



## Lois Ward Tierney

November 30, 1927 - November 1, 2023

Hampton – Lois Ward Tierney, 95, died Wednesday, Nov 1, 2023, at Cornerstone at Hampton.

Lois was born Nov 30, 1927, in Montpelier, VT, during the Great Flood of that year. She was the daughter of the late Merlin B. and Aline (Hollopeter) Ward of Moretown, VT. Lois always loved her Vermont heritage: the Ward family history, the beauty of the land, and the maple syrup.

Lois graduated from Northfield School for Girls in Northfield, MA, and then received her Bachelor of Fine Arts with a Voice Major from Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, where she met her husband, Robert Arthur Tierney.

Lois dedicated her life to her family. When Bob's career as an engineer for General Electric designing guidance systems for NASA space missions required relocating the family (often!), Lois packed up the house and children and created a new home with love, humor, and New England grit. She successfully settled their "gang" of five children eight times across the United States, from Mississippi to California to New York to Florida to Alabama, with a much-loved two years in the Hague Netherlands. They eventually lived in Dallas, TX for twenty years where Lois took up tennis and became quite an accomplished player. As the children grew older, Lois took on some new jobs. Her keen eye for visual arts led her to work with a buyer for an interior design company. Her love of education and her accounting skills led her to be an

administrative assistant for Akiba Academy.

Lois & Bob moved to Seacoast New Hampshire in 1987. Lois loved being part of the Newcomers Club, Hampton Library Book Club, and she volunteered as a docent with the Seacoast Science Center. There, Lois & Bob especially loved summers when everyone visited and went to the beach. Listening to music was an integral part of the Tierney family. Family get-togethers always resulted in some sort of musical sharing. Lois especially loved beautiful choral music and listened to the University of Notre Dame chorale every week.

Lois was predeceased by her husband of sixty-two years; Bob passed away in 2012. She is survived by her children: two daughters, Elizabeth Tierney Roberts (Exeter, NH), Janet Tierney Sorrentino (Betterton, MD), and three sons, Peter R. and Joni Tierney (Kingston, NH), Robert A. and Anne Tierney (Plano, TX), Mark W. and Kellie Tierney (Granbury, TX); 10 grandchildren, Claire Tierney Vadney, Elizabeth (Jo) Sorrentino, Christine Sorrentino, Dustin Tierney, Megan Tierney, Sam Tierney, Nicholas Tierney, Devan Tierney, Austin Tierney and Gabriel Tierney; and nine great-grandchildren.

A private family service will be held at Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd, Hampton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the University of Notre Dame Chorale ([https://giveto.nd.edu/give?promotion\\_code=04820&amount=](https://giveto.nd.edu/give?promotion_code=04820&amount=)) and under "Designation" search Notre Dame Chorale or by calling 574-631-5150.

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ It was an honor and privilege to work with Lois. She was an incredible soul. I'm blessed and grateful to have met her. Thank you Janet and Liz for your trust in me. God bless.

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**donna cross** - November 09, 2023 at 09:41 AM

MB

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of the lovely lady. She had an infectious zest for life and a beautiful smile. Thank you for sharing her with the Fuller Acres family in her later years. It was a joy and privilege to know her

*Karl and Meredith Baker*

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**Meredith K Baker** - November 08, 2023 at 03:29 PM

PW

“ Liz, Janet, Pete, Bob & Mark - Your Mom was The Best! I've been blessed with 5 sisters-in-law & your mother was above & beyond. That unmistakable voice 📍 We talked regularly the past 7,8 years...even before Holly passed...And the fact that she passed on the same date as Holly is precious. I know they were joined at the hip (& shared a bedroom) until Lois went off to boarding school. What a pair ❤️ I trust they have found each other 🙏

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**Peggy Ward** - November 04, 2023 at 08:55 PM

PA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all Lois family. Lois was an amazing lady. I used to have great conversations with her about her life in Vermont. She told me so many stories. Lois was a giving and loving person., I loved our time together and going for rides up the coast rest in peace Lois you're with your husband now and many friends. Love you. Patrice*

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**PatriceGlynn** - November 04, 2023 at 07:17 PM

PL

“ *Pete, Liz, Bob, Janet, and Mark -- Please know we send our love and joyful memories of your mom, Lois, to each of you during this time of sadness. Lois was always so sweet and warm to each of us. We have heartfelt memories of stopping by the house and visiting with her and your dad when our travels took us to New England. Your dad gave our then young girls a wonderful animal book (it was huge) and Lois insisted we all go out to eat, at where else but the Galley Hatch! Her distinct voice will live forever in our memories. We hug you all from afar as you celebrate her life. Peace and comfort to each one of you ~ Paul and Jane Lawrence*

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**Paul Lawrence** - November 03, 2023 at 03:25 PM