



## Joyce D. Phinney

November 13, 1931 - June 14, 2025

Seabrook Beach - Joyce Demers Phinney, 93, of Seabrook Beach, NH, passed away peacefully at home on June 14, 2025, after a brief illness.

She was born in Lawrence, MA, in 1931, daughter of Walter V. and Margaret (Hegarty) Demers.

Joyce is survived by her daughter, Amy Dittrich and her husband Timmy of Swampscott, MA, and their sons, Tyler Dittrich (Katie) and Dylan Dittrich (Marissa) both of Marblehead, MA. Son, Walter Rogers and his wife Debbie of Rye, NH, and their children, Sarah Snow (Doug) of Amesbury, MA, Emerson Rogers (Robin) of Marblehead, MA, Alexandra O'Sullivan (Jerry) of Dover, NH, and Hannah Rogers of Boston, MA, along with six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Allan B. Rogers whom she married in 1953 until his untimely death in 1962, her sons, Allan J. Rogers and Allan B. Rogers, Jr. and her brother, Walter V. Demers, Jr. and second husband, Robert W. Phinney. She also leaves her devoted and loving caregivers Jannie Nabukenya and Joyce Nansamba of Danvers

Upon graduation from Bradford College in Haverhill, MA, in 1950, Joyce began working for her beloved father, Walter, at the Demers Plate Glass Company. She served on the board of the Lawrence YWCA and Big Brother Big Sister and was a communicant for Saint Augustine's Church in Andover,

MA, and Saint Elizabeth's Church in Seabrook Beach, NH. Joyce was a longtime member of Abenaki Country Club. As an avid golfer, her four holes-in-one provided prideful banter, particularly with the male competitors of the family.

A devoted mother, wife, nana, aunt and friend, Joyce was quick with a smile and a welcoming home. She was always delighted to engage in conversation and laughter not only with her children and grandchildren, but their many cousins and friends as well, leading to numerous unique and generational relationships that reflected her warm and effortless nature.

A child of barefoot beach summers as a result of her parents' cottage in Hampton, NH, the salt air and water never receded after those dreaded Labor Day drives home to the Merrimack Valley. They simply lingered until the faraway springtimes would once again stir Joyce's unconditional love of the beach and all it encompassed. An eventual year round resident of Seabrook Beach, ironically it was winter Joyce enjoyed most along the shore as it happily reminded her that Labor Day was just another day at the beach and not the end of summer.

In these recent years, Joyce's most consistent interest was centered around her great-grandchildren, always inquiring as to what the babies were doing each day. A genuine and prideful love for a family generation far removed from her own, yet as near to her as anyone or anything.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Mass will be held at Saint Elizabeth's Church in Seabrook Beach, NH, on June 20th at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint Theresa's Church in Rye Beach, NH.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Church  
1 Lowell Street  
Seabrook Beach, NH 03874

# Tribute Wall

PQ

“ Amy - We are sending our love to you all. I wish we'd had a chance to meet Joyce. She sounds like an amazing woman and the fact that she put up with Tim confirms that! Sending all our love. Pat and Biff

Pat and Biff Quann - June 26, 2025 at 04:28 PM

PQ

“ Patrick Q. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce D. Phinney.

Patrick Q. - June 26, 2025 at 04:23 PM

SR

“ I was a kid living down the street from Joyce and family on Spring Grove Road. Kids in the neighborhood congregated at her house because she was welcoming and kind. Joyce called me Shannie Bananie. She was one of my favorite adults when I was a kid.

Shannon Larson Reilly - June 24, 2025 at 01:09 AM

JF

“ Dear Amy, Walter and Families,  
We were so saddened to hear of Joyce's passing. What a remarkable life she lived; a life of kindness, zest and humor. Joyce was so good to our mother, Bea; that's just who she was. The obituary was so touching especially the end which centered on her connection to the great grandchildren. We wish you love and peace during this difficult time.  
The Fitzpatricks  
Jim, Rhonda and Walter

Jim Fitzpatrick - June 19, 2025 at 05:21 PM

AS

“ All of my love to you, Sammie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joyce D. Phinney.



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**All of my love to you, Sammie** - June 19, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce D. Phinney.



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June 19, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce D. Phinney.

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June 19, 2025 at 10:23 AM

KA

“ A well written tribute to Joyce and her love of her family and the sea; may she rest in peace

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**Katherine** - June 18, 2025 at 01:59 PM

RT

“ Rosemary Crosby Lakin, Bob and Tripp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce D. Phinney.

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**Rosemary Crosby Lakin, Bob and Tripp** - June 18, 2025 at 07:56 AM

RT

“ Rosemary Crosby Lakin, Bob and Tripp purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joyce D. Phinney.



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**Rosemary Crosby Lakin, Bob and Tripp** - June 18, 2025 at 07:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce D. Phinney.

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June 17, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce D. Phinney.



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June 17, 2025 at 02:13 PM

TF

“ The Matt Matthews & Alex Glaser Families purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Joyce D. Phinney.



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**The Matt Matthews & Alex Glaser Families** - June 17, 2025 at 08:53 AM

EM

“ *Dear Amy and Family,  
We are so,so,so sad to hear of the passing of Joycee. She was so special and meant so much to all of us. I think of her often and it brings a smile to my face. I will miss her humor and wisdom. You and the entire family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Eddie*

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**Ed Maciejewski** - June 17, 2025 at 08:46 AM