



Martha F. McKenna

November 30, 1933 - June 11, 2017

Rye - Martha (Fougstedt) McKenna, of Rye, formerly of Littleton, MA, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 11, 2017, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of James R. McKenna.

Born November 30, 1933 in Concord, MA, Martha was the daughter of the late Lennart and Mary Susan (Sullivan) Fougstedt. Martha was raised and educated in Littleton, MA where she was the president and Salutatorian of the Class of 1951. She then attended Fitchburg State College and received her Bachelors in Education. Later, Martha attended graduate school at Fitchburg State and received her Masters in Special Education. Martha married Jim McKenna on November 24, 1956. After living in Germany for three years, Martha and Jim made their home in Littleton, MA where they raised eight wonderful children. After retirement, Jim and Martha resided in Rye and Clearwater, FL.

Martha's first teaching position was at Fort Devens in Ayer, MA. She then went on to teach at Alpha Omega in Littleton, MA and Nashoba Regional High School in Bolton, MA.

Martha was known for her quick wit, patience, gentle nature, quiet strength, and her unending love for her family. Family was the center of her life, Martha cherished spending time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren,

and sisters, and the feeling was mutual. One of her greatest gifts was her ability to find humor in all situations. A day with her, whether you called her Mum, Grammy, Marthie, or Auntie Marthie would always turn into an adventure. Martha also enjoyed talking about the family history and was always willing to let you know about the ship captain and the witch who graces the family tree, or the time she threw the cat out the second story window just to see if it would land on all four feet (FYI, it did). Martha was an avid reader and was always good for a book recommendation. She did crossword puzzles daily, challenged her children and grandchildren in Words with Friends, could never be beaten in Cribbage, and sent funny pictures of Grampy through Snapchat.

In addition to Jim, to whom she was married for 61 years, Martha was loved and admired by her eight children, Shawn of Seabrook, Dennis and Cathy (Popp) of Stamford, NY, Martha and Andy Pierce of Ayer, MA, Theresa and Richard McGrath of Townsend, MA, Timothy of Ayer, MA, Nora and Lenny Leonardo of Groton, MA, Sheila and Eric Kish of Littleton, MA, and Julia and Pete Dunn of Littleton, MA. Her grandchildren: Derek, Daniel, Amy, Britney, Siobhan, Sam, Dennis, Rachele, Renee, Devin, David, Stephen, Lowell, Angela, Erin, Jamie, Paul, Heather, Luke, Garrett, Jason, and Kylie, and her great grandchildren: Ayden, Zach, Owen, and Lila. She will be deeply missed by her two adoring sisters Karen (Fougstedt) Watson of Clearwater, FL and Susan Fougstedt of Littleton, MA, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Mary (Fougstedt) Crory Leahy.

The family would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the staff at Extended Family LLC in Portsmouth for all the care and love they showed to Martha.

Visiting hours will be held from 1 to 3 pm and from 5 to 8 pm on Thursday, June 15, 2017, in the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory, 811

Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 am on Friday, June 16, 2017 at St. Theresa Parish, 820 Central Rd, Rye Beach. Burial will be in the Central Cemetery, Rye. Family and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, donations in Martha's memory may be made to The Rye Public Library, 581 Washington Rd. Rye, NH 03870 or to The Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 96280, Washington, DC 20077 <https://donate.arthritis.org/> . Please visit www.RemickGendron.com to view Martha's memorial website, to sign her tribute wall or for directions.

Cemetery Details

Central Cemetery

20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 15. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Martha F. McKenna*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family.*

Mike DiPhillipo - October 01, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ *To Jim and and Family, We are so sorry to hear about Martha's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and everyone at this time. Love, George and Lee Ogilvie.*

George and Lee Ogilvie - June 16, 2017 at 07:34 AM



“ *I always understood the enthusiastic affection my nephew Stephen McKenna and my niece Kate McKenna Brillon expressed for their Aunt Martha. I never forgot the day my high school boyfriend and I were invited over to Martha and Jimmy's in Rye after our Sunday at Rye Beach; I felt so welcome in the middle of that bustling houseful. And later it was always a treat to corner Martha and Jimmy at family gatherings. My condolences go out to all your family for your loss.*

*Sincerely,
Barbara Fultz Martinez
New York City*

Barbara Fultz McKenna - June 15, 2017 at 08:29 PM



“ *To all the McKenna Family,*

So very sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. McKenna, sending prayers and love to everyone. Our thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.

*The Merz Family
John and Carol, Terri, Kathy and Gretchen*

Kathy Merz - June 15, 2017 at 09:35 AM



“ *173 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - June 15, 2017 at 06:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



June 14, 2017 at 07:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



June 14, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



June 14, 2017 at 03:30 PM

BH

“ *Jim and Family,*

Our hearts are heavy for all of you. We have such fond memories of living next to you at 21 Perkins; we couldn't have asked for better neighbors. Missing our days when we could chat on the front lawn, or when you would come over to one of many gatherings for birthdays or Aaron's graduations.

Hoping that memories of better days filled with love and laughter help you get through this difficult time.

Sending love and prayers.

*Tom Sheridan
Bridget Hughes
Hampton, NH*

Bridget Hughes - June 14, 2017 at 12:43 PM

BC

“ *Martha , You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Sorry to hear of your loss.
God Bless your entire family.*

Bill Cadden

Bill Cadden - June 14, 2017 at 12:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



June 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM



“ *The Hunts - Ed, Topsy, Mike, Jim, Maureen & Kathy purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



The Hunts - Ed, Topsy, Mike, Jim, Maureen & Kathy - June 14, 2017 at 08:37 AM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



June 14, 2017 at 07:40 AM



“ *Love, The Rausa Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



Love, The Rausa Family - June 14, 2017 at 07:35 AM

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“ *Karen and Susan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



Karen and Susan - June 13, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



June 13, 2017 at 06:21 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



June 13, 2017 at 03:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



June 13, 2017 at 02:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



June 13, 2017 at 02:10 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Martha F. McKenna.*



June 13, 2017 at 01:26 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss of your Mother. My thoughts are with you at this sad time. Jennifer Rea from Kronos.*

Jennifer Rea - June 13, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ *Will miss a wonderful friend, And I shall cherish many fond memories.
Norbert.*

Norbert - June 13, 2017 at 11:17 AM

AL

“ Memories of a great true friend, shall stay with me for the rest of my life,
I shall never forget the wonderful times we shared,
Rest in Peace, , A Friend who loved you so much, Allie

allie - June 13, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Martha F. McKenna.



June 13, 2017 at 09:11 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martha F. McKenna.



June 12, 2017 at 10:34 PM

JM

“ What a blessing we have had to have this beautiful woman in our lives. Our many memories of her over many years will now become our treasures. God bless and strengthen all of you as you find your way thru this time of grief. Love from Uncle Joe and Dorothy

Joe McKenna - June 12, 2017 at 06:14 PM