



Janice M. Sears

November 29, 1946 - January 28, 2015

Hampton, NH – Janice M. Sears, 68, of Hampton, died Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital with her loving husband and family by her side.

She was born in Newburyport, MA on November 29, 1946, the daughter of the late Frank B. and Henrietta (Wilmot) Kent.

Raised in Amesbury, MA, she graduated from Amesbury High School with the Class of 1964, where she served as the Class Treasurer. She later graduated from Lynn Hospital School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse.

Mrs. Sears worked for 19 years as the school nurse at Pentucket Regional Middle School before her retirement in 2009.

Janice was an animal lover who enjoyed reading, traveling in her later years, and spending time with her family. She especially enjoyed her time at York Beach in Maine with her family, where they spent many summer days over the past 30 years.

She shared 47 years of marriage with her high school sweetheart, Gordon W. Sears of Hampton.

In addition to her husband, family members include her son, Michael Sears and his wife Paula of Exeter; daughter, Alison Jackson and her husband Ken of Hampton; daughter, Jamie Akers and her husband Matthew of Gales Ferry, CT; grandchildren, Abigail Sears; Cody, Brooke, and Mackenzie Jackson; and Kendall and Callen Akers.

At Janice's request, services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the New Hampshire SPCA, PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885; or the Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Neurology, c/o Mass General Hospital Development Office, Attn: Shawn Fitzgibbons, 100 Cambridge St, Suite 1310, Boston, MA 02114.

Tribute Wall



“ *Janice M. Sears*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Janice, Glad we got to share a hug at the reunion. You will always be thought of and with find memories. Dave Touhey and family.*

Dave Touhey - February 05, 2015 at 03:18 PM



“ *I worked with Jan at Amesbury Middle School many years ago. She was caring and kind as a professional and as a colleague. She was also such a lot of fun to be with. While I hadn't seen her in years, I have always remembered her fondly. My sympathy to Gordon and family. Margot Vine*

Margot Vine - February 03, 2015 at 08:06 PM



“ *You and your family our in our prayers. May your precious memories of Jan help you find peace.*

Donna, Tracey, Sandi and Erin at Bladz - February 03, 2015 at 11:18 AM



“ *Gordon and family, so sorry for your loss She truly was a special person that touched many lives. Fifty years plus together is a long time. Again my heart goes out to you and your family, Carolyn (Zagranis) Cameron*

carolyn cameron - February 03, 2015 at 10:36 AM

NN

“ My heartfelt condolences, Gordon to you and your family. I remember Jan as the bright light at PRMS. She was so vibrant and always compassionate to students and staff alike. Her sense of humor always lightened any challenging moments. She will be sorely missed.
Nancy Newton

Nancy Newton - February 03, 2015 at 09:33 AM

KR

“ Alison and family... Your Mom's beautiful face and voice were such a big part of my early growing up years...remembering many special middle and high school events where her laughter was heard! My sympathy goes out to all of you.

Kelly "Fitz" Rose - February 02, 2015 at 04:26 PM

JP

“ Gordon, I want to send my deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of Janice. I have many memories of your family . I enjoyed seeing you and Janice around town. She will be missed. Thinking of you at this sad time.

Jean Gilbert Power - February 02, 2015 at 09:32 AM

AJ

“ You will be in our hearts forever, Mum. Rest easy and watch over us- We all love you and will miss you every day. ❤️ Al, Kenny, Cody, Brooke and Kenz

alison jackson - February 01, 2015 at 09:57 PM

MS

“ Rest in Peace Mom. We love you. Michael, Paula, & Abigail.

michael sears - February 01, 2015 at 06:22 PM

MB

“*Jan was such a warm, kind and special person. We are shocked and saddened to learn of her passing. We will always treasure the memories of the wonderful years Jan spent nurturing and providing day care for our son, Chris. We always looked forward to having breakfast with Jan and Gordon over the past few years. The world has truly lost a gentle and loving person. Our prayers are with Jan, Gordon and their wonderful family.*

Monica and Larry Blondin

Monica and Larry Blondin - February 01, 2015 at 10:44 AM

FT

“*I've known Jan since we were ten years old. We shared many classes and even more laughs at Amesbury Middle School and Amesbury High School. Later on we worked together at AMS, she as the school nurse and I as a teacher. She was a good friend; kind and caring toward everyone and fun to be with. The heartfelt tributes on this page are a testament to how special she was and how many people she touched in her life. My deepest sympathies to her family and to all who mourn her loss.*


