



## Judy Ann Preston

June 18, 1944 - November 15, 2014

Hampton - Judy Ann (Harris) Preston, 70, died at home on Saturday, November 15, 2014 with her children and dogs by her side, after a long illness and valiant battle with breast cancer.

Judy was the daughter of the late Ralph T. and Harriet A. (Collis) Harris, and, like her parents, was an integral part of their beloved Hampton Beach.

Judy started her career at Changing Times Magazine in Washington D.C. before moving back to Hampton and loving her career as a teacher in Epping. In addition, Judy built several successful businesses including a near 30 year run with the Go-Go Putt Miniature Golf Course, popularizing "The Pirate" as a Hampton Beach landmark.

Most recently, Judy gained fame as "The Lady with a Ghost Ship as her neighbor." While her final sunset went down over "The Guest List," her family feels she enjoyed being part of a tale that will live on in Hampton Beach legend.

Judy leaves behind her son, Richard Harris Preston, her source of great pride, great laughs, and lots of shared mischief, who she taught that chowda' really is the only food one needs; her daughter, Alicia Ann Preston, her Sunday puzzle, rummy, road trip and lunch partner whom she taught, "The more

Poodles the better”; her granddaughter, Alexandra Rose Preston, her “Boody Boo”, who’s hand rub was the only one that made the heart rate on the monitor come down and who Grammy taught to take her reign as SkeeBall Queen of Hampton Beach. Known, depending on the audience, as Mama Preston, Mrs. Preston, Judy, Mom or Grammy, she leaves behind a devoted and loving family and circle of admirers and friends. Judy taught them all a love of family, love of God, love of country, love of life and love of love.

Judy will be remembered as an amazing mother. As someone who lived a life of adventure & travel, of hard-work and of devotion to her family. Judy Harris Preston will be remembered as someone who always knew how to live.

In addition to her immediate family, Judy leaves behind several nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and loved ones, including her three beloved Poodles.

In addition to her parents, Judy was predeceased by her brother, Ralph Harris.

Visiting hours will be from 4 to 7 PM on Thursday, November 20, 2014 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Judy’s service will be held at 11 AM on Friday at the First Congregational Church, 127 Winnacunnet Rd., Hampton. Burial will be in the High Street Cemetery, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

# Cemetery Details

## High Street Cemetery

150 High Street  
Hampton, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
[info@remickgendron.com](mailto:info@remickgendron.com)  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church  
127 Winnacunnet Road  
Hampton, NH 03842

# Tribute Wall



“ *Judy Ann Preston*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I worked for judy at the GO-Go putt miniature golf course. I worked for her when she moved it from the bottom of the street to the top of the street. That was a lot of hard work but judy was determined to make it happen. I was there the day that judy put the pirate up. She had vic lessard moving it into place on a very windy day. I thought it was going to blow away. Judy did great things for hampton beach. I remember her telling me if they could do a convention center at hampton beach that would be year round business for everyone. I learned alot from judy. She will be missed. Ed Bourque*

**Ed Bourque** - November 20, 2014 at 08:32 PM



“ *Dear Alicia and Richard,  
I just want to tell you how sorry I am about the loss of your mother. She was a great teacher and a fun loving friend. We enjoyed many happy times during our careers at Epping Elementary School. Her students benefited greatly from her wealth of knowledge and love of her job. She was an asset to the profession. And what a wonderful mother she was to have raised two such incredible people. She was so very proud of you. She will be missed by all who knew her.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Diane Pease*



**Diane Pease** - November 20, 2014 at 07:59 PM

BC

“ With very fond memories of working with your mother, my sympathy,  
*Bruce Christie*

**Bruce Christie** - November 20, 2014 at 06:17 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Ann Preston.*



November 20, 2014 at 03:28 PM

LH

“ *Our condolences on your loss. So many memories of the Harris cousins all together at Hampton Beach. Our thoughts are with you. Lisa, Walter and Jason Hayes*



**Lisa Hayes** - November 20, 2014 at 09:31 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Judy Ann Preston.*



November 19, 2014 at 09:39 PM

Anna  
Marie  
Souther

“ I am so sorry to hear about Judy, and I wish her whole family peace and only happy memories at this time. LOVE Bill

Anna Marie Souther - November 19, 2014 at 04:33 PM

BP

“ Barbara Larson, TataLala, Carol, and Peg purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Judy Ann Preston.



