



## Jean E. Cusack

May 28, 1935 - December 28, 2016

Exeter – Jean E. Cusack, 81, of Exeter, died Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at Langdon Place in Exeter with loving family by her side.

She was born May 28, 1935 in Westchester, PA the daughter of the late David and Edna (Bender) MacDonna, Sr. She was a graduate of Miami Edison High School in Miami, FL, and attended Florida State University where she pursued a degree in Art Education and Social Science.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, Lt. Col. George G. Cusack USMC who was killed in a military training accident while on reserve duty on December 6, 1969 at the age of 36. At the time he was killed he was a Captain for Eastern Airlines at Logan Airport in Boston.

Jean went on to raise their six young children in Hampton where she lived until recently moving to Langdon Place of Exeter. The family spent nearly every school vacation and summer at Fernhill Lake Colony Resort on Half Moon Lake in Barnstead and on the slopes of Gunstock Ski Resort during the ski season.

While raising her six children, she was active in the school system and her community as a school library volunteer, a tutor in the Junior High School Resource room, was a parent representative to the Hampton Gifted and

Talented Program, served on the Hampton Municipal Budget Committee, was chairman of the Hampton Academy Junior High Parents Group and Hampton Academy Junior High Report Card Committee.

After her children went to college, she was a foster mother to two young boys needing a safe and caring environment.

Jean worked as a lunchroom monitor at North Hampton Elementary School from 1978-1986 and as a paraprofessional at Centre School from 1987 until her retirement in 2000. She was particularly enthusiastic about art. She was often requested by her colleagues to create decorated bulletin boards or design curriculum integrated art projects. She created the Centre School mascot logo of the "Dolphin". While at Centre, she was admired and loved for her art work. She was very close to and fond of all of her colleagues. They all agreed that she could make something out of nothing and was a pleasure to work with. Although she struggled with some health issues she never complained about anything. She loved the children, never refused anyone that asked for help, was easy to work with, and best of all had a great sense of humor!

Since moving to Langdon Place of Exeter she became involved in many creative and social activities and she loved all of the staff and residents. She was a master at Bingo and a leader in the arts and crafts room. A meaningful project that she was involved in last year was the creation of a seacoast Christmas miniature village. Recently she was honored by the New Hampshire Health Care Association when one of her art pieces was selected as a winning entry in the 2017 Annual NHHCA Annual Calendar Contest.

Jean was a true animal lover. While raising her six children, the family pets always included dogs, cats, rabbits, mice and several tanks of fish for which she lovingly cared for.. After her retirement from Centre, she adopted two

severely abused cats and gave them a forever home. Each pet held a special place in her heart. This love of animals began in her youth as her family bred, raised, trained, and showed champion Doberman Pinschers and they were active in the American Kennel Club.

After she retired from Centre School she was often asked to assist with art projects or be a guest reader there. She also began doing dog therapy by visiting the residents at Partridge House and Oceanside Assisted Living Facility with her affectionate and spirited female schnauzer Allie.

She was a great story teller. People loved her stories so much that they encouraged her to write them down so they could be shared. Jean was often compared to Erma Bombeck in her style of humor and writing.

Jean is survived by six children, Michael G. Cusack and his wife Susan (Kenney) Cusack of York, ME, their three children Emma, Matthew, and Amanda; Linda S. Libbey and her husband Morton H. Libbey Jr. of North Hampton and their three children Paige, Shea and Bryce; Kerry A. Woodilla and her husband Brian Woodilla of Exeter and their three children Kyle, Kevin and Allison; Michelle J. Turcotte and her fiancé Craig Taylor of East Kingston and their four children Colleen and Lindsey Turcotte of Hampton and East Kingston and Brianne and Matthew Taylor of Windham; Brodie G. Cusack of Los Angeles, CA and his daughter Samantha; George G. Cusack, II of Savannah, GA and his wife Dawn (Bedford) Cusack and their two children Abigail and Lillian, beloved sister in law, Carolyn (Maitland) Macdonna and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Rev. David Macdonna, Jr. and her sister in law, Joanne C. Crane.

Visiting hours will be from 1-4 P.M. Sunday, January 1, 2017 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Services will be held at 11 A.M. Monday, January 2, 2017 in the funeral home.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Interment will be immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to the New Hampshire Society for the Prevention and Cruelty to Animals (NH SPCA) at P.O. Box 196 Stratham, NH 03885. Donations can also be made online to [www.nhspca.org](http://www.nhspca.org).

# Cemetery Details

## High Street Cemetery

150 High Street  
Hampton, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 1.** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
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## Service

**JAN 2.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Jean E. Cusack

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ To all of Jean's children and grandchildren - I am so sorry for your loss. Jean has touched my life in so many ways. Her heartfelt kindness to others was something to behold; such a genuine caring for others. As I spent time with you - her sons and daughters - after the service on Monday, I could see Jean's kind heart in each of you. Love you all! Thank you for sharing Jean with me, and for including me in your lives. I am greatly touched - and always will be.

Diane Mutchler - January 04, 2017 at 12:05 PM



Thank you so much. You are appreciated! She loved us all

Brodie Cusack - May 18, 2019 at 02:42 AM



“ Kathleen Felch lit a candle in memory of Jean E. Cusack



Kathleen Felch - January 01, 2017 at 09:20 AM



“ 190 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - December 31, 2016 at 12:54 PM



“ Jean was such a special lady worked with her Grandson Brodie & Shay Will be missed

Deborah Colellq - December 31, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Linda Libbey - December 31, 2016 at 06:42 AM



*Dear Cusack Family We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom The picture of the picnic at Fernhill reflects the happy times and memories we had with you and your Mom. She was such a happy lady, always laughing. She will be missed. Love to all of you*

Peg Peznola - December 31, 2016 at 08:36 AM

FD

“ From Anna and Doug purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jean E. Cusack.



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**From Anna and Doug** - December 30, 2016 at 11:06 AM



“ Brodie and family ~ my deepest sympathies on the loss of your mom. Praying all the happy memories sustain you during these difficult days.

*Renee Hashem*



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**Renee Hashem** - December 30, 2016 at 10:28 AM

DF

“ Dear Cusack family, Much sympathy in the loss of your mom. I have many fond memories of time spent with all of you. May all of your happy memories comfort you at this sad time.  
*Dolly Fagioli*

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**Dolly Fagioli** - December 30, 2016 at 08:04 AM

WF

“ Walker Family lit a candle in memory of Jean E. Cusack



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**Walker Family** - December 29, 2016 at 08:56 PM

LT

“ I remember one day, me Colleen and granny were in the car while Granny was stuck in traffic. Me and Colleen were fighting in the backseat, and Granny turned around to try to break it up and accidentally bumped into the car in front of us. The big man came out yelling and screaming at this fragile old lady and it was so funny. She felt terrible ! Hahaha

Lindsey Turcotte - December 29, 2016 at 07:22 PM

ST

“ Susan Thomas lit a candle in memory of Jean E. Cusack



Susan Thomas - December 29, 2016 at 07:22 PM

MT

“ Michelle Turcotte lit a candle in memory of Jean E. Cusack



Michelle Turcotte - December 29, 2016 at 07:19 PM

RG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Remick & Gendron - December 29, 2016 at 12:51 PM



*Jean was a natural beauty - inside and out!*

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**Diane Mutchler** - January 06, 2017 at 02:09 PM