



Mary M. Durant

May 13, 1961 - August 24, 2024

Hampton - Mary Durant, 63, wife of Rollin Durant, passed away unexpectedly at their home on August 24, 2024. Mary was known for her sense of humor, kindness, and unwavering support. Her infectious smile and boundless warmth made her a vibrant presence in the lives of all who knew her.

Born to Margaret and Thomas Higgins, Mary was married to Rollin, the love of her life, for over 30 years. Their deep bond and shared life created many cherished memories. She is survived by her stepchildren, Allison and Dale Matthews, Teddra and Charles Roberts, Corey and Megan Tyler, as well as her beloved grandchildren Eyan, Wyatte, Zaine, Katelyn, Mark, and Aiden. Mary is also survived by her siblings: Patricia Meagher, James Higgins, Ann Hardy, Thomas Higgins Jr., Michael Higgins, Elizabeth Higgins, and Mark Higgins. Her extended family includes many cousins, nieces, and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly.

Mary's passions included crafting, cooking, and celebrating holidays, with a particular fondness for Halloween. She also cherished the ocean, enjoyed tracking weather patterns—especially big storms—and had a fascination with astrology and full moons. Her dedication to others was evident in her career as a teacher, nurse, and bartender.

Mary's love for animals was profound, and in her honor, donations can be

made to the New Hampshire SPCA by clicking here (<https://nhspca.org>) or by mail to PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885.

Family and friends will gather to honor Mary during a visitation on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, from 2 pm to 4 pm at Remick and Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842. A Celebration of Life will follow immediately at McGuirk's Restaurant, 95 Ocean Blvd, Hampton Beach, NH 03842. Mary's legacy will continue through the countless lives she touched and she will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

SEP 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

McGuirk's Restaurant
95 Ocean Blvd.
Hampton Beach, NH 03842

Tribute Wall

BC

“ *The Durant and Higgins family and families, I'm so sad and sorry to hear about Mary's passing. I just heard about it , literally, minutes ago. As a longtime family friend of all the Higgins children and growing up in the neighborhood, I have many, many fond memories of a big, fun family, that are loved and respected by their many friends. Their house was always open to the friends of all the kids and everyone was welcomed with a big smile. Mary was the youngest daughter but was always around at Thanksgiving game days and got to know everyone. She was a beautiful woman and a quick wit like all of her family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very sad time. May Mary Rest In Peace. Sincerely, Bob Connolly Jr.*



Bob Connolly - September 08, 2024 at 08:26 PM

TF

“ *The Dumont Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary M. Durant.*



The Dumont Family - September 03, 2024 at 12:24 PM

TF

“ *The Dumont Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Durant.*

The Dumont Family - September 03, 2024 at 12:24 PM

DF

“ To the Durant family, the loss of Mary was shocking. You have our deepest sympathies. We were honored to have Mary work for us at North Beach Bar and Grill. Not only was she one of my best, dedicated, favorite employees, but a dear friend inside and out. She was loved by everyone. She was an inspiration to all she met. Mary painted a santa clause for our daughter that we will treasure. I used to put it in the restaurant at the holidays and it brought a smile to all who saw it. Alexa will cherish it for years to come and the memory of Mary. We wish you peace, comfort and courage to face the days ahead. Our Love Dan and Effie Favreau, Marys' North Beach Bar and Grill family...

Dan Favreau - September 02, 2024 at 06:50 PM

DF

“ Dan and Effie Favreau - NBBG family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary M. Durant.



Dan and Effie Favreau - NBBG family - September 02, 2024 at 06:30 PM

DF

“ Dan and Effie Favreau - NBBG family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Durant.

Dan and Effie Favreau - NBBG family - September 02, 2024 at 06:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary M. Durant.



September 02, 2024 at 09:15 AM



“ The DiGangi’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Durant.

The DiGangi’s - September 02, 2024 at 09:15 AM



“ Marci (MacDonald) & Glenn Bostic purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary M. Durant.



Marci (MacDonald) & Glenn Bostic - August 31, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ Marci (MacDonald) & Glenn Bostic planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Durant.

Marci (MacDonald) & Glenn Bostic - August 31, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ My condolences to Mary’s family

mary rich - August 29, 2024 at 06:22 PM

MR

“ Mary M. (Higgins) Durant

She was the one.

