



## Madalene L. Castleton

April 9, 1927 - March 17, 2016

Exeter – Madalene L. Castleton, 88, a former longtime resident of Seabrook, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at the Langdon Place of Exeter where she had been living due to failing health. Her devoted husband, George, and her loving daughters, Susan and Nancy, were at her bedside.

Born in East Barre, VT on April 9, 1927, Madalene was the daughter of the late Ralph E. and Nellie (Smith) Woodard.

She attended elementary school in East Barre and after her family moved to the NH seacoast; she graduated from the Robinson Seminary in Exeter.

Madalene married the love of her life, George Castleton in 1946 and they moved to Seabrook in 1949. Madalene was an active and driven lady. She earned her Associate's Degree in Library Science from UNH and worked for many years as the school librarian at Seabrook Elementary. She served as the first president of the Seabrook Historical Society, was a longtime member of the Home Economics Advisory Council of Rockingham County, taught Sunday School at Trinity United Church in Seabrook, served over 20 years as a 4H Leader and nature instructor at Bear Hill and Spruce Pond 4H Camps in Allenstown and also served as the Summer Recreation Director for the Town of Seabrook.

Madalene was not only a naturalist but a poet and published author. She co-authored, "Seabrook, A Commemorative Book" and was an active member of the Indian River Poet Society in Vero Beach, FL.

Family was Madalene's bedrock and she loved her husband, her children and most especially, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be so sadly missed by her family and many friends.

Madalene is survived by her beloved husband, George; her sons, Carl Castleton and his wife Dulce of Bahia, Brazil and Eric Castleton and his wife Chela of La Palma, Panama; her daughters, Susan Slocombe and her husband, George of Kingston and Nancy Sarni and her husband John of North Hampton. She also leaves her sister, Sadie Lumbra of Swanton, VT and her 8 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, 8 great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her first husband, R. Carleton McWilliams and her brother, Laurence Campbell.

Visiting hours will be from 11 am to 1 pm on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Services will follow the visitation starting at 1 pm in the funeral home. Family and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be private. Family flowers only please, if desired, memorial donations in Madalene's name may be made to the Seabrook Library, 25 Liberty Lane, Seabrook, NH 03984.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

100 Lafayette Road  
Seabrook, NH 03874

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 23.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 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

**MAR 23.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Madalene L. Castleton*

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Nancy,  
I am so sorry to about your mother. I can't believe that she was able  
to meet some of her great great grandchildren. That's amazing!!  
Thinking of you and your family at this sad time.  
Laurie Colt Ball*

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**laurie ball** - March 23, 2016 at 06:24 AM



“ *I will greatly miss my Grandmother's stories and vast knowledge  
about so many different things. She made everything interesting,  
whether she was explaining about her different flowers, letting me  
know about the family tree, or recommending a fantastic book to  
read.*

*She was an incredible person and it was such an honor to have her  
in my life.*

*She is dearly missed and now I have a void in my life.*

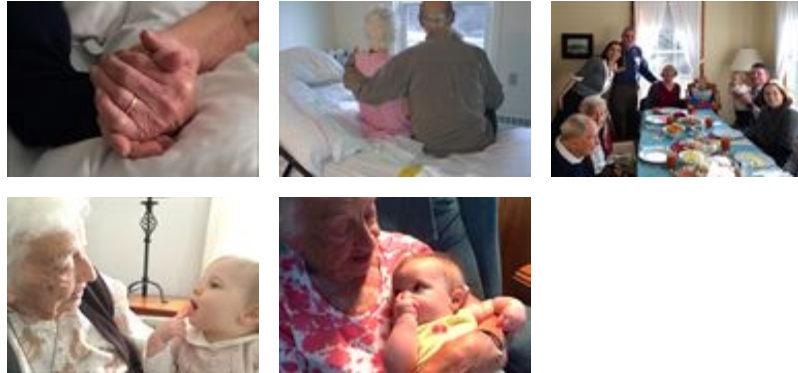
*Wendy Sams*

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**Wendy Sams** - March 22, 2016 at 05:34 PM



“ 117 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - March 22, 2016 at 08:59 AM



“ *Judith ( Janvrin ) McKinney lit a candle in memory of Madalene L. Castleton*



**Judith ( Janvrin ) McKinney** - March 21, 2016 at 02:06 PM



*She was a wonderful , kind and loving woman and mother, so sorry Carl and Eric xoxo*

**Judith ( Janvrin ) McKinney** - March 21, 2016 at 02:07 PM



“ *We met Madalene & George so many years ago in Florida. We enjoyed their company so much. Madalene became more like a sister to me. You will always remain in my heart.  
George , Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Sincerely Margie & John*

**Margie** - March 21, 2016 at 10:11 AM

DB

“ *Darcy Randall Brown lit a candle in memory of Madalene L. Castleton*



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**Darcy Randall Brown** - March 21, 2016 at 10:06 AM

BS

“ *Bill And Carla Sturgis lit a candle in memory of Madalene L. Castleton*



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**Bill and Carla Sturgis** - March 21, 2016 at 08:00 AM

XC

“ *My grandmother had the most wonderful laugh. It started with a deep-throated chuckle, and ended in a full teary-eyed hearty laugh, usually at the end of a story about some dim-witted move or an innocent miscalculation on the part of a child.*

*I loved her stories, and I loved her poems.*

*I loved the way she made fluffer-nutter sandwiches for us, and taught me to spread the marshmallow fluff to the very ends of the bread.*

*In high school I became a vegetarian, or pescatarian (I ate fish), and every Thanksgiving we spent together she'd make a special fish dish just for me. It was delicious, but how I wish I could go back in time and eat that Turkey!*

*Xandra Castleton*

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**Xandra Castleton** - March 19, 2016 at 10:07 PM

RM

“ *Robert Mawson lit a candle in memory of Madalene L. Castleton*



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**robert mawson** - March 19, 2016 at 12:16 PM

CC

“ Ollie and I were very good friends, we traveled with them to Puerto Rico and also to visit their son Eric in Panama. The many stories we shared. The laughs we had. A very fun loving couple. She will be missed. Rest in Peace my friend.

Caddie

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**Caddie Carter** - March 18, 2016 at 08:51 PM

EM

Madalene and I worked on the Commemorative Book during Seabrook's Bicentennial and shared many ups and downs! She was fun to work with. Seabrook will miss her helpful ways.

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**Elinor Mawson** - March 19, 2016 at 03:19 PM

RB

Madalene was a smart, classy lady, always there to lead or help in anyway she could. Robie and I were blessed to have known her and we're happy to have the memories we shared here and in Florida with she and George, Sending prayers to her family. Rest in peace sweet lady.

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**Robie and Dale Beckman** - March 20, 2016 at 07:51 AM