



## Kathleen Lee "Kay" Harrington

January 19, 1935 - August 10, 2023

North Hampton - Kathleen Lee "Kay" Harrington, 88 of North Hampton, passed away on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at Webster of Rye. She was born in Salem, MA on January 19, 1935 to the late Virginia (Hall) and Edward Ronan. Oldest of 8 children, she was adopted and raised by Carl and Catherine (Winkle) Carlson.

She grew up in Marblehead, MA, schooled in Swampscott and Lynn, MA and graduated from St. Mary's in Lynn, MA. Kathleen shared 54 years of marriage with her late husband, Frank Harrington who died in 2009. She and Frank moved to the Seacoast in 1963 and raised their 5 children.

Whether you knew her as Mom, Mamie, Ma, Kay or Kathleen, she was loved by all and a friend to all. Her warmth and kindness were abundant, and she always had time to listen and share her wisdom with those who needed her.

In the 60's, Kay was a weekly columnist for the Hampton Union; "Happenings in North Hampton." When her children were young, she was a telephone operator in Exeter where she made many friends that she kept for life. As years progressed, she worked at Winnacunnet High School as a lunchroom monitor, where she known as "Sally." While at WHS, she would change the lives of many students who befriended her, taking them to get their driver's license when they had no one to turn to and buying them lunch when they had

no money. She also had a huge heart and selflessly aided local families that had financial hardships. Sacrifice was something she knew well and if someone needed her, she was always there. Later in her career, she worked at the former Wicke's Lumber and managed two local motels. In her elder years, she volunteered at a local nursing facility.

Kay enjoyed her family very much and loved having them all together in her home. When her grandchildren were young, she played dress-up and spent a lot of time playing games and singing songs with them. She was always the glow of sunshine and brought joy to everyone. In her later years she continued to keep active, traveling to Las Vegas, The Grand Canyon, Foxwoods and visiting the ocean and the Lakes Region.

She is survived by her children; Kathy Harrington and her spouse Kim DePasqua of Franklin, MA, Tom Harrington and his spouse Terry of Hampton, Carlene Harrington of North Hampton, Tim Harrington and his spouse Donna of Newmarket and Bill Harrington of North Hampton. She also leaves her grandchildren: Matt, Becky, Erin, Ryan, Jacqui, Connor, Christian, Sean and Donovan and her 6 great-grandchildren: Ryder, Jayden, Hunter, Kennedy, Chase and Stella, her one sister, Norma Lee Eon of Salem, MA and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held at the convenience of the family. If desired, donations may be made to the NH Animal Rescue League, 545 State Rt. 101, Bedford, NH 03110.

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ *Mrs Harrington. Never saw her without a huge smile and a wisecrack. Oh was she funny! Wonderful lady loved by the whole town of North Hampton.*

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**Joe King** - August 23, 2023 at 09:28 PM

PY

“ *So sorry for your loss. I remember your mom always had a smile on her face.*

*Patti (Douglas) Young*

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**Patti (Douglas) Young** - August 22, 2023 at 04:15 PM

DM

“ *Donna Meyer-Miller lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Lee "Kay" Harrington*



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**Donna Meyer-Miller** - August 20, 2023 at 07:46 AM

DM

*I am so very sorry to hear of such a huge loss to North Hampton and everyone "Mrs. Harrington" touched. \*\*She always said in my adult life to call her 'Kay' but it was still Mrs. Harrington! What a wonderful, caring and LOVELY woman she was! Always smiling each time I ever saw her. May you all hold tight to the wonderful, precious and loving memories you have and find comfort in them all. God Bless*

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**Donna Meyer-Miller** - August 20, 2023 at 07:53 AM

JF

“ Oh My Mrs H we at Logan’s Run will miss you so much ❤️👍

Joanne Flagg - August 17, 2023 at 06:52 PM

LB

“ Kathy, Tom, Carlene, Tim & Bill - I'm so very sorry for your loss. Kay was a vivacious, generous and beautiful soul. You all know she was like a mom to me and I will be forever grateful for your parent's generosity in allowing me to live with them when I first moved to NH. I can still hear her infectious laugh and hold dear all the memories I got to share with her. She will be livening up the party in heaven - no doubt ;- ) Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Lynn Boutin - August 16, 2023 at 10:03 AM

BS

“ Carlene and Family, Sorry to read you have lost your most special Mom. We will miss seeing her at the store. She was always so pleasant and very personable to talk to. Enjoy your memories when the sadness fades and may she rest in peace.  
Love, Brenda

Brenda S - August 15, 2023 at 08:30 PM

CH

Thank you Brenda ❤️

Carlene Harrington - August 18, 2023 at 08:08 AM

KP

“ I just met Tim yesterday while buying corn at the farm. What a lovely person that clearly feels this loss deeply. We discussed how hard it is to lose one's mom as I too am facing this soon. May you find peace in knowing how well loved she was and what she leaves as her legacy.

Kathy Paine - August 15, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathleen Lee "Kay" Harrington.



August 14, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen Lee "Kay" Harrington.



August 13, 2023 at 03:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathleen Lee "Kay" Harrington.

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Lorraine H. - August 13, 2023 at 03:23 AM



“ I spent a few summers on her couch when Tim and I hung out - she was a beautiful lady inside and out. God bless her and keep her 🙏

Tracy Williams - August 12, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ Such a fine human being. Another North Hampton resident that was loved by all. Condolences to the family ❤️

Barbara Preston - August 12, 2023 at 01:17 PM