



Josephine Anne "Jo" Lamprey

August 22, 1940 - January 2, 2023

North Hampton - Josephine A. Lamprey, a retired nurse and businesswoman, philanthropist and lifelong resident of North Hampton, NH, died peacefully at age 82 on January 2, 2023, at Webster at Rye surrounded by loved ones. Joanne was a champion for the environment, animals, human services, and youth.

The entire State of New Hampshire has lost a pillar of strength, a person who devoted her life to helping others and the greater good of her community. Joanne left behind a remarkable and meaningful legacy of sustainability and her commitment to addressing climate change.

Joanne (aka "Jo") was born on August 22, 1940, the daughter of the late D. Morris and Gertrude (Dow) Lamprey.

Jo was fiercely devoted to her family, her vast array of friends, her beloved dogs, and to the greater New Hampshire community.

Jo, a North Hampton native, grew up on her family's farm at 63 Atlantic Avenue in coastal North Hampton, raising chickens and dairy cattle, driving draft horses during the summer hay harvest, and harvesting blocks of ice on the pond. Today, acres of her family farmland are in conservation.

Jo graduated from Hampton Academy, Hampton, NH, New England Baptist Hospital Nursing School, and Emmanuel College, in Boston. She later became Director of Nursing at the New England Baptist Hospital. Joanne was an extensive traveler and lifelong learner including the completion of an executive Owners-President Management Program at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business.

Jo was cofounder, president, and part owner of InterQual, a health care consulting company focused on quality assurance and cost containment for hospitals. InterQual developed many clinical tools still in use today. The company was sold in 1998 to McKesson Information Solutions, which resulted in her ability to become a philanthropist.

Jo joined her brothers in the family home heating and fuel business in 1998. Lamprey Brothers, the family business started in 1923, was the first in New England to be named an ENERGY STAR Retail Partner.

Jo was a founding member of the University of New Hampshire's Sustainability Advisory Board. In 2008, Joanne received the prestigious Granite State Award from the USNH Board of Trustees to recognize her outstanding contributions to the State of New Hampshire. In 2012, she established The Josephine A. Lamprey Professorship in Climate and Sustainability at the UNH Sustainability Institute. Additional gifts to UNH, where she served on the foundation board of directors, have supported climate fellows in the Sustainability Institute and the green grid at the Shoals Marine Laboratory, as well as social innovation at the Carsey School of Public Policy.

In 2014, Joanne joined the UNH Foundation Board and served as Director for 8 years. In 2022, Jo, an environmental pioneer, was awarded an honorary degree at UNH-Durham commencement for her contributions to climate

research and education, philanthropy and volunteer service that have had an enduring impact on the university and the state. She also helped launch the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's Climate Action Fund.

Helping others was part of her DNA. Joanne served on the Board of The Music Hall and the Board of Trustees of the New Hampshire SPCA, Families First, and Friends Forever International. In 2022, the Lamprey Fellowship was established to award annually to a Friends Forever International alumni who, like Jo, was dedicated to having a positive impact on their community and building a better world. She also served as board member and President of the Seacoast Visiting Nurses Association, The First Tee of the Seacoast, and the NH Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Joanne was devoted to her large Lamprey family who all lived nearby. Jo was predeceased by her brother Charles and is survived by her nieces Donna M. Marcotte (partner Donald), Cheryl A. Lamprey (husband Bruce), Linda Jankauskas (husband Steven), Joetta L. Marston (partner Joel), and nephew Charles A. Lamprey, Jr. (partner Julie).

Jo was also predeceased by her brother David, and her nephew Douglas W. Lamprey. She leaves her sister-in-law Joanne Lamprey. AJ (her affectionate nickname) was cared for by her nephews, David J. Lamprey, Jr. (wife Kay), Donald M. Lamprey (wife Susanne), Doug's wife Joanne and niece Debra L. Whitten (husband Kerry). Joanne is also survived by her cousin Alan L. Naves (wife Charlotte) and her many close friends, including her very dear friend Carolyn Vinica, as well as her golden retriever Lucy.

Jo had the biggest heart and was a terrific friend. She was a respected mentor and leader. She loved opening her home for various charitable events and for rousing Patriots game day festivities with family and friends. Jo was kind,

fierce, feisty, and a visionary. Her radiant, warm smile will be missed by those who knew her and loved her.

