful career.

With his wife Marie, he raised five sons. Together, they were role models for family, faith, and experiencing life to the fullest. George is survived by his wife Marie, sons John (Kathleen) of Wellesley, George (Mary) of Seabrook Beach, William (Carilyn) of Andover, Daniel (Erin) of Andover, and David (Rich) of Conover, North Carolina. He leaves 9 grandchildren, Daniel (Holly), Sarah (Peter), John (Wendy), Meghan, Brigid, Cara, Catherine, Liam, and Brenna, along with 3 great grandchildren, Aurelius, Harvey and Rhys.

Services will be on June 30, visitation at Remick & Gendron Funeral Home in Hampton, NH 8.30-10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Rye, NH at 11.00 a.m. Burial with military honors will take place immediately following the Mass at Central Cemetery, 20 Central Road, Rye, NH.

To attend the funeral Mass remotely, please use the link below on the day and time of the service.

<https://sainttheresachurchrye.org/live-stream/>

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

Lawrence Catholic Academy  
101 Parker Street  
Lawrence, MA 01843  
[www.lawrencecatholicacademy.net/](http://www.lawrencecatholicacademy.net/)

or

Harborside Hospice Foundation

PO Box 930

Haverhill, MA 01831

[www.harborsidehospicellc.com/donate](http://www.harborsidehospicellc.com/donate)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **30**. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (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

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Theresa Church  
815 Central Rd  
Rye Beach, NH 03871

## Interment with Military Honors

JUN **30**. 12:15 PM (ET)

Central Cemetery  
20 Central Road  
Rye, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of George D. Donovan.*



June 29, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George D. Donovan.

June 29, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ *Ted, Kacey, Katrina, Michaela & Anna purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of George D. Donovan.*



**Ted, Kacey, Katrina, Michaela & Anna** - June 28, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ *Ted, Kacey, Katrina, Michaela & Anna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George D. Donovan.*

**Ted, Kacey, Katrina, Michaela & Anna** - June 28, 2025 at 03:06 PM

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“ Jim McCoy and Alfio Hernandez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George D. Donovan.



Jim McCoy and Alfio Hernandez - June 27, 2025 at 07:24 AM



“ Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set was purchased for the family of George D. Donovan.



June 23, 2025 at 08:45 AM

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“ From the team at Profile, TN purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of George D. Donovan.



From the team at Profile, TN - June 23, 2025 at 08:35 AM

MO

“ Dear Marie and family,  
Our deepest condolences to you all on the recent passing of George. Rick and I are blessed with such wonderful memories of being neighbors with you in Rye for over twenty years. Though Georges's voyage on this earth has ended, his spirit will forever sail on in the hearts of those who loved him.  
With love,  
Maureen and Rick O'Kane

Maureen O'Kane - June 19, 2025 at 12:28 PM

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“ I only was able to meet George on two occasions. Carilyn's and Bill's wedding and once at their Rye home. He and Marie were very down to earth and I enjoyed chatting with them for a few hours. I enjoyed reading about his incredible life in the obit. I wish I had had more opportunities to chat with him more. I'm sure he had many great stories to tell about his amazing life. My love and condolences go out to the entire Donovan family. It's never easy to loose your father. God bless you all. Claudia Cronin Schlote.

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**Claudia Cronin Schlote** - June 18, 2025 at 05:17 AM