



Margaret C. "Mickey" Wardle

November 6, 1937 - February 24, 2024

Hampton – Margaret C. “Mickey” Wardle, 86, of Hampton, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 24, 2024 with her daughter by her side.

She was born in Brooklyn, NY November 6, 1937 the daughter of the late Urban and Margaret (Mathes) Birkl. She was a graduate of Dominican Commercial High School in Jamaica, NY with the Class of 1955.

She worked as a civilian secretary for the U.S. Air Force where she met her husband, the late Arthur J. Wardle, Jr. who predeceased her in 2022. They shared 64 years of marriage, raising their children and traveling with the Air Force until Art retired in 1974. They settled in Hampton, NH where they were heavily involved in community and town events for many years. They could always be seen walking uptown to grab a cup of coffee or walking along the beach. Mickey was known for her silly sense of humor, her kindness, and her love of the Red Sox.

Surviving family members include her daughter, Dianne Shvanda and her husband, Chuck of Merrimack, NH; five grandchildren, Alex Mason, Kelsey Taylor and her husband, Bryant, Caden Shvanda, Mathes Shvanda, and Marleigh Shvanda, and great-granddaughter Raelin Taylor.

She was predeceased by a son, James “Jimmy” Wardle who died in 1983, a

daughter, Linda Mason who died in 2020, and a brother, Bernard Birkl who died in 1985.

Per her wishes, there will be no services. Anyone who knew Mickey would know that she wanted her life to be remembered with joy. Please celebrate her life by doing something kind for someone and think of Mickey. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the James A. Wardle Scholarship Fund, c/o Winnacunnet Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 1593, No. Hampton, NH 03862-1593. Please note in memo line of check "James A. Wardle Scholarship Fund".

Tribute Wall

DF

“ *Two of the best people Hampton could've asked for to contribute a lifetime to they're community and family. I worked with Art at the Hampton House and Mickey was a staple just the same. We are going to miss them but I'm sure they're walking hand in hand once again, together forever. Rest in Peace Mickey.*

Danny Fortier - March 21, 2024 at 10:45 AM

RF

“ *I'm so sorry for you loss, she was such a delight when she came in the Dollar Tree, I will never forget her "squirrel" story. Rest in the sweetest of peace Mickey, give Artie a hug from me.*



Robin Fales - March 09, 2024 at 11:17 AM

SH

“ *Your mom and dad were such a beautiful couple. Loved chatting with both of them over the years. So many memories. Artie and Mickey will be dearly missed.*

Steven Henderson - March 03, 2024 at 12:11 AM

LL

“ We moved next door to Mickey & Artie when their kids were still running in and out of the front door and peeling out of the driveway. Miceys Mom lived a block over and Mic was so attentive to Mrs. Birkl. Like Mother, like daughter. They were gracious and caring people. I loved to see them walking High Street, always hand in hand, heading to or from their “cauw-fee” run, their NY accent drew me in. Hampton has lost another who helped to make a loving community. My sincere condolences to the family for your loss of such a lovely woman.

Laurel Lent - March 01, 2024 at 04:54 PM

VJ

“ Mickey, what can you say about her? She was a loving wife and mother. I was friends with her son Jimmy life dealt her a hard blow with the death of Jimmy yet she tried to comfort others. An amazing woman. I loved to see her and Art walking around town at McDonald's for a cup of coffee. They were the epitome of what a marriage truly looked like. Going to miss you and your hugs. Heaven has received a beautiful person.

Vicki Johns - February 29, 2024 at 10:55 AM

ED

“ Ellen DeCosta lit a candle in memory of Margaret C. "Mickey" Wardle



Ellen DeCosta - February 28, 2024 at 05:52 PM

RB

“ Sometimes people come into our lives, and quietly go. Others stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same. God bless the Wardle family.

Respectfully,
Richard Ballou

Richard Ballou - February 28, 2024 at 05:35 PM

RF

“ Artie and Mickey were our next door neighbors for over 30 years. The town of Hampton has now lost two icons. May they both rest in everlasting peace. We loved them both so much.

The Fatello Family

Ralph Fatello - February 27, 2024 at 05:10 PM

CH

“ Mickey and Art are walking together again, that is the visual I will have forever in my mind.

Connie Harris - February 27, 2024 at 12:06 PM

RM

“ It is hard to believe that Mickey and Art are both gone now. They have been fixtures in Hampton for many many years. We are grateful for their friendship

Cathleen and Robert Mark

Robert Mark - February 27, 2024 at 07:14 AM

KG

The Wardle family & the Dreyer family were assigned to the same duplex in the Air Force in Minot North Dakota in 1963 and we became fast friends, spending every day together. Our entire friendship was rooted in laughter and so many happy memories! We all moved to NH and continued this long and beautiful friendship together. It is with great sadness that I've said good-bye to Jimmy, Linda, Arty and now Mickey but I feel so blessed to have had them in my life. Thank-you God for that gift❤️

Love Kim

Kim Grondin - February 28, 2024 at 11:18 AM

EA

“*Emily Miles Nee Adams lit a candle in memory of Margaret C. "Mickey" Wardle*



Emily miles nee Adams - February 26, 2024 at 08:23 PM

GB

“*Ted and I will sing Zippity do da and think very fondly of Mickey and Pizza Hut!!! Lots of love, Ginny Bridle*

Ginny Bridle - February 26, 2024 at 06:26 PM

EA

Mickey, when i visited Linda as her penpal in 1978 you, Linda, Jimmy, Art and we Diane made my 2 weeks so gr8. All the years since we have kept in touch. My return visit in 2000 and poignantly to jimmy's resting place was sad but happy to reconnect. You , linda and Art will forever be in my heart xx

Emily miles nee Adams - February 26, 2024 at 08:27 PM

DS

We were saddened to learn of Mickey's passing. She and Arthur - such good people, the kind that make a community better.

Sally and David Sandberg

david and sally sandberg - March 15, 2024 at 10:39 AM