Barbara Larson, TataLala, Carol, and Peg - November 19, 2014 at 01:27 PM

TE

“ Tom and Chris Erickson purchased the America t he Beautiful for the family of Judy Ann Preston.



Tom and Chris Erickson - November 19, 2014 at 01:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judy Ann Preston.



November 19, 2014 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judy Ann Preston.*



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November 19, 2014 at 10:25 AM



“ *The Pike Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Judy Ann Preston.*



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**The Pike Family** - November 19, 2014 at 09:53 AM



“ *Dear Richard and Alicia,  
I am so sorry to learn of the death of your Mother. She certainly was a character who brought much joy and laughter to so many people. I always said that if I had had a child in the third grade in Epping, I would have wanted them in her class for sure. She had such a passion for teaching and learning which she worked tirelessly to instill in her students. No doubt, she was tough. But she was also one of the most compassionate people I've ever known. She will be missed by many but is surely being welcomed to heaven with open arms.*

*With love and deepest sympathy,  
Mary Beth Coleman*

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**Mary Beth Coleman** - November 18, 2014 at 07:50 PM

AS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Preston when I was a paraprofessional in the Epping School District. I will always remember her passion for teaching which was evident in the classroom with both students & staff alike. Mrs. Preston will surely be missed by all who were lucky enough to have known her.  
Sincerely, April L. St. Jean  
Manchester, NH

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**April St.Jean** - November 18, 2014 at 05:30 PM



“ Judy was a great teacher. She touched so many lives. I had the honor of watching her challenge kids to do their best. She had a love of learning and reading and passed that on to her students. I will always remember solar system projects, math games and fear of spiders. I got to know her as a parent, staff member and friend  
Judy you touched my life.  
Beth Peterson

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**Beth Peterson** - November 18, 2014 at 04:17 PM

JB

“ Mrs. Preston was always so nice and had a laugh no one could replicate, If I close my eyes I can still hear it. May she be causing trouble and having many laughs up in heaven. May you find solace in the warmth of your memories and love you had for her.

J.R. Bridle

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**J.R. Bridle** - November 18, 2014 at 02:34 PM

PB

“ Pam Jurga and Bruce Bermel purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Judy Ann Preston.



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**Pam Jurga and Bruce Bermel** - November 18, 2014 at 10:42 AM

GB

“ Above all Judy loved her children. Richard and Alicia remember all the good times and know she and Allen are having a great party!!  
Love Ginny, Wes and JR

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**Ginny Bridle** - November 17, 2014 at 08:09 PM

HT

“ Harold & Laura Turner purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Judy Ann Preston.



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**Harold & Laura Turner** - November 17, 2014 at 06:38 PM

BJ

“ Bill, Greg, Jason purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Judy Ann Preston.



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**Bill, Greg, Jason** - November 17, 2014 at 06:15 PM

IM

“ Isabel M. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Judy Ann Preston.



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Isabel M. - November 17, 2014 at 06:10 PM

PJ

“ Judy was a long-time customer of ours that rated special concessions. We never let people pick out their own steamer clams, but if there were no others around I'd hand Judy a bag and turn her loose on the pan! In the winters with good ice we'd sell fresh whole smelt, which she loved, but she asked if I could clean them for her (I did). Sadly, the smelt population crashed last winter and may not return; I'd like to think she couldn't face another cold winter without a favored treat and went off to find some! Save me a plate Judy, and I'll clean 'em when I get there...

*It's tough losing another local of character---we'll miss her.*

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Peter Tilton Jr. - November 17, 2014 at 06:08 PM

SD

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. Just remembering all the summers on N Street. And the golf course that she started so many years ago. She will be missed.  
Sue (Muhr) DiTaranto N St Hampton Beach.



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Sue D - November 17, 2014 at 04:48 PM

BC

“ I only interacted with her a very few times. But wow, what an impression she made on me. I feel honored to have known her even the tiny bit I did. Those who were close to her were seriously blessed. Sad.

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**Burt Cohen** - November 17, 2014 at 03:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judy Ann Preston.



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November 17, 2014 at 01:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judy Ann Preston.



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November 17, 2014 at 12:41 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Judy Ann Preston.



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November 17, 2014 at 10:23 AM