



Joan Lovett

July 5, 1932 - November 13, 2025

Joan (Millett) Lovett, 93, passed at Portsmouth Regional Hospital with her daughter Nanci by her side November 13th.

Born July 5, 1932 in Portsmouth, NH to Theodore J. and Fannie (Marston) Millett, she was a lifelong resident on Cable Road in Rye and spent some summers at their farm in North Hampton, NH.

Joan was a graduate of Portsmouth High School and continued her education at University of New Hampshire in Durham, where she studied accounting.

She was married to Robert Lovett and remained in Rye for close to 40 years before moving to Kittery Point, ME to keep her sister company after the passing of her sister's husband.

She worked with her sister, owner of the River House Yarn Shop on Bow Street in Portsmouth, and later in Kittery Point, ME. Joan also worked for Mary McGee Tax Accountant in Portsmouth for well over a decade.

Joan was a special lady, loved by all, always smiling, never had a bad word to say about anyone. Her home was always open to family and friends of her children. You could not walk through her home without smelling brownies, cookies and / or baked cakes. Joan was always active whether attending

hockey, baseball and lacrosse games with her sons, regular skiing trips with the family and skating. She loved the beach, and could often be found with other Cable Road mom's basking in the sun while watching their children. She was an avid tennis player, knitter, belonged to the Red Hat Society, played scrabble with friends and even was part of a regular game day group. She was a "techy", ahead of her time, always trying out the latest gadgets that hit the marketplace.

Joan was woman of faith and practiced the motto "So in everything, do unto others what you would have them do to you" and instilled that into her family.

In addition to Nanci Lovett of Kittery Point, ME, Joan is survived by her children, sons Theodore and his wife Cathleen Lovett of South Dennis, MA; Jeffrey Lovett and his life partner Kathleen Philbrick of North Hampton, NH; Andrew (Drew) Lovett of Kapaa, HI; four grandchildren Heather Lovett and her fiancé Michael Pye of Kittery, ME; Ryan and her husband Josh Rupani and greatgrandchildren Camden and Chloe of Centerville, MA; Lauren Lovett and fiancé Chris Brown of South Yarmouth, MA; Meghan Lovett and fiancé Caleb Cave and great grandson Theo of Tulsa, OK; nieces Debbie (Driscoll) Davis and husband Randy Davis of Kittery Point, ME; Diane (Driscoll) Marshall of Flagler Beach, FL and nephew Danny Driscoll and wife Connie of Nantucket, MA

Family and friends were all very dear to her.

At her request there will be no calling hours. Family and friends will gather to honor and remember Joan for a graveside service on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Central Cemetery, 20 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Feed the Children by clicking here (https://www.feedthechildren.org/?form=multiplied&utm_campaign=paid&

utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_content=hp-fr-multiplier&don_src=paid-google-cpc-hp_fr_multiplier&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=115748532&gbraid=0AAAAAD_q-GEF5dOibYd1hVkm2DOReunUn&gclid=Cj0KCQiAoZDJBhC0ARIsAERP-F_ycA9fFV2XB2vGxrvB3I_SCH_I_53wxwUjFGToigHBHhnQXa626_laAvhxEALw_wcB) or SPCA of Stratham, NH by clicking here.
(<https://nhspca.org/>)

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

JUL **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Cemetery
20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Tribute Wall

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“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of your beloved mother. She was truly one of the kindest and most caring souls, whose warmth touched everyone fortunate enough to know her. Her compassion and gentle spirit will remain a lasting light in the hearts of all who loved her.

We hope you find comfort in the beautiful memories you shared and strength in the love she gave so freely. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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