



Marion "Marni" Ruth Ryan

August 26, 1931 - May 22, 2025

Rye - Marion "Marni" Ruth Ryan of Rye, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, May 22, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Born in Lawrence, MA, on August 26, 1931, Marni was the daughter of the late Warren and Marion (Scott) Young. She was raised and educated in Methuen, MA. She graduated from The Edward F. Searles High School in 1949 and was drawn to the arts, singing and acting in plays. Her motto, "Happy am I, from care I am free, why aren't they all contented like me?" held true throughout her life. She was known for her dry wit, ready sense of humor, happy smile and as always a stylish dresser.

Marni then attended Vesper George School of Art in Boston, MA where her focus was on Water Colors and Interior Design.

She met the love of her life, Frank Ryan, while walking home after working at her mother's card shop in Lawrence. He invited her to a Boston College football game where he was a student.

They were married at St. Laurence Church on August 28, 1950.

Frank was assigned to the Army Base at Fort Benning, GA. There, Marni worked at Kirven's Department Store. They returned back to Lawrence, MA in

1952.

In 1956, Marni, Frank and her three children— Suzanne, Mark and Lisa came to Rye Beach, NH and lived in her mother's beach house while Frank was starting his 30-year career as a Captain with Delta Airlines. After moving to a new home in Rye Beach her last two children, John and Tara were born.

Marni's heart was as big as her personality. She was a dynamic, eclectic force with an affinity for the "Bohemian," as she was one herself. She loved to host parties having as many people around her as possible. Marni started a bowling league with her friends, was a former member of The Beach Club and was active at the Franciscan Friary which was across the street from their home. She volunteered her time at New Generation in Greenland, NH.

Marni always loved helping people, especially those less fortunate. Marni often would bring strangers who needed a helping hand into her home, sometimes staying for years. Marni was a giver and she touched the lives of so many people!

Marni and Frank were married for 58 years, until Frank's passing in 2008.

Marni is survived by her five children.

Suzanne Knowlton and her husband Laurence of Rye Beach, NH, Mark Ryan of San Diego, CA, Lisa Stratos and her husband Philip of North Hampton, NH, John Ryan and his wife Kimberly of Jupiter, FL, and Tara Webb and her husband Mark of Rye, NH.

She is also survived by her 14 grandchildren, Erik Williams and his wife Dina of Rye Beach, NH, Ashley Shepherd and her husband Michael of Mill Valley, CA, Griffin Knowlton and his wife Robin of Wellesley, MA, Jack Ryan of San

Diego, CA, Michael Ryan of San Diego, CA, Brett Stratos and his wife Tricia of Dover, NH, Jared Stratos and his wife Lauren of Newburyport, MA, Ian Stratos of North Hampton, NH, Megan Ryan of Jupiter, FL, Brinn Ryan of Jupiter, FL, Callie Ryan of Jupiter, FL, Kaitrin Ryan of Jupiter, FL, Ryan Webb and his wife Avery of Nashville, TN, and Lily Webb of Nashville, TN,. As well as her ten great grandchildren, Jake, Briggs, Ava, Thomas, Emilia, Margaret, George, Caroline, Abigail, and Jay. In addition to her parents, Marni is predeceased by her husband Francis Ryan.

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember Marni for a period of visitation on Sunday, June 1, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Theresa's Parish, 820 Central Rd, Rye Beach, NH 03871. She will be laid to rest beside her husband immediately following the Mass at Central Cemetery, 20 Central Rd, Rye, NH 03870. To attend the mass remotely, please click here on the day and time of the Mass. (<https://www.sainttheresacurchrye.org/live-stream/>)

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Marni's memory to: Cross Roads House, Portsmouth, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUN 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Theresa Church
815 Central Rd
Rye Beach, NH 03871
(603) 964-6440

Interment

JUN 2. 12:30 PM (ET)

Central Cemetery
20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *The Radocchia family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Marion "Marni" Ruth Ryan.*



The Radocchia family - May 31, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion "Marni" Ruth Ryan.

May 30, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Marion "Marni" Ruth Ryan.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion "Marni" Ruth Ryan.

May 30, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marion "Marni" Ruth Ryan.*



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