



Mary Betts Minko

September 30, 1935 - August 23, 2022

Hampton - Mary Betts Minko, 86, a long-time resident of Hampton, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. Mary was born in Albany, NY on September 30, 1935, a daughter of the late Henry Leroy and Madgel (Gailey) Betts. She was the beloved wife of the late Michael E. Minko who died in 1996.

Mary was raised in Albany and went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Syracuse University. While at Syracuse, Mary met Michael, the love of her life, and they were married in 1957. Michael was an Air Force pilot and the young family moved several times during his Air Force career. In 1972 they settled in Hampton where they raised their family and and Mike retiring as a captain for U.S. Airways.

She was a devoted wife, mom and grandmother and caring for her family was always her top priority. In addition to being a fantastic mother, Mary was a talented artist and her many beautiful watercolor paintings adorn the walls of her children's homes. Mary was a member of the Lane Memorial Library Book Club in Hampton where she made many dear friends over the years.

She is survived by her grateful and loving daughters, Elizabeth Jenness and her husband, George of Rochester, Virginia Eastman and her husband, Philip of Hampton and Marilyn Minko O'Connor and her husband, David of

Hampton. She also leaves her grandchildren, Michael B. Jenness, Zachary M. Eastman, Audrey M. Eastman, Costello E. Minko Giannone, several nieces and nephews as well as her Russian Blue kitty, Joey, that she loved so much.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mary was predeceased by her siblings, Richard Betts, Marilyn Fryer and her very dear friend, Baret Ajemian.

Services will be held at a future date. Mary loved animals, especially cats, so in lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the New Hampshire SPCA, PO Box 196, 104 Portsmouth Ave., Stratham, NH 03885, online at <https://nhspca.org/donate-today/>.

Tribute Wall



“ *A truly lovely person always ready to greet you with her lovely smile. I have thoughts of pork chops, Christmas cookies and lengthy conversation while listening to talk radio. It was hard not to spend hours after just stopping by to say hello for a minute.*

Harvey Webber - November 18, 2022 at 03:32 PM

CM

“ *Cindy (Brown) Morrissey lit a candle in memory of Mary Betts Minko*



Cindy (Brown) Morrissey - September 18, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *Mary Betts Minko*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

KP

“ *So sorry for your loss my friend. May she be in a peaceful and wonderful new place. Kathy Paine*

Kathy Paine - September 06, 2022 at 12:02 PM

WD

“ *To the girls and family,
So sorry to hear about your mom. I've always looked up to your mom and your dad and often think of them. They always treated me as one of there own, even when I was a bit of a hellion in the neighborhood (teens!). I still tell stories of times with your dad, from bear hunting to boat building, and know now that none of that would have been possible without the support of your mom. I can still hear your dads voice echoing through the house, MARY!, whenever he couldn't find what he was looking for. Your mom would come to the rescue and find it, right where he left it!
In tough times like these try to think of some good times, of which I'm sure there are many and hopefully that will help fill the void.
Sincerely,
Bill Dignam*

WILLIAM DIGNAM - August 27, 2022 at 12:13 PM

LS

“ *LAURA SAGALSKI lit a candle in memory of
Mary Betts Minko*



LAURA SAGALSKI - August 25, 2022 at 08:03 PM

LS

Ginny and family, I am so sorry for your loss! I always enjoyed talking with you and your mom when we would bump into each other. May she rest in peace and may the Lord provide you with consolation. My deepest sympathies.

LAURA SAGALSKI - August 25, 2022 at 08:05 PM

DB

“*Mary was always thoughtful of others, from sharing her art work like the note cards she had created from her lovely paintings to the Christmas Santas she painted to the plant holders. She was a genuine friend...ready to laugh and listen to others as well as provide insight and deliver thoughtful responses. I will miss Mary but I know her three daughters will keep her memory alive. I send my love and condolences to the family and know there's another bright star in heaven**Mary Betts Minko

Doris Boeddinghaus - August 24, 2022 at 07:46 PM