



Janet Stewart Knowles

December 16, 1932 - September 5, 2025

North Hampton – Janet S. Knowles, 92, of North Hampton, passed away peacefully on Friday September 5, 2025. She was born on December 16, 1932 to her loving parents, the late Emmett Stewart and Gladys (Biathrow) Stewart from Enfield New Hampshire. Along with her sister Elly and brothers Emmett and John, they spent their winters skiing and their summers swimming in Mascoma Lake, picking blueberries and walking up Shaker Hill to see their grandparents. Janet did well in school and when she entered her teens, she helped her father Judge Stewart, by typing warrants and court documents for him.

Janet and her sister Elly played on the Enfield High School basketball team together. After high school, she enrolled in Plymouth Teachers College and earned the Norma Wilkinson Award in 1954 in her senior year.

After college Janet taught in Franconia NH. She took her students skiing down Cannon Mountain for Physical Education class and taught many subjects and grade levels to her students, some of whom were returning veterans wanting to graduate. She married her husband Richard Knowles in April of 1958 and they had three children, Scott, Barry and Bill and living on Birch Road in North Hampton.

Janet had a caring, gentle and effective teaching style and had a long and

fruitful career at Hampton Academy. She earned her Master's degree during her teaching years as well. Janet retired in 1990 and spent time travelling, living in Prince Edward Island and writing a children's book and many short stories.

Janet was a member of the Exeter Methodist Church and longtime member of the Church Prayer Circle. She also helped start the work on saving Centennial Hall in North Hampton. She especially loved bird watching and her writing craft, amongst many of her interests.

Janet leaves behind her sons Scott and Bill and was predeceased by her husband Richard and her son Barry. She leaves behind numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. We will all miss her beautiful warm smile and loving presence. She gave much to others through her teaching and with her tender precious spirit.

A Celebration of Life and Memorial Service will be held to honor Janet on Friday, September 19, 2025 at the Exeter Methodist Church, located at 307 Epping Road, Exeter, NH. After the service, friends and family can gather at the Church to share memories of Janet.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Exeter Methodist Church
307 Epping Road
Exeter, NH

Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolances to the family. We were classmates of her husband Dick and her brothers John and Emmett. Janet was a good friend.*

Elinor Mawson - September 14, 2025 at 03:36 PM

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“ *So very sorry to hear about Janet. She was a customer of mine for many years, and always greeted you with a smile. My condolences to her family and friends, she will missed by many.*

Lisa Hurrell

Lisa Hurrell - September 10, 2025 at 03:30 PM