She was one of those people whose charm and wit came naturally and had the beauty of an Irish rose. She was always up for shenanigans or instigated them, parties, skipping class, and road trips to Hampton Beach.

She was one of the most popular girls at WHS when she befriended me. She introduced me to her family and the circle of “cool” friends. We drank Michelob light, sneaked smokes and she held my hair back when I needed it, lol. She always had my back.

She was the one who suggested that we be roommates in college. During freshmen year we hosted the largest off-campus keg party, we both were working the door collecting the entry fee when the police showed up. Mary easily charmed them with her smile, and then they left after apologizing to us.

She was the one who taught me reliance and empathy. She lost her mother at a young age. I admire her strength to take care of herself. She would later create a Dead Mother Club, dark humor aside, it was her way of acknowledging other people’s pain and supporting them.

She was the one in her Sophomore year who did a semester in Alaska. She also acted in theatre, performed in the musical, Oklahoma, and introduced me to The Rocky Horror Picture Show. She never ceased to amaze me. We would host big celebrations after a long week of exams, Followed The Golden Rule: Never leave a girlfriend behind at the boy’s dorm, and shared our secrets and dreams for the future.

She was the one who played Carole King’s Tapestry album repeatedly. I’m so grateful for our shared experiences and to have her as a friend. She certainly made my life richer having known her. I will always remember Mary (Mayor) whenever I hear the song, You’ve Got a Friend.

Mary (Rat) Rich





Mary Rich - August 29, 2024 at 05:57 PM

TD

“ *I was shocked to hear the news of Mary, she was one of a kind for sure! I've known Mary for 28 years, she always had a way with words! The Wok will never be the same without her! RIP Mary, we will all miss have a cocktail with you!*

Todd

Todd Dupre - August 29, 2024 at 12:00 PM

CP

“ *We are so sorry and will remember the good times we had with Mary at Hampton.*

Candy and Jed Power

Candy Power - August 29, 2024 at 11:10 AM

MW

“ *Dear Mary, where to begin... didn't we have a blast in high school! You were the first to get your license. You were always able to get one of the family cars, and we'd all hop in. Cruising, going to games, partying was a lifetime ago. Visiting you at college, your wedding- we were all there. All the times I've thought of you, and wanted to surprise you. Vicki and I talked about it frequently. Life got in the way, we always think we have time. Rest easy, you will be missed. Your friend, Mary T*

Mary Wing - August 28, 2024 at 08:02 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary M. Durant.



August 28, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ Edmund F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Durant.

Edmund F. - August 28, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ Mary’s energy is certainly missed at Wok the Wok. She gave good advice to her customers, and always had something interesting to talk about. Mary had a wonderful sense of humor but was very firm at times. I’ll always miss her beautiful smile and her amazing mai tai’s. Until we meet again may you rest in peace Mary 🙏❤️🌸



Betty Gagne - August 28, 2024 at 01:24 PM

MP

“ Words of Grief just don't seem enough for Mary H.
Condolences to her husband and his family .
To All the Higgins Co. I'm so very sad. Mary, a fellow Beach Rat with a big heart and an even Bigger sense of humor. Her Beautiful Spirit will always shine bright in all of us.
I'll sure miss seeing her contagious smile, wave, and a “Hi Martha” from behind the counter at the
“ Sand n Santa” @ 63 O.B.
On Seagulls Wings Mary,God Bless
Martha-Anne Preston
& Co...



Martha-Anne Preston - August 28, 2024 at 01:14 PM

EL

“ Omg! I am shocked! Mary and I worked together at North Beach Bar and Grill....she was the queen and I her princess..silly fun times. Mary was always doing some crafts..back then it was glassware...we actually went to the same fair..her with her beautiful glassware and me with my soaps and lotion! I totally enjoyed her company...and Rollie was so the apple of her eye! I am so sad to hear this news..way too young...RIP my friend❤️

Elly LaFrance - August 27, 2024 at 09:06 PM

SE

“ The Woburn Eatons shared a lot with the Higgins clan growing up....both large families who shared cousins...the MacDonalds. Our deepest condolences to all of you. Having just lost my husband “Dickie” a short time ago, I feel your loss and your pain.

Sharyn Eaton - August 27, 2024 at 07:56 PM

DS

“ Growing up on the beach I will always remember Mary for her beautiful laughter and The shenanigans she did with my sister Stephanie. I hope they are together. I've in heaven having a good laugh gone way too soon.