Francine Tarzia

Francine Tarzia - January 31, 2015 at 10:44 PM

MK

“*I first met Janice when we were 4 or 5 at Camp Merri-Powow (later Camp Kent). In high school we always seemed to end up sitting near each other as we were both Ks, and we shared a LOT of laughs! So happy we got to chat at our 50th reunion in October! You're one of the best!!!*

Marty Kadel - January 31, 2015 at 09:14 PM

 Sarah
C

“ To the family and friends of Mrs. Sears, may your heart and soul find peace and comfort knowing how many lives she touched. I have many fond memories of Mrs. Sears from when I was in middle school.

Sarah C - January 31, 2015 at 06:32 PM

DT

“ My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Gordon and family. I met Janice in elementary school and have known Gordon forever since our moms were best friends. Prayers and love coming to all.

Donna Taylor - January 31, 2015 at 05:49 PM

SS

“ We are so sorry Gordon and Family for your loss. We will always remember her.

Much Love from Richard and Sheila Sunman and Aunt Ruth Sears

Sheila Sunman - January 31, 2015 at 05:29 PM

JK

“ Surely the light in the world has dimmed. In all the years I had the pleasure to work with Jan, she always brought such positive energy, humor, depth, and sensitivity to everything and everyone. I've had a lot of nicknames over the past 40-some years, but my favorite was bequeathed to me by Jan. When the movie *Pirates of the Caribbean* first came out I immediately went from Jerry to "Johnny," in honor of my long hair and goatee; and I was Johnny from then on. Only she ever called me Johnny, and I can't lie, I almost certainly puffed up a little each time she did. I felt special. She had that gift, and she gave it freely and often. Almost single-handedly she made the annual 8th grade trip a semi-wholesome gigglefest every year. I will forever hold in my heart the memories of toasting each other - multiple times - in one direction while looking to the other. We laughed so hard, we quite literally had tears streaking down our cheeks. The tears are closer now, but I still hear the laughter, Jan. Thank you.
~Jerry Kalayjian

Jerry Kalayjian - January 31, 2015 at 04:51 PM

JF

“ Gordon I am so sad for you and your family. I will always remember Janice, "Candy" we called her in nursing school....one of the sweetest people you would ever meet. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

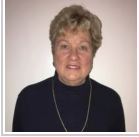


Jan Fisher - January 31, 2015 at 04:10 PM

SG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Sears family. There were so many years of memories and special times our families spent together

Shirley Gilbert - January 31, 2015 at 02:24 PM



“ I will never forget Janice. She was such a wonderful person to everyone, always had a smile on her face. I'm so sorry, Gordon. You have lost the love of your life but you have so many fantastic memories of your early relationship, your marriage, your children, grandchildren and the traveling you were able to do. Forty Seven plus years of memories to remember. Condolences to you and your family.

Karen MacKenzie - January 31, 2015 at 01:58 PM

JM

“ Nurse Jan loved all her students who walked through her door. She greeted each one with a smile and an ear to listen to their endless stories or complaints. Always had time for her fellow co-workers and listen to them as well. She will be missed for sure by all of us who have shared time with Jan.
God Bless! R.I.P.



jill muller - January 31, 2015 at 01:11 PM

JW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. The wonderful happy memories that you all have shared together will bring comfort to you. I will always remember the wonderful times spent with Janice at the Methodist Church in Amesbury. Rest in peace Janice.
Janet Allison Welch

Janet allison welch - January 31, 2015 at 11:02 AM



“ *Janice Kent Sears was one of my very close friends in Amesbury High School. She was a wonderful friend and was always upbeat. Gordon, Bud and I are so sorry for loss of your lifetime wife....condolences to the rest of your family*

Susan MacKenzie - January 31, 2015 at 11:01 AM



“ *I remember her as my children's nurse. Such a caring lady. All the kids loved her. May you cherish your memories. I wish you peace.*



Dolli Weber Pariseau - January 31, 2015 at 09:41 AM

DK

“ *I'll miss you so much my dear friend! Rest in peace! ❤️ Dianne*

dianne kelley - January 31, 2015 at 09:10 AM

PH

“ *Our love to all of you. We're lost for words -- but filled with memories of JK since we were little kids, old family friends together. With love and sympathy, Patty and Peter*

Patty Hoyt - January 31, 2015 at 09:08 AM

MA

“ *Janice also served as school nurse at the Amesbury Middle school where I have very fond memories of her. She could always brighten up my day and my thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this very tough time.*

Mark A Allred - January 31, 2015 at 09:02 AM

LS

“ Mrs. Sears I'll miss you so much. You were so kind to me and we had quite a few laughs in the few times we met. I'll pray for your family to find peace and strength. You are already missed.

