



Nancy McDonough

January 20, 1946 - July 1, 2023

Rye - Nancy S. McDonough, 77 of Rye and formerly of Hampton, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, July 1, 2023, after an extended illness. Nancy was born in Dorchester, MA on January 20, 1946; a daughter of the late Robert L. and Ruth (Eaton) Simons. She shared over 51 years of marriage with the love of her life, Phillip B. McDonough, and almost as many years with their three litters of sibling Siamese cats.

Nancy was raised in Hampton and graduated from Winnacunnet High School with the Class of 1964. She went on to the University of New Hampshire, where she graduated in 1968, earning her bachelor's degree in education. Later, Nancy graduated from Lesley College in 1991, where she earned her Master's in Education. Shortly after, she returned to her alma mater, and took a position teaching Social Studies at WHS. Nancy retired from full-time teaching at Winnacunnet with over 33 years of service. She adored being an educator, and not being one to stay idle, Nancy returned to the field as a substitute teacher at Portsmouth High School. She taught at PHS for over 10 years, and retired from the career she loved so much in 2013.

She remained active in her retirement, especially in intercultural and international exchange programs and events in the Seacoast. Nancy kept an immaculate home and was enormously proud of the landscaping work she and Phil maintained.

Nancy loved to read, watch movies and TV dramas, and was a staunch supporter of the Rye Public Library. She was an active member of the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League, the Portsmouth College Club, and the International Student Exchange Programs.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Phillip of Rye, NH, her sister Joan of Arlington, MA, her nieces: Christina Preval of Somerville, MA, Betsy Preval of Arlington, MA, and Jeffrey Preval of Niagara Falls, ON, as well as her great nephews and niece: Anthony Aiken, Dean Preval, Scarlet Preval, and Mason Preval.

Services for Nancy will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH. The viewing will be at 11am with a service following at 12pm. In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to The Seacoast Anti-Pollution League, the New Hampshire SPCA, or the Rye Public Library.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Phil, I am so sorry to hear of such a great loss. I hope you find peace and comfort knowing that she is with God now. I as well had here as a teacher at WHS 78! Wonderful person..



Donna Meyer-Miller - July 23, 2023 at 07:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy McDonough.

July 20, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy McDonough.



July 20, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - July 20, 2023 at 01:38 PM

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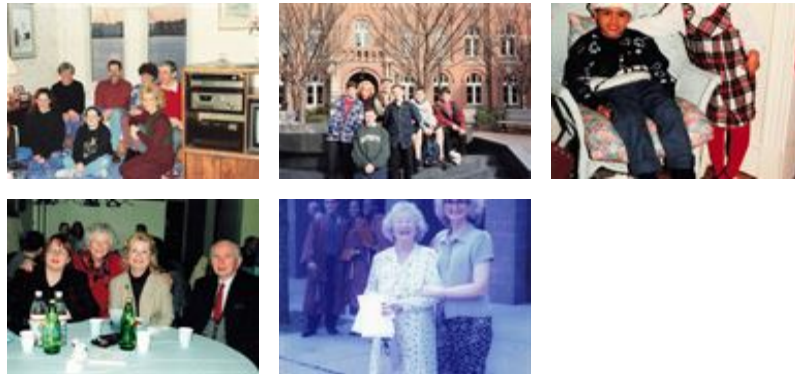
“ Berry Family & Kirsten Edler Peace & love purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nancy McDonough.



Berry Family & Kirsten Edler Peace & love - July 20, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ 149 files added to the album Life Tributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - July 20, 2023 at 12:11 PM

JC

“ Phil I'm so very sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. 💔

Johanna Chawziuk - July 19, 2023 at 08:23 AM

AG

“ So sorry for your loss, Phil. I had a serious 6th grade crush on Nancy. We occasionally walked to Marston school together from the same neighborhood. Fond memories from bygone youth.

Allen Griffin - July 14, 2023 at 04:16 PM

GP

“ Thinking of Phil and family during this time of sadness...we have fond memories of Nancy's many visits to the Rye Public Library over the years. She was an avid reader with a curious mind and was always so kind and thoughtful...with deepest sympathy from us all at Rye Public Library

Gwen Putnam-Bailey - July 12, 2023 at 03:34 PM

RS

“ We send our condolences to Phil and the whole family. Our congregation is keeping you all in prayer. May the Peace of Christ embrace you in your grief, and may your good memories of Nancy bring you comfort. Blessings, Rev. Dr. Marlayna Schmidt and the congregation of First Congregational Church of Hampton, UCC

Rev. Dr. Marlayna Schmidt - July 12, 2023 at 12:02 PM

CS

“ Phil and family, my condolences. I remember Nancy from Sunday School and time together at Winnacunnet. Later memories are of shared social events and political endeavors. A great example of service and dignity. All my best, Craig Salomon

Craig Salomon - July 12, 2023 at 09:07 AM

MR

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss Phil. Nancy was a much loved and respected substitute teacher at PHS. I missed her smile and positivity when she retired, but loved receiving note cards from her every now and then.

Marty Fuller Rahn - July 11, 2023 at 09:35 PM

KS

“ We send our condolences to Nancy’s family. We knew her Mom&Dad & sister from First Congregational Church. Also our Dad volunteered @ WHS when Harold Fernald was head of the history dept. Nancy was an elegant & so knowledgeable addition to WHS staff & for so many years. A true teacher!

Kathryn Montgomery, WHS 73

Margaret M. Leary, WHS 75

Kathryn S.Montgomery - July 11, 2023 at 12:36 PM

BF

“ So sorry for your loss Phil

Bob Frese - July 10, 2023 at 11:27 PM

SF

“ She was my high school social studies teacher in 1977, and she invited me and 2 other students to her home one day and she served us vichyssoise, which none of us had ever heard of. It was so elegant! Just one of many fond memories of her.

Scott Fifer - July 10, 2023 at 10:24 PM

EM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. McDonough's passing. She was my teacher freshman year at Winnacunnet, it seems like yesterday, however our Class of 74 are in the midst of planning our 50th Class. My heart felted prayers go out to the family during this difficult time. Rest in Peace Mrs. McDonough, Love Elizabeth Marshall



Elizabeth Marshall - July 10, 2023 at 09:29 PM

ED

“ Dear Phil and Joanie, IWe are very sorry for the passing of Nancy! She was very kind and shared a birthday on January 20th with my Mom Gerry. I will always remember in WHS she was the classiest looking teacher in the school. We hope she has found her Mom and Dad to be with now.



Sincerely, Rick and Ellen Wilbur DeCosta

Ellen Wilbur DeCosta - July 10, 2023 at 07:52 PM