



Michelle C. Canty

July 22, 1945 - May 2, 2023

Rye – Michelle Canty, 77 of Rye, died Tuesday, May 2, 2023 peacefully after a courageous battle with Alzheimer’s disease.

Michelle was born on July 22, 1945 in Boston, MA the daughter of Richard and Marion Chateaufneuf and the eldest of four sisters. She graduated from Mount Saint Mary’s School in the class of 1963.

Michelle enjoyed a long and successful career as a Realtor with Tate & Foss Sotheby’s in Rye, NH. She often remarked that she has been inside the majority of homes throughout the Seacoast and knew all their secrets. Many of her clients came away from their experience as friends and have reached out with many stories of her tenacity and good humor in securing the best homes for each of them.

Michelle was passionate about spending time with her family and loved nothing more than when she was surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Her favorite title was that of “Nana” and she was frequently seen throughout New England at swim meets, lacrosse games, dance recitals, concerts or wherever her “Lovies” were. All winter long she was keen on knitting sweaters and hats for any babies in her life. In the springtime, she was in her yard tending to her flower gardens and happily watching her birds return to the feeders. Summertime was her favorite season as she found

peace by the ocean with her toes in the sand. Throughout it all, she cherished sharing a lovely meal and a glass of wine (or a stiff vodka) and laughing until she cried. Michelle was an elegant woman and was admired by all those who knew her. Her legacy will live on in so many fantastic stories and in many, many hearts.

Michelle leaves her husband Jack Canty of Rye, her two daughters, Carrie Gard Winter and her husband Michael of Venice, FL, Amy Gard Green and her husband Jamie and their three children of Rye Beach, two step-sons, Jason Canty and his wife Megan and their two children, of Eliot, ME, Aaron Canty and his wife Stephanie and their two children of Exeter, three sisters as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends whom she cherished. She was predeceased by her beloved son, James Richard Gard, who undoubtedly greeted her with the warmest embrace.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 12:00 at Abenauqui Country Club in Rye Beach, the burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Michelle's name to the Alzheimer's Association by clicking here (https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Events/Tributes-AlzheimersChampions?pxfid=809915&fr_id=1060&pg=fund)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

Abenaqui Country Club
731 Central Road
Rye Beach, NH 03871

Tribute Wall

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“ Only today I learned of Michelle's passing. We go back years and years when we lived on Dow Lane in Rye...our kids were about the same age. and they grew up together in their early years. Although time passed, we always managed to keep in touch. Michelle was instrumental in helping me sell my home in North Hampton a few years back. I'm saddened by her passing as will miss her wit, charm and grace which made everyone feel comfortable and special...a rare talent. My sincere sympathy to Jack, Carrie and Amy and extended family Jason, Aron and their families.

Susan Halliday Smith - June 08, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michelle C. Canty.



May 19, 2023 at 07:40 AM

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“ It was always such a pleasure to see Michelle. She was such a warm and gracious person and we will always remember her smiling presence. She was a proud wife, mom, and grandmother. It's been a privilege to know her and your family. Please accept our sincere condolences.

Mark and Mary McCue

mark McCue - May 18, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michelle C. Canty.*



May 15, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Canty family. Michelle was a wonderful person who had a lot of kindness and love for all. May she rest in peace.*
Jo Ann Niedzielski

jo Ann Niedzielski - May 12, 2023 at 05:22 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Michelle's passing. I remember her fondly!*
Diane Bradley

Diane Bradley - May 11, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ *We have lost a lovely lady, wife, mother and grandmother. Nina and I send condolences to you Jack and the extended family. May she Rest in Peace.*

John & Nina Bottomley - May 09, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Michelle C. Canty.*



May 09, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Dear Jack & Family,
Wendy & I would like to express our condolences regarding Michelle's passing away. May you be comforted with the many years you had together and the blessings of children and grans to carry on the memories.
Ernest & Wendy Shipman*

Ernest Shipman - May 09, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ *Jack and family. Please accept my sympathies regarding Michelle's passing. She was a wonderful lady and will be in my memories from the old Abenaqui Days.*

Stephen Bottomley - May 08, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *Jack and family, Pat and I send our deepest condolences to you on Michelle's death. We remember with fondness our decades of friendship and particularly her love of summers at the Beach Club. She was always a gracious presence on the deck and a true professional and friend as she worked in her real estate career. We will miss her smiling face and wish you all a long lasting peace.
Gary and Pat Holmes*

Gary W Holmes - May 08, 2023 at 08:12 PM

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*I feel blessed to have known Michelle and her two families: Amy,
Jimmy, Madeleine, Jack, Jason and Aaron.*

*With Love and Prayers,
Kathleen Cole*

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Kathleen Cole - May 09, 2023 at 03:52 PM