



Joyce Spear Marshall

July 28, 1929 - April 13, 2022

Rye, NH - The children of Joyce Spear Marshall would like to share with you that she has lifted her wings in flight. She passed peacefully on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 as the blue birds fed outside her window in Rye, NH.

Born on July 28, 1929 in Wellesley, MA, Joyce was the daughter of Roger Eliot Spear and Gladys Robbins Spear. She graduated from Wellesley High School and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After graduation, she married Charles M. Marshall. Over the next thirty years, they became a family of six living first in Miami Shores, FL and then Simsbury, CT.

Joyce was a true educator and ardent lover of nature's world. She spent her life as an active volunteer and leader in many organizations: YWCA, Girl Scouts of America, Junior League, Roaring Brook Nature Center, Hartford Audubon, Children's Museum Pre-school, Simsbury Garden Club, The Nature Conservancy, UNH Marine Docent, Great Bay Discovery Center, Gundalow Company, UNH Sea Chantey Singers, and NH Audubon to name a few. She cultivated long-lasting friendships from all aspects of her life.

In her spare time, Joyce could be found in her gardens with a trowel, nurturing an injured bird with her granddaughters, advocating for the American Wolves in the West, walking with her family in their beloved New Hampshire woodlands of T.O.N.E, or anywhere around the world, always with birding

binoculars in hand.

Most of all, Joyce cherished her family. She is survived by her two daughters Elizabeth (Marshall) Weaver and husband Richard of Stratham, NH and Sue (Marshall) Yamamoto of Nashua, NH; two sons, Charles M. Marshall, Jr. and wife, Elizabeth, of No. Andover, MA and Edward Marshall and wife, Michele, of Stewartstown, PA; six granddaughters, two step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family would like to express their deep gratitude to the wonderful staff at Webster at Rye, who enriched Joyce's life over the past six years.

In honoring Joyce's wishes, a family graveside service will be held in Wellesley, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Great Bay Discovery Center where she educated children about the ocean for over 20 years. Donations can be made online at <https://greatbay.org/give/> by noting her name or by check to Great Bay Stewards, 89 Depot Rd, Greenland, 03840 with her name noted.

Tribute Wall

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“ We loved having Joyce at the Children's Museum of Portsmouth every week. As the director of visitor services and volunteer coordinator I was the person who initially welcomed her to the program and set her up with her various positions. Joyce was a perfect fit for us and she added so much to the children's educational experience. Because of her involvement with Sandy Point she became our resident expert and go-to authority on all things related to the sea and great bay estuary. To this day, when I hear someone use the term starfish I hear Joyce's voice correcting them to say sea star! Joyce eventually became the permanent assistant to our weekly pre-school and science classes. An educator and I later personally selected her to receive our annual volunteer award and there was unanimous agreement. We had many volunteers with different strengths and interests and I valued each of them in different ways, for different reasons. There were several who stood out as essential members of our staff. I loved having Joyce with us and remember very fondly the private conversations we had in the quiet moments when we'd talk of our families and lives and just get caught up on our week. That was always a pleasure and I miss that laugh of hers and just the sound of her voice. My thoughts go out to the family. Joyce made a great difference in many people's lives and her memory lives on.

Douglas Tilton - January 14, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *Joyce Spear Marshall*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

LT

“ My deepest condolences to Joyce’s family . I was her dental hygienist over 13 years ago for about a 10 year period at Dr Cahill;s office! I always loved our visits and chats. I am sorry to hear of her passing. I will never and nor have I forgotten our interesting conversations about every and anything . Warm regards, Lizabeth Tompkins

Lizabeth Tompkins - April 24, 2022 at 12:05 PM

VS

“ Joyce was a childhood and life long friend of my mother Carolyn Erickson Sutcliffe. Their friendship provided me a model of how friendships can accept and absorb the many changes that come with life all the while maintaining love, care and connection even when physically distant from each other. While what happens after death is a mystery, I like to think they will have a Wellesley Friends reunion when my mom joins her soon!❤️

Victoria Sutcliffe Swanson - April 20, 2022 at 12:35 PM

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“ I have known “Aunt” Joyce almost as long as I have known myself. I will always remember the time at TONE when she led a hike to the mica mine and the quarry. That was real adventure! Her love for the outdoors and all of nature was contagious. One of her greatest gifts was her willingness to share her passion for nature with others. Joyce’s family is evidence of that passion being passed on for generations. I will miss her.

Pat Gowing Richardson

Pat Richardson - April 19, 2022 at 08:49 PM

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“Joyce was one of my regular customers at Shaw's in Stratham when I worked there from 2012 to 2014. She was a lovely lady and I enjoyed talking with her so much. My maiden name was Marshall, and we talked about her daughter Elizabeth Marshall. I am so sorry for your loss, and you will all be in my prayers. I will see you again my friend, and may you rest in peace. God Bless, Love Elizabeth



Elizabeth Marshall - April 19, 2022 at 02:14 AM

PM

There was only one Joyce or "Joycie" as her card playing friends called her. We all shared many Saturday evenings going out to dinner or dining at Flossie Wiggins house. After dinner we would settle down and enjoy our card games. This was just one of the many things we all shared. Joyce was a special friend and I will treasure her memory.. You will be missed dear Joyce. Watch over us from your spot in Heaven.

Peggy Mullin - April 23, 2022 at 01:06 AM