



Lucille "Jimmie" Savage

February 15, 1925 - July 19, 2025

Hampton Falls - Lucille (Jimmie) Savage, 100, of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire passed away peacefully on July 19, 2025, at Langdon Place in Exeter, surrounded by her loving children. For a century she loved well and was well-loved.

Born on February 15, 1925, in Natick, Massachusetts, Jimmie was lovingly raised by Irwin and Grace Close. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1942 and went on to attend Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston, graduating in 1944.

While still in high school, Jimmie met the love of her life, Charles "Charlie" Savage, at a church social. They married in Pensacola, Florida in November 1944 during Charlie's service as a Navy Ensign in World War II. Their simple Thursday afternoon wedding with just six guests marked the beginning of a marriage that spanned nearly 75 years, until Charlie's passing in 2019.

In 1947, the young couple settled in Hampton Falls with their first child, Terry. They purchased the oldest house in town and later developed the property into Wakeda Campground—now a beloved family-run business in its 60th season. They raised three children: Terry, Jan, and Karen.

From 1961 to 1971, Jimmie served as the school secretary at Centre School

in Hampton, where she was a calm and steady presence to countless students and staff. To many of her children's friends, she was considered a second mother. Her warm heart, deep kindness, gentle patience, and sincere interest in everyone she met left a lasting impression. She made each person feel seen and valued.

Jimmie loved the outdoors—gardening, flowers, animals, and especially walking. For nearly 70 years, she began each day with a three-mile walk, often winding through the campground she helped create. She cherished nature and much preferred the quiet of the countryside to the bustle of city life.

Jimmie and Charlie worked tirelessly transforming their 100+ acres of woods into a campground which they ran for 30 years before passing the torch to the next generation. Jimmie's efficiency and winning personality proved to be the formula needed for creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for campers and, along with Charlie, creating a successful business.

Her family was the center of her world. For 35 years, she treated her daughters and daughter-in-law Jane to annual "Girls' Getaway" trips, exploring destinations from Camden, Maine to St. Augustine, Florida, building decades of joyful memories. She and Charlie also traveled widely, including a cross-country motorhome trip and an adventurous journey to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji in their late 70s.

In later years, Jimmie spent winters in Nokomis, Florida, where she formed many dear friendships. She moved to Langdon Place in 2018, where she quickly became beloved by staff and residents alike for her grace, warmth, and wisdom.

Jimmie was predeceased by her husband, Charles Savage; her cherished daughter, Karen Bark; and her son-in-law, Mike Hambleton. She is survived by

her son, Terry Savage, and his wife Jane of Brentwood; her daughter, Jan Hambleton, and her partner Stew Bradley of Hampton Falls, and her son-in-law Kevin Bark of Hampton Falls.

She also leaves six treasured grandchildren: Kerry Savage, Todd Savage, Ryan Hambleton, Laura Ferrigno, Amanda Allen, and Adam Ciardelli; and seven beloved great-grandchildren: Owen and Olivia Ferrigno, Matthew and Andrew Allen, and Michael, Alexis, and Adriana Ciardelli.

A celebration of Jimmie's life will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 2:00-4:00 at Wakeda Campground in Hampton Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Rockingham County Hospice by clicking here. (<https://www.ancoracc.org/donate>)

or the Alzheimer's Foundation by clicking here (<https://www.alz.org/manh>).

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Langdon Place—especially the second-floor nursing team—and to the many compassionate caregivers from hospice who provided exceptional care.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wakeda Campground
294 Exeter Road
Hampton Falls, NH 03844

Tribute Wall

MP

“ So sorry to here of Jimmie's passing. My family spent over 20 years at Wakeda, from 1974 to 2000. Many of those Kris, Mark and I worked there. Every morning she and I would catch up on the day as she walked the grounds. She was the most pleasant person I ever met. She was the backbone of what made Wakeda click in a very unassuming way. My sympathy to all the Family.

Marilyn Pelis

Marilyn Pelis - July 22, 2025 at 11:51 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. My family have known Mrs Savage for years. My Mom and her were cousins and they've been at the campground since it's inception .my Dad loved Wakeda they loved to help at all the Breakfasts a they would have a huge garden every year. My Dad made the Totem Poles and Indian an maiden on the porch

linda Koch (Bjork) - July 22, 2025 at 10:15 PM

LT

“ We are so sorry to hear of Jimmie's passing. We have had the pleasure of being seasonals under all three generations of owners and our life is better for having know Jimmie. Always a smile and a kind word for everyone. I loved seeing her walk around every morning for years and then continuing to enjoy the fruit of her labor in the golf cart on Wednesday's with her children. She will be forever in our hearts. Sending love to her family.

Bill and Laurie Tedeschi.

Laurie and Bill Tedeschi - July 22, 2025 at 04:04 PM

LZ

“ So sorry to hear this, Spent years camping there and the Mrs. was a wonderful lady, condolences from our family to yours

Lynn A Zmayefski - July 22, 2025 at 01:07 PM

TM

“ I've known "Ma"keda for almost 60 years as I started camping at Wakeda with friends the year after Wakeda opened. She was always the warmest, most welcoming part of camping there. When we had the fire at our camper there at Wakeda, her heart broke for us, and then she took care of us. I will remember you and love you always, "Ma." This world has lost a gentle, loving soul. But God has a worthy angel.

Terry Charpentier and Linda Meiggs - July 21, 2025 at 08:59 PM

DM

“ Mrs Savage was such a genuine, kind and caring person. I was lucky to work with her and her family at Wakeda Campground, and visit her in Florida and at Langdon Place. She was a positive influence, touching many lives. My best to her whole family. ❤️

Diane Hughes McFarland - July 21, 2025 at 04:30 PM