



Norma Jean Severance

February 23, 1943 - May 16, 2023

Rye - Norma Jean Severance, 80, of Rye, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, after an extended illness. She had battled dementia for several years and needed friends and family to help care for her until she came to the assisted living community at Cedar Healthcare in Portsmouth, NH. Norma was born on February 23, 1943, in Brentwood, NH, a daughter to the late Fred Herbert (“Herb”) and Bonnibel (“Bonnie”) Taylor. She shared many years of beautiful marriage with her devoted and loving husband, Larry D. Severance.

Norma and Larry, a retired Rye Police Officer, have lived in Rye since 1970. Norma was fun and feisty and had a genuine love for family and friends. She loved to sit on her deck and watch God’s creatures at play. She loved to play dominos and go for walks. She will be greatly missed by all.

Norma is survived by her husband, Larry D. Severance, and their 3 children: daughter, Bonnie Jean Severance of Duluth, MN, son, Robert (“Bob”) Larry Severance (Lisa Smith Severance) of Milford, NH and their youngest daughter, June Elizabeth (Matthew Ware) of Akron, Ohio, 3 grandsons, Zachary, Camden and Connor and a great granddaughter, Abigail. Norma is one of nine siblings, 4 surviving (Lucille, Harry, Bruce, and Roy).

No funeral is planned. The family wishes to mourn the loss of their wife and

mother privately. Donations to your local Alzheimer's Association are greatly appreciated. We want to thank all of the compassionate staff at Cedar Healthcare and Harborside Hospice in Portsmouth, NH for taking care of her and helping us through a difficult time.

Tribute Wall

BO

“ Hi Mom . . . thinking of you. The family is doing well. Aunt Lucille passed away recently. Just the 3 boys remain now. They are holding their own but not without health challenges. Daddy is doing well. I am taking him to Montana for his 80th birthday. Should be fun . . . we miss you but we know you are good hands and feeling like yourself again. Love you bunches.

Bonnie - May 22 at 05:35 PM

BS

“ Hey Mom, it's 2026 . . . daddy will be 80 this year . . . he's doing well. The family is good. We all miss you so much. I think of you often. I still reach for the phone on occasion. I miss talking to you. I love looking at your pictures and listening to your voice on some older phone messages. I took that trip to Italy. It was amazing. I spoke to both Bruce and Roy recently. They are doing well. Missing you, their big sister. I hope Heaven is everything you thought it would be. I love you mom, forever and always.

Bonnie Severance - January 07 at 11:20 AM

BS

“ Hi Mom, it has been awhile since I have written you. As I am sure you are aware, Uncle Roy is cancer free. He's fighting hard to regain his strength - the treatment took a lot out of him but God is good and he will be okay. Daddy is still with me. He has decided to stay in Minnesota. He's doing good, getting around, meeting some of my older neighbors. Bob and June are doing well. Connor is engaged to a lovely young lady, Megan. Cam and Kristina just celebrated an anniversary. Zach is doing great. He, Kristina and the boys keep busy. He loves having papa close by. They get to hang out quite a bit. We were going through some of your recipes last weekend, and found a couple of cute notes you left for June and I. We miss you. I miss you. I still go for the phone to call you. Abby just started her Junior year in high school - can you believe it! She's beautiful. Me, I am doing good. Working hard, staying out of trouble. :) Get this, I am going to Italy - I am looking forward to it. It will be fun. I know you'll be watching over me. I love you, Mom!

Bonnie Severance - September 04, 2025 at 03:17 PM

BO

“ Hi Mom, I have been thinking about you. I miss you so much. You have been in Heaven for 2 years now. Daddy is visiting me for the Summer. It has been fun. He misses you. The kids are doing well. Zachary is getting married next October. I am so happy for him. He lost his dad a couple weeks ago. David passed away. Zach took it hard - mourning the father he never really knew. But the same weekend he passed, dad arrived so he had his Papa to help him through it. Abby is 16 and driving. Can you believe it?! She's beautiful. We love our time with her. Uncle Roy is battling an illness but he is fighting hard and I pray he'll be okay. I know you are watching over him. I love you mom. Tell Bumpa his first born granddaughter says "hi".



Bonnie - June 03, 2025 at 04:29 PM

BO

“ Hey mom, thinking of you. It is almost your birthday. Uncle Roy comes first - on the 21st then you and then Abigail. She turns 16 this year, can you believe it. She's so beautiful. And Zach - mom, he has met a lovely young woman with two boys of her own (I am a bonus grandma) - they are getting married next summer. I just wanted to wish you a happy heavenly birthday. I miss you so much but I see your beautiful smile every day. I still go to the phone to call you . . . but I know you hear me when I talk to you. I love you mom . . .



Bonnie - February 20, 2025 at 02:29 PM

BO

“ Hi Mom, I miss you and love you so much. Daddy is doing well. Camden got married to a beautiful young lady, Kristina. Our Zach is engaged to a Kristina also, isn't that funny. They are both so happy and I am happy for them. Abigail is almost 16. She'll be driving soon. Did I tell you that I miss you. :) I know you are among loved ones and you are healthy. I am so glad. Love you bunches, Bonnie Jean. I still pray for you.



Bonnie - October 30, 2024 at 03:19 PM

BO

“ Hi Mom, I so want to talk to you, I guess it's why I keep coming here. We are all