Diana Samaras - August 27, 2024 at 06:54 PM

JP

“ Mary was Nice Person. She knew me from time I was a little kid. She then knew me as an adult. Many a Pint 🍺 she poured me and many many Laughs. Godspeed 🕊️🌿 Joe “JJ”Poirier.

Joe Poirier - August 27, 2024 at 11:18 AM

AL

“ My condolences to Mary's family. I worked with Mary at Lincoln Akerman School and her infectious smile, wit, and positive attitude will be missed. May she Rest in Peace.

Alan Lajoie - August 27, 2024 at 08:48 AM

JM

“ Mary was one of my childhood friends. I have so many great memories of all our time in Woburn and in Hampton in the summers. She was only 3 days older than me so we also shared a birthday week. She always had a smile on her face and wanted to have fun. I remember one night as adults we were catching up at the Tasting Tower and a song came on, Over the rainbow (the Hawaiian version) she really liked that song and she turned to me and said, I want that played at my funeral. Now every time I hear that song I will think of Mary. May her family know that she had good friends and always enjoyed life.

Judy (Matthews) Mccullough - August 27, 2024 at 07:07 AM

CC

“ *Durant family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. The ones we love are never forgotten they live within our hearts. May you know peace and comfort.

God bless,

Charlie Culhane

Charlie Culhane - August 27, 2024 at 05:53 AM

MF

“ *Many, many thanks to our most wonderful Mary D who touched so many children and staff at LAS. I will always treasure my shared time with her. Mary had a true gift of humor that brought real joy especially when the going got challenging. She loved teaching and helping children and was especially sensitive to those who needed her the most. Thank you, Mary for your love, caring, and kindness. Love, Mary F*

Mary Fontaine - August 27, 2024 at 05:31 AM

GH

“ *Glenn Jr, Kathryn and Keith Harris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary M. Durant.*



Glenn Jr, Kathryn and Keith Harris - August 27, 2024 at 12:58 AM

GH

“ Glenn Jr, Kathryn and Keith Harris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Durant.

Glenn Jr, Kathryn and Keith Harris - August 27, 2024 at 12:58 AM



“ Mary was my first beach friend and truly was a very special person. I quickly found myself visiting her at work as I knew her schedule , even just to drink water. Our talks were genuine and I enjoyed our conversations. Mary was always in the know with the local happenings and was the first to tell me about the (dreaded) bridge work and impact to us locals. We never did make a spa day become a reality but we loved to imagine the laughs we would have had doing it. Rest in peace friend.



Lisa Noyes - August 26, 2024 at 10:02 PM

NL

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Nicholas Looney - August 26, 2024 at 08:23 PM

NL

“ We are heart broken to hear of Mary’s passing Ms D. As Nicholas called her was a teacher friend and one of the most caring people that ever entered his life. They were paired in the 3rd grade and Mary was his biggest cheerleader and supporter and it never ended long after he left LAS. Her enthusiasm and kindness was amazing. We all love Ms D! We will never forget you and hope we can carry on your kindness and love that you showed everyday!



Nicholas Looney - August 26, 2024 at 08:19 PM



“ Mary will forever hold a special place in our heart! Her kindness to my children at school was evident when they would come home with big smiles on their faces talking about “Mrs.Durant.” But Mary’s love for her grandson Aiden is what was so special. She cheered loud for him at his baseball games and made sure that he always had a big turkey sandwich to eat, even if it was mid game! We enjoyed a very long weekend together of baseball games and she made me laugh the entire time!
Mary, you will be so missed. Prayers to all family and friends

Kimberly Lepere Bellmore - August 26, 2024 at 06:04 PM

BH

“ Rollin and Higgins Family,
We remember our chats at the Wok with Mary and her laughter. We are thinking of you all. You will forever be surrounded by her love. We hope that memories of Higgins gatherings, times at the beach, camping, etc will help you through. May the road rise up to meet her. Tom Sheridan and Bridget Hughes

Bridget M Hughes - August 26, 2024 at 05:53 PM

MJ

“ We are beyond heartbroken. We will never forgot all our camping trips at Bayleys especially Columbus Day Weekend when we could decorate for Halloween. The crafts and fun that Mary brought is something we will never forget. I know she loved all of us so much, but Addie had a special place in her heart. We all loved her so much and will forever be grateful for the time we got to spend with her.

Mary Johnson - August 26, 2024 at 04:21 PM