



## Mary A. Philbrick

December 24, 1928 - November 26, 2020

Rye – Mary A. Philbrick, 91, a resident of Rye since 1948, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, November 26, 2020.

Mary was born in Boston, MA on December 24, 1928. Mary was one of three daughters born to the late Richard and Mary Ahern. She grew up in Boston, MA and Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada. Mary eventually moved to Rochester, NH and graduated from Spaulding High School.

Mary met the love of her life, George O. Philbrick in 1946 when George was on leave from the Navy. The love story continued and George and Mary were married in 1947 and started their life together in Rye. While raising their six children, Mary and George started their first business, Philbrick's Garage in Rye. In 1965, Mary and George then started Philbrick's Sales and Service in Rye and eventually moved the business to North Hampton. Mary extended her community involvement as Treasurer of the North Hampton Business Association, as a member of the Catholic Women's Club and as President of the Rye Junior Women's Club.

Mary was devoted to her family; she was a wonderful cook and a gracious hostess. Mary was an inspiration to many and with grace, class and warmth transformed the lives of those she touched. Mary loved Rye and her Cable Road community; her generous, loving spirit helped shape the unique

character of the Cable Road neighborhood.

Mary enjoyed wintering at Half Moon Bay in Palm Beach County, Florida for the past 30 years where her same generosity nurtured a spirit of inclusive community. Mary loved spending time with family and friends, whether it be on Cable Road or at Half Moon Bay.

Mary and George shared 56 years together in a marriage where love prevailed through tragedy and happiness. George O. Philbrick predeceased Mary in 2005. Mary was also predeceased by her daughter Jackie Ann, her son David and her sister, Rita Rogers.

Surviving family members include her children, George Rick Philbrick and his wife Susan of Stratham, Susan P. Tiffany and her husband Mark of Amesbury, Kathleen Philbrick of No. Hampton and Daniel J. Philbrick of Rye; daughter-in-law, Susan L. Philbrick of Newington, brother-in-law, Kenneth Philbrick and his wife Sandra of Portsmouth; siblings, Joan Thompson and her husband Edwin of Epping and JP Sanford and his significant other, Christi Heffner of Deerfield; 12 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 - 7 PM on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at the Remick-Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at St. Theresa's Church, 815 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH. Due to Covid-19 conditions, the Mass will be livestreamed on the church's website by clicking here (<https://www.sainttheresachurchrye.org/live-streaming>) . All Covid -19 protocol will be observed at both the visiting hours and the service at St. Theresa's. Immediately following the service at St. Theresa's, burial will take place at the Rye Cemetery on Central Road. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Friends of the

Rye Public Library/Children's Room, 581 Washington Road, Rye, NH 03870.  
Donations will be dedicated to support programming in the Jackie Ann  
Philbrick Children's Room at the Rye Public Library.

# Cemetery Details

## Central Cemetery

20 Central Road  
Rye, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary A. Philbrick*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *So many memories of having good times in Rye and sad to hear of your loss-We had a nice visit at the Galley Hatch a few years ago and had a chance to talk about the old days.Our hearts are saddened and our prayers are with you during this difficult time.Mary was beautiful inside and out. Nancy and Bob Goodsell*

nancy goodsell - December 06, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *It was my honor to hold your chair for you. God bless you Mary Philbrick, and may you rest in Peace.*



Steve Wood - December 03, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ *I always will remember her smile and kindness, she was truly a lovely lady. My heart goes out to the family.*

*Libby Locke Bontly*

Libby Locke Bontly - December 03, 2020 at 12:42 PM

SB

“ *May your family find comfort in God's infinite graces. We pray for your healing and strength through this time of loss. God's love is a light that can reach all corners of the earth as God has reached Aunt Mary.*



*Love Scott & Dyan*

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**Scott Berry** - December 02, 2020 at 05:57 PM

SB

“ *Scott & Dyan Berry purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary A. Philbrick.*



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**Scott & Dyan Berry** - December 02, 2020 at 05:49 PM

RV

“ *Mary will have been a model of honesty and sincerity that inspired us all. She knew how to understand everyone and easily found the answers to our questions. A woman of comfort, of peace who always knew how to make those around her shine. She was a great mentor.*

*Mary was compassionate, generous and caring and she always wore that beautiful smile of hers. She knew how to give comfort to everyone around her and how to make people feel comfortable. In conclusion, she was a dear friend and a mother any child would have wanted.*

*Have a good trip my dear Mary and a happy reunion with your dear George.*

*Michèle and I will never forget you.*

*Roger*

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**Roger Vermette** - December 02, 2020 at 01:01 PM

MR

“ *Michèle and Roger purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary A. Philbrick.*



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**Michèle and Roger** - December 02, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ 248 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - December 02, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ *The Malanaphy Family purchased the Beautiful D reams for the family of Mary A. Philbrick.*



**The Malanaphy Family** - December 01, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ *Sorry hear of your loss. She will be greatly missed. We have some very good memories. Mark, Roberta, and Alan Ladrie*

**Mark Ladrie** - December 01, 2020 at 01:15 PM

MC

“ Can a person smile too much? Can a person be too gentle? Can goodness be too concentrated in one person? Mary Philbrick – you fine lady were over the top. We know that you did not mean to but you have caused a lot of pain back here on earth. Shame on us for being so selfish of you. Walk on through the tulip fields, Breathe the roses in deeply. Converse with the stars. Wallow in chocolate. Throw open your arms and heart to the thousands who come to greet you. We shall see you again and soon enough. Esther and I love you. We miss you already



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**Mel Casey** - November 30, 2020 at 10:08 PM

CW

“ Childhood memories safe and carefree of summers spent on Cable Road with you.. One more was never a problem in the Philbrick house and you always had more than enough love to go around( and some discipline too!) Your gentle guidance helped me to become the woman I am today, and I am so very grateful for having you as my Aunt.

*Cindy Willis*

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**Cindy Willis** - November 30, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary A. Philbrick.*



November 30, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary A. Philbrick.*



November 30, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary A. Philbrick.*



November 30, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary A. Philbrick.*



November 30, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *Great Grandma Mary was a special women she brought so much joy to many people and she had such a beautiful soul. My favourite memory I have with her is when we were baking no matter how messy the kitchen was we just enjoyed it and made those little things count. She has a big heart always trying to make sure those around her were enjoying themselves, she spread her positivity to everyone around her, she was supportive, helpful, very smart and she was down to earth. Her memories live on and she will never be forgotten. Love you Great Grandma Mary*

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**Sunita Douglas** - November 30, 2020 at 02:07 AM

CW

“ *Carol MacPherson (Doug's wife) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary A. Philbrick.*



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**Carol MacPherson (Doug's wife)** - November 29, 2020 at 10:07 PM

AS

“ *Good memories of family gatherings at George and Mary's Rye home during the 70's and 80's. Mary's smile and good nature was always in the forefront of those visits. She was always welcoming and attentive to each guest. A beautiful loving lady to me, her sister-in-law at the time. Alberta Sanford Snow*

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**Alberta Snow** - November 29, 2020 at 04:01 PM