



## Katherine A. Crotty

February 10, 1929 - October 24, 2019

Exeter – Katherine Ann “Kitty” Crotty of Exeter and a former longtime resident of North Hampton, passed away peacefully on October 24, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Kitty was born in Boston, MA on February 10, 1929, daughter of the late William and Mary (McCarthy) Grimes.

Kitty was raised in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston. She graduated from Regis College with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education and also studied opera at the New England Conservatory of Music. She met her late husband, Leo J. Crotty in 1950 and settled in Boston after they were married on May 3, 1952. Leo was a career Navy man and Sea Captain. They moved frequently, residing in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts. In 1969, they relocated to North Hampton with their seven children.

For many years, Kitty taught music in the Portsmouth School System for kindergarten through grade six and was loved by her students. The Catholic Church played a very important role in her life and she was a faithful communicant of St. Theresa Church in Rye Beach and a longtime choir member at the church.

Kitty loved opera and was an accomplished soprano and pianist. She was an avid tennis player, sailor, swimmer, skier, golfer and cook. Always the optimist, she was smart, fearless, had a zest for life and a strong opinion on everything.

Family was key to her life and she loved and influenced her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Kitty was happiest celebrating life's events with family and friends and a large Manhattan. With Kitty's arrival, Heaven just became a little more exciting.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Mark and his wife Sally, of Kittery Point, ME, Leo J. Jr. of Newcastle and James G. of Hampton, her daughters, Beth Gaffey and her husband Ray, of North Hampton, Kathy McNamara and her husband Kevin, of West Newbury, MA and Anne Crotty and her husband John Zannos, of Newcastle. She also leaves her 14 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Kitty was predeceased by her daughter, Carolyn Crotty, her brothers, James, William and John Grimes and her sister, Marie Hegarty.

Friends may visit from 2 to 5 PM on Sunday, November 3, 2019 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM on Monday at the St. Theresa Church, 815 Central Rd., Rye Beach, NH. Burial will follow in the Center Cemetery, North Hampton. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (<https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/donate>) P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090.

# Cemetery Details

## Center Cemetery

186 Post Road  
North Hampton, NH 03862

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 2:00 PM - 5:00 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/>

## Funeral Mass

NOV 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Theresa Church  
815 Central Rd  
(603) 964-6440  
Rye Beach, NH 03871

# Tribute Wall



“ *Katherine A. Crotty*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Feeling so badly not to be able to tell you all in person how very fond of Kitty I was. We shared lots of fun times at tennis, book club and parties. I always appreciated her humor and talent and unedited opinions. She was an original and I feel honored to have lived a parallel life with your Mom. One special memory was taking her to our favorite night club in St. Thomas where under the stars, she sang and became the star attraction ! (We all got free drinks)*  
*Fondly, Pat Cutshall*

**Pat Cutshall** - November 05, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ *Enthusiasm, dedication, and love of God and family were her trademarks!*  
*(Plus she sure could hit a winning tennis shot!)*  
*Special thoughts and prayers for a special woman,*  
*Doreen Andriola*

**Doreen Andriola** - November 04, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ *What a dame!*

*Thinking of you all. Sending our love from the West Coast.*

*Your Cousin,  
Ann Grimes*

**Ann Grimes** - November 02, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ 167 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - November 02, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ *Eileen Moy & family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Katherine A. Crotty.*



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**Eileen Moy & family** - November 01, 2019 at 05:45 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Katherine A. Crotty.*



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October 31, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine A. Crotty.*



October 31, 2019 at 08:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Katherine A. Crotty.*



October 30, 2019 at 08:44 PM



“ *Crotty Family, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment grieve with you at your loss. Your friendship with us is a sustaining force for us, may that now be a strength that you are able to find solace in. NSDQ!!!*

**AMSO** - October 30, 2019 at 02:51 PM



“ *To our precious New England Family, your Southern contingent is praying for you & with you & we grieve for your loss. We hold fast to the promises of God's Word that for the believer, to be absent from the body is to be present with The Lord. May God's peace & comfort see you through this difficult time. Tim, Audrey & the children*

**Tim M** - October 30, 2019 at 02:51 PM

TM

“ *The Morgan's purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Katherine A. Crotty.*



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**The Morgan's** - October 30, 2019 at 02:46 PM

TF

“ *Tom Gerrish & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Katherine A. Crotty.*



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**Tom Gerrish & Family** - October 30, 2019 at 02:21 PM

TG

“ *I am at a loss for adequate words to express my grief for you. I had the blessed opportunity of knowing your mother a brief time during a luncheon at the Wentworth by the Sea Marina. She was a beautiful Woman full of life and I cherished the short time together. I know heaven just received one of its most special angels. You are a reflection of your mother in the way you treat people with respect and empathy, not to mention the way you make each person feel loved. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Tom & Robin Gerrish*

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**Tom Gerrish** - October 30, 2019 at 02:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine A. Crotty.*



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October 30, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ *Donna,Linda,Billy and Bobby Crotty and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Katherine A. Crotty.*



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**Donna,Linda,Billy and Bobby Crotty and Family** - October 29, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine A. Crotty.*



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October 28, 2019 at 02:56 PM