Lisa Symonds - January 31, 2015 at 07:59 AM

MB

“ Words cannot express how saddened we are on Janice's passing. She was a wonderful woman, neighbor and friend and will be sorely missed. With her zest for life and great personality it wont be the same without her. She adored her family and can only imagine how difficult a time this is for all of you. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincere Condolences, Mary & Liam Brennan.



Mary Brennan - January 30, 2015 at 08:30 PM

RO

“ Rosemary lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Sears



Rosemary - January 30, 2015 at 07:39 PM

GS

Will LOVE you thru thru all eternity. My heart aches. Gordie

Gordon Sears - January 31, 2015 at 06:54 AM

JF

Jan was truly one of my all time favorite people... She was my neighbor, my colleague, and my cherished friend. I am heartbroken... Thinking so much of Gordon, Alison, Jamie and Michael. Sending my love and thoughts to all of you. xoxo

Julia Faucher - January 31, 2015 at 01:14 PM

NC

I was so saddened to hear of Janice's passing. She was such a vivacious, friendly and caring person. Though not often, when we did meet, she made me feel as if no time had passed at all! Her presence will be missed by all. My sincere condolences to you Gordon, and your family. My thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

Norma Cheney

Norma Cheney - January 31, 2015 at 01:34 PM

LB

We were so sorry to hear of Janice's passing. Many nice memories of being in school with her and growing up in the same neighborhood. I think she was happy when we bought her grandparents home and we are still in it! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love Linda and G.O.

Linda Burdick - January 31, 2015 at 03:56 PM

CD

No matter the number of years from one meeting to the next, Jan's warmth overrode any awkwardness. She was a forever friend. My sympathy to Gordon, the children and grandchildren.

Carol Dugan

Carol Dugan - February 01, 2015 at 08:31 AM

BP

Dear Gordon, I am so sorry for your tragic loss of your dear Janice. My daughter Robin worked with her at a camp for children through Pentucket, and said what a sweet lady she was, and she surely was.

I hope happy memories shared with her will help to bring you and your loved ones a measure of comfort now,

Sincerely, Bettie (Boyle) Paradis

Bettie Paradis - February 01, 2015 at 10:45 AM

KM

To all the Sears Family.....

So sorry to read of Jan's passing. She was a special person - kind, caring, no frills, down to earth, call 'm as you see 'm, easy to talk to, even easier to laugh with - so genuine.

She was an immediate friend to every person she met, students and colleagues alike.

Jan left the world a better place.

*With all our sympathy,
Karen and Mike McLaughlin*

Karen & Mike McLaughlin - February 02, 2015 at 06:14 PM

BB

*Jan was so special-as you are Gordon to us--Bill wrote this for Jan -----
Images in the sand-----When Jan's image comes to mind, I think of her walking barefoot in the sand at York Beach .In my mind, everyone that comes into my life,leaves foot prints of their life. Over the years,each time we got together with her and Gordon I stored all these wonderful foot prints of her .Now that she's gone from this life,I look back fondly of that image. I'm going to miss my friend and all the foot prints she left in the sands of my mind-----rest well,nurse Jan-----B.Brown-----*

bill brown - February 02, 2015 at 06:18 PM

JJ

TO ALL THE SEARS FAMILY:

I was so sad to see that Janice has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Gordon and family. I worked with Janice at Kenoza Hillcrest and she was a great nurse and also a great person to work with. I am so sorry for your loss.

Jean Johnson

Jean Johnson - February 04, 2015 at 05:13 PM

LK

I was shocked and saddened to hear of Janice's passing. We grew up together in the Methodist Church....Sunday School, Junior Choir, Youth Fellowship and our N.Y City trip....so many happy memories. She was always the same.....happy & full of life! It's unthinkable that she has passed on. My heart and my prayers go out to you, Gordon, and all of your family. I pray you all find peace in the beautiful memories you have of her. She will live on in your hearts!!

Linda (Dudley) Kuster

Linda (Dudley) Kuster - February 05, 2015 at 03:23 PM