Visiting hours will be held from 4pm to 7pm on Friday, January 13, 2023 in the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH. A service celebrating Joanne's life will be held at 11am on Saturday in the funeral home. A reception will immediately follow at a location that will be announced at the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joanne's honor to Friends Forever International (<https://www.ff.international>) or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Little River Cemetery

95 Atlantic Avenue
North Hampton, NH 03862

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KV

“ Thinking of Jo this morning I did a Google search to see what she was up to recently (been off Facebook over a year now), only to learn she has passed. I am so saddened, and send deep condolences to her family and friends. I met Jo working VIP ticketing at The Music Hall box office years ago, and loved her. She was one of my favorite people. Straight talker, fun, great smile, and amazing community supporter. I admired and was inspired by Jo, and for women of younger generations like myself, knowing Jo was important. At my staff Music Hall going away party (leaving to fulfill the USDA Farm to School Program grant award we won for the Portsmouth Schools), Jo showed up and shared some very kind words that I hold dear to this day. Since losing that frequent interaction with Jo at the box office I have missed her, thought of her often, and kick myself for being too bashful to keep in good touch. She was fun, and a force, and as so many have shared, will be deeply missed.



Thank you Jo.

Rest in sweet peace.

Kate (Mitchell) Vellucci

Kate (Mitchell) Vellucci - April 15, 2023 at 08:41 AM

JS

“ Everyone at New Hampshire Public Radio is saddened at the news that we've lost Jo. She was a champion for the environment, a wise advisor and a generous supporter. Her memory will truly be a blessing.

Jim Schachter - February 03, 2023 at 05:28 PM

PH

“ Joanne always reached out to help others and delivered her message with a smile! My memories of her are 60 years ago when we were in Hampton high school and college in Boston. Joanne was a special friend and I am deeply saddened by her passing. She had an amazing life and leaves a legacy most people can only dream about! My thoughts and memories will be with me for the rest of life. Special sympathy to Lamprey Family!
Will miss you Joanne!
Loving Thoughts
Peter Hamilton

Peter Hamilton - January 24, 2023 at 10:05 AM

NF

“ I was saddened to learn of Jo's passing. We were connected through our extended families and my teaching at the North Hampton Elementary School. I will always remember seeing the Belgians with my children at the family farm. Her achievements are awesome. She will be missed.

Nancy Hamilton Fogg

Nancy Fogg - January 23, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ I am saddened to hear of Jo's passing. I always enjoyed Pats game at Jo's home with family and friends. She will be missed.

Bettina Eames - January 19, 2023 at 05:21 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry to learn about Joanne’s passing. We have been friends since the ‘50’s when her Dad Maurice met the Kimball family at Deerfield Fair and fell in love with the horses. It was the beginning of our families friendship. I have fond memories of spending overnights in Hampton. I don’t think we ever missed a birthday or Christmas without keeping in touch. We had planned to attend the celebration of life today, but the weather advisory is keeping us home. We would have loved to meet all the special nieces and nephews that we’ve heard so much about. She loved you. Sending our love to all the Lamprey Family.

Corine Kimball Miller - January 14, 2023 at 08:39 AM

CK

“ I’m so blessed to have made such fond memories with you, for so many years we had our weekly chats. I have certainly missed them these last few years, and I will cherish them always. my thoughts and prayers for your family. Joanne, you will certainly be missed... love Candace

Candace Katsanos - January 13, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ 235 files added to the album LifeTributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - January 13, 2023 at 10:18 AM

BS

“ No words could possibly describe how much Jo meant to me. I'm blessed to have been her friend and to have been part of all the adventures we shared during the past 30 years. What an amazing, exemplary life! With love and sadness, Barb (Sedoric)



BARBARA SEDORIC - January 13, 2023 at 08:47 AM

JS

“ On behalf of the entire Shoals Marine Laboratory Community, our heartfelt condolences to Jo's family and to all of her many friends. Jo was a wonderful member of our community. She will be keenly missed by everyone at Shoals and among the broader University of New Hampshire community. Jo's impact on Shoals, UNH, all the amazing non-profits she worked with, her beloved Seacoast community was enormous. Her legacy will be a lasting one.

*With deepest sympathy,
Jennifer Seavey
Executive Director, Shoals Marine Laboratory*

Jennifer Seavey - January 10, 2023 at 03:33 PM

PF

“ What an amazing woman. So honored to know -her and always a pleasure to chat about nonprofits in the Seacoast. Her broad smile could be seen across the room.
My sincere condolences to the family she loved so deeply and spoke about often.
Rest In Peace Jo. Well done.

Pati Frew-Waters - January 06, 2023 at 10:21 PM

LU

“ *Her joy and energy are missed already. My deepest condolences to her family, Carolyn and Bev.*



Lisa Urdanoff - January 06, 2023 at 07:52 AM



“ *I remember when Jo moved back to the Seacoast after selling her business. It didn't take her long to be a presence. Her contribution to NH organizations and charities was amazing.*

Jo took care of

My mom for awhile when she was a young nurse and I had the pleasure of knowing her through serving on one of her committees at the NHSPCA,

Playing an occasional round of golf with her at Abenaqui and many times through walking our dogs on the beach. She loved her animals and was a presence on the NH Seacoast that will be missed and remembered fondly by many.

My deepest sympathies to her surviving family and friends.

