



## Joan Beth Marcotte Fuller

September 12, 1928 - June 19, 2017

Exeter - Joan Beth Marcotte Fuller's eighty eight years came to a quiet and peaceful end in the early hours of June 19th, after being blessed by excellent care received from the nurses of Langdon Place in Exeter for the past seven years.

She was the eldest daughter of Dr. Raymond H. Marcotte and Elizabeth L. Mahon, (Ray and Betty,) from Nashua and North Hampton, NH. Joan Beth is predeceased by her husband Peter Davenport Fuller, her brother Raymond H. Marcotte Jr., (Biff,) her sister Sally A. Marcotte, and her grandson Paul Sean Fuller-Porter.

Joan Beth leaves behind her sisters Mary Jane McFarland and Gayle Mellin, as well as her eight children: Mindy Fuller Bocko and her husband Stan, Sandy Fuller Bocko, Suzi Fuller MacDonald, Peter D. Fuller Jr. and his wife Kathy, Abby J. Fuller, Jessy L. Fuller, Charlotte I. Fuller, and Michelle M. Fuller. She also leaves eighteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren, with one more on the way!

Joan Beth attended Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsborough, MA, High Mowing School in Wilton NH, Bennington College in Vermont, and Garland College in Boston. Many youthful summers were spent at Teelawocket Camp, where Joan Beth enjoyed

swimming, horseback riding, and honing her considerable artistic skills.

An eye for fashion, design, and all things beautiful came together with Joan Beth's desire to always lend a hand to those less fortunate, resulting in many fundraising parties hosted in either the couple's beautifully appointed winter or summer residence. In the Boston area the beneficiaries of these events and Joan Beth's membership included The Vincent Club, Boston City Hospital, The Women's Education and Industrial Union, The Elma Lewis School, The Boston Pops and many more. In the New Hampshire Seacoast area Joan Beth favored both the Exeter Hospital and the Richie McFarland Children's Center, established in honor of her sister's deceased special needs son. These two organizations were the focus of over a decade of annual summer galas held under a big white tent on the front lawn of Peter and Joan's seaside home, Lea House. The Exeter Hospital Fashion show and luncheon was the highlight of the summer for many, drawing a crowd from near and far. Following was an evening event, "After a Fashion", where the models' raised runway was replaced by an ample dance floor to suit the crowd eager to enjoy live music. Both enthusiastic, energetic dancers, it was a pleasure to watch Joan Beth and her husband Peter playfully kick up their heels in celebration of a lively beat. The front lawn also served as a softball field for the many summer games enjoyed by her family and their friends. Another passion was heading off to the races to watch one of her husband's thoroughbreds round the course, often resulting in a trip to the winner's circle! Other summer days you might have found Joan Beth at Abenaqui Country Club in a fierce battle on the tennis courts, or afterwards gracefully backstroking through the Beach Club pool. Her involvement with the Rye Beach Little Boar's Head Garden Club resulted in a trip out to the Isles of Shoals, where she and other members worked on restoring Celia Thaxter's garden.

An avid lifelong Democrat, Joan Beth also took delight in engaging in political debates with any willing to 'go there' with her. Supporting equal rights for all

was a cause very close to her heart, as was having her large crew come together, in later years with their children in tow, for Sunday dinners and holiday festivities. Her serious, intellectual side was balanced by the ability to dissolve into a fit of laughter when her funny bone was tickled.

We trust now Joan Beth is now enjoying the greatest celebration and home coming of all!

Visiting hours will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 pm on Thursday, June 22, 2017 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 am on Friday at the St. Theresa Parish Church, 815 Central Rd., Rye Beach, NH 03870. Burial will be in the Central Cemetery, Rye. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Richie McFarland Children's Center, 11 Sandy Point Road, Stratham, NH 03885 or the Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Ave. Montgomery, AL 36104. Please visit [www.RemickGendron.com](http://www.RemickGendron.com) to view Joan Beth's memorial website, to sign her tribute wall or for directions.

# Cemetery Details

## Central Cemetery

20 Central Road  
Rye, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **22**. 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Beth Marcotte Fuller*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I got to know Peter and Joan Fuller many years ago after Jessy and I became close friends, and I have known few families with the kindness, sense of loyalty and fair play and friendship that the whole Fuller clan brings to the table. Mrs. Fuller would make you feel like part of the family and both had a great sense of humor. One of my favorite memories of the two was the Halloween party on the lawn when Joan was dressed as Joan of Arc and quipped "I feel more like her than you realize." My condolences go out to all the Fuller family.*

*-Kth Lewis, Foxborough, MA*

Keith Lewis - August 06, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ *My memory of Aunt Joan is her wonderful wide smile. I remember her quick wit and a gleam in her eye as she sometimes would try to trick me with a question I knew nothing about and then laugh and give me a hug.*

*To all my cousins, Jane and Gayle, I wish you peace and wonderful memories.*

*Love you*

*Jill Beverstock*

Jill Bottomley Beverstock - June 22, 2017 at 09:21 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Beth Marcotte Fuller.*



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June 22, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ *12 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - June 22, 2017 at 11:50 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Beth Marcotte Fuller.*



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June 22, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - June 22, 2017 at 07:50 AM



“ *"The tide recedes but leaves behind  
bright seashells on the sand,  
The sun goes down, but gentle warmth  
still lingers on the land,  
The music stops, and yet it echoes on  
in sweet refrains...*

*For every joy that passes,  
something beautiful remains."*

*- M.D. Hughes*

*With loving thoughts in memory of Aunt Joan,  
From Tish and Jim*

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**Tish Munton** - June 21, 2017 at 05:47 PM



*beautiful poem Tish, Thanks to you & Jim*

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**Mindy Bocko** - June 22, 2017 at 01:37 PM

SB

“ *Sandy Bocko lit a candle in memory of Joan Beth Marcotte Fuller*



Sandy Bocko - June 21, 2017 at 12:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joan Beth Marcotte Fuller.*



June 21, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Mindy Bocko - June 20, 2017 at 09:03 PM

KB

*Those summer occasions at their home are some of my favorite seacoast memories. Fondly, Karen Bracco*

Karen Bracco - June 23, 2017 at 08:38 AM



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Mindy Bocko - June 20, 2017 at 09:00 PM



*softball days on the lawn*

Mindy Bocko - June 20, 2017 at 09:01 PM



“ Aunt Joanie will be missed, but never forgotten. She brought 8 children into this world, loved them unconditionally, and gave them the space they needed to lead their own lives. She could dance with the best of them, had solid convictions and views and would not hold back in expressing them and earned everyone's respect for doing so. She and her Peter were a couple that knew love, heartbreak and moved through life enjoying it all. She loved his horses, she loved women and girls with spunk and she always let you know where you stood. She kept her own clock, but I know she will be on time just as I know somewhere up above the big tent party is ready to get started. She is at peace now and free of pain and no more oxygen bottle! Rest in Peace Aunt Joan.

John Bottomley - June 20, 2017 at 01:51 PM



*John, Abby & I are reading this right now & it is beautiful. You captured her essence to a T. You are a heck of a writer John. Thanks, Love, Mindy & Ab*

Mindy Bocko - June 20, 2017 at 08:38 PM

SB

*BEAUTY FULL,er <3 Great One John <3 !*

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**Sandy Bocko** - June 21, 2017 at 12:23 PM

DD

*Lemonade & cookies on the porch for softball and always a great political discussion. Loved her spunk ! Such wonderful summer memories. Very few welcomed people into their home as she did.  
David Duquenne*

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**David Duquenne** - June 22, 2017 at 03:13 PM