



Joyce Evans Barry

April 12, 1930 - October 13, 2023

Joyce Evans Barry, 93, a native of Saugus, Massachusetts, and longtime resident of both Saugus, MA, and Keene, NH, died peacefully at Cornerstone at Hampton, Hampton NH on October 13, 2023.

She was born in Melrose, Massachusetts, on April 12, 1930, the eldest child of the late Horace G. Cook and Evalyn (Downie) Cook. She was raised in Saugus, MA where she attended school and graduated from Saugus High School in 1948. She went on to the University of New Hampshire and graduated with a degree in Occupational Therapy in 1952. At the University of New Hampshire, she was an active member of Alpha Xi Delta, and also served as Vice President of the Student Senate.

During a college summer break she met her husband, the late Richard Jonathan Evans, also a Saugus native, and to whom she was married for 43 years. A first date for ice cream at “Doane’s” on Swampscott Beach led to many more, and they later married in 1951. They went on to have five children, and raised them in Saugus.

She was a loving mother and dedicated homemaker, a wonderful cook, and generous hostess opening her home to family and friends for holidays, clubs, and gatherings of many kinds well into her 80’s. She was a classically trained pianist, and a talented artist who created countless beautiful works in oils and

pastels. She was a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, an avid reader, and lifelong learner. Once an empty nester, Joyce returned to working part-time as an art framer for the Yankee Doodler shop in Marblehead, MA. She later studied at Youville Hospital in Cambridge, MA where she earned her LPN and went to work nights at Salem Hospital in Massachusetts. She was active in the Saugus League of Women Voters, serving as President. Joyce was a lifelong church member serving as President of the Women's Society of Christian Service at the Cliftdale United Methodist Church in Saugus, and later serving as President of Women's Fellowship at the United Church of Christ in Keene, NH where she moved to in 1995. There she married the late James McKee Barry in 2003. Joyce enjoyed life and many new friends throughout her 27 years in Keene where she continued with her civic, creative, and work interests, and where she was an active member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization known as PEO.

Joyce loved her "camp" in Moultonborough, NH. Built in 1947 by her father when she was just 17 years-old, Joyce enjoyed many summers there with her parents, her family, and friends on Lake Winnepesaukee where she so loved to be.

Joyce was a wonderful mother who loved her family, and delighted in the birth of every grandchild. Always welcoming, warm, and generous to family and friends, she is remembered with so much love for all she gave.

Joyce is survived by her children, Carole Sands and her husband Gary of Keene, Susan Burkley and her husband Michael of Pittsburgh, PA, Liane Gigis and her husband Paul of Portsmouth, Melissa Votour and her husband James of Brentwood, Jonathan Evans and his significant other Jana Christopher of Keene; grandchildren Christopher Martin, Benjamin Burkley, Elizabeth Crafton, Alyssa Sands-Talabi, Evan Sands, Hannah Votour, Justin

Gigis, Christian Votour, and Josephine Evans; great-grandchildren Charlotte, Lydia, Burkley, Annah, and Charlie; brother in-law Alwin Evans and his wife Judith of Georgetown, MA; sister Janice Driver and her husband Cecil of Moultonborough, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her first and second husbands, she was pre-deceased by her grandson Jason Gigis.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 PM on Friday, October 27, 2023 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Services will be held at 11 AM in the funeral home on Saturday, October 28, 2023 with a portion of the cremains being buried at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Peabody, MA immediately following. A subsequent burial of the cremains will take place at 11 AM on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at The Monadnock View Cemetery in Keene with a reception following from 12-2 PM at UCC of Keene, 23 Central Square, Keene, NH 03431. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association by clicking here (https://www.alz.org/?form=alz_donate) or by mail to 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601.

Cemetery Details

Puritan Lawn Memorial Park

185 Lake Street
Peabody, MA 01960

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Cemetery

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Monadnock View Cemetery
511 Park Avenue
Keene, NH 03431

Reception

NOV 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The United Church of Christ in Keene
23 Central Square
Keene, NH 03431

Tribute Wall



“ *Remick & Gendron Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joyce Evans Barry*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - October 27, 2023 at 10:17 AM

AF

Carole, we are so very sorry for your loss. She sounds like an incredible woman. Although I didn't know her personally, I'm happy that our two Joyce's got to know one another. Lots of love to you all.

~ Alison and Dwight

Alison Fischer - October 31, 2023 at 11:06 AM

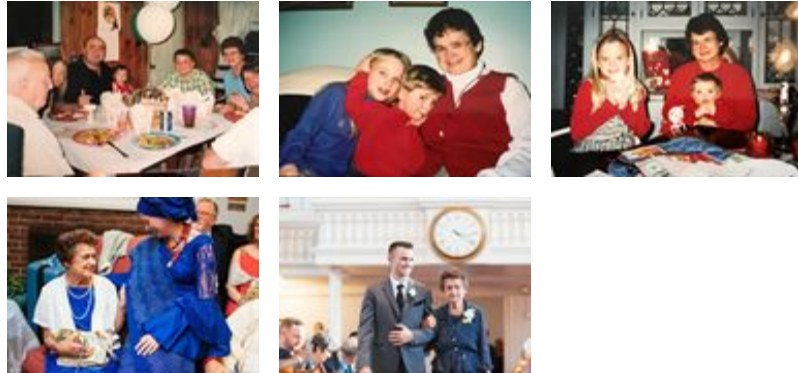
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“ *i am smelly fungi man and i miss granny joyce*

smellyfungi - September 18, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ 151 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - October 27, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Evans Barry.



October 25, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ A very accomplished lady, and an absolutely wonderful Aunt. We miss you dearly.
-Love,
Rick, Tamera and Chistian Evans

Richard Evans - October 24, 2023 at 07:16 PM

JM

“ I will always remember, fondly, my best friend's Mom, Joyce. She was always smiling and welcoming us in to her home and camp. Even when our first born son was born, she and Dick invited us to the Camp for a beautiful weekend. Joyce was a friend to everyone and will be missed terribly!

John & Cheryl McBride - October 20, 2023 at 06:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce Evans Barry.



October 19, 2023 at 03:00 PM

PC

“ Sending blessings and prayers to your family during this difficult time. Joyce was such a kind, gracious woman, that was loved by everyone. She will be greatly missed



Patricia Corso - October 19, 2023 at 01:18 PM

BB

“ *Carole and Gary*

I was saddened to hear about your mom's passing. She lived a good life. I always remember her being a piler in the Methodist community in Clifftondale along with your dad. She was always a compadre of my mom in the woman's organizations. I will remember her as being a sweet gentle person looking at everyone's positive qualities. May she rest in peace.

Bob Braid, Florida (formally of Saugus)

Bob Braid - October 19, 2023 at 01:14 PM

DB

“ *Your mom not only was my piano teacher, but a valued team member at my dad's dental office, and a dear friend of our family....especially to my mom. I remember her as very much a "lady" in every sense of the word. I am so glad I had the good fortune to run into her at PCA's presentation of Mary Poppins a few years ago. Prayers to you all.....Don Bly Newington, NH (by way of Saugus)*

Don Bly - October 19, 2023 at 11:09 AM