Stephen Bottomley - January 06, 2023 at 04:33 AM

KH

“ Mrs. Lamprey "Jo" has truly left a beautiful mark in our community. She will be missed but she is an example for us to follow and be involved in making a difference. It does make me smile to think that she is with my mom who loved her and admired her dearly.

Kim Tosi Hamilton - January 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

SS

“ Sharon and I are in shock of Jo's passing I worked for NHSPCA for 21 yrs ,retiring last October. Jo was loved by anyone who met her. She was the heartbeat of the NHSPCA and the animals and staff will never forget her and her generosity to staff and animals. There was no one else I ever met that was more caring for animals. I use to joke with Jo that when I passed, I wanted to come back as one of her precious dogs. Rest in peace Jo. Your pets uou helped are all waiting for you across the rainbow bridge. We will miss you.
Steve and Sharon Sprowl, former cruelty investigator NHSPCA

steve and shsron sprowl - January 05, 2023 at 07:40 PM

MB

“ Beautiful tribute for a powerful and passionate woman I admired. Thank you Jo for your ready smile and laugh, your tough questions, your support and wisdom, and for being a friend.



Mary Johanna Brown - January 04, 2023 at 11:59 PM

DC

I am so sorry to learn of Jo's passing. We are losing one special person, but heaven is receiving back one of God's best creations. Jo and I were nursing students and good friends back in the 60's and many years thereafter. I regret we have lost touch in recent years. However, I stayed aware of all the goodness she spread in her community. I was so proud of her accomplishments. The nursing profession was proud to call her one of our own! My condolences to her family and close friends. I know you have fabulous memories to comfort you. Her lasting memory and love will be with you forever.

Dianne M Crews - January 05, 2023 at 11:30 AM

FI

Friends Forever International is deeply saddened by the passing of our dear friend Jo. We cannot express any better what was written here already except to say we are humbled to be mentioned and will continue to be inspired by her for years to come. Jo is literally one in a million. A video that we made for a surprise event honoring Jo last spring that we feel captures a bit of her spirit can be found here: www.ff.international/lampreyfellowship We love you Jo.

Friends Forever International - January 05, 2023 at 12:16 PM

DB

First, an employer of my late husband Dr Bill Bradley and me at InterQual, our relationship morphed into a great friendship spanning 35 years. She has been a bedrock for me frequently in times of need. I enjoyed so much our times with Carolyn, other friends, all her "puppies" and Jo's big family. On my many long visits to her home, we'd stay up watching Law and Order re-runs. She'd say do you know this one {as I had seen the originals years before} and I respond yes and sometimes say but I don't remember the ending. She'd laugh! I will miss her greatly!!!! Diane Bradley

Diane Bradley - January 05, 2023 at 03:22 PM



RIP..Craig grant

Craig Grant - January 06, 2023 at 10:13 AM

JP

The Seacoast will be less bright, but the heavens have gained a beacon of light that shines brilliantly on those who knew Joanne. Her enthusiasm and empathy is legendary for the Charities that she held dear. The NHSPCA was one of those. Joanne's love if the animals and those that cared for them was immeasurable, we were personally inspired by that. Rest dear Jo your work here is finished and your legacy will live on.

Jim and Pat Crawford

Jim and Pat Crawford and Pets - January 06, 2023 at 04:38 PM

JA

Such a loss. Continues to inhabit my sadness. So many times she stood there in stunning simplicity, firm in her person, dedicated in her purpose, lovely in her poise, either in her home overseeing a nonprofit event or holding forth at a private gathering where her galvanizing enthusiasm moved potential donors to step up. On boards, her no-nonsense views garnered close attention simply because other members had come to know of her critical insight. Her gaze was always fixed on helping out, her heart brimming with generosity. She knew that supporting the private-sector was essential to community building, and she gave special help to all sorts of people and groups doing good things. Take a page out of any holy book, their talking about Jo. Tough when needed, soft and pensive with her family, playful with close friends. In the end, it seemed as if the vibrant Jo disowned her own bodily decline. Her steadfast beautiful character and manner, her stepping up to show us how to join hands and lift, that is the Jo I will always miss. John Ahlgren

John Ahlgren - January 09, 2023 at 02:27 PM

DA

I had the pleasure of meeting Jo when I was working as a hairstylist. I then worked for Lamprey Brothers. I considered her a mentor, her passion for work, family and friends was addicting. The world lost a beautiful person, heaven has gained one.

Deb LeClaire Anderson - January 13, 2023 at 07:54 AM

LE

I remember going into Boston with Jo in her Vw. she was, at the time, a friend of my brother, Sandy. We also flew out to NY for his graduation from NY State Police School. Every time I saw Jo she would remind me that she was almost my Sister-in-Law. that would have been awesome. She was a great lady.

Lydia MacPherson Estey

Lydia Estey - January 14, 2023 at 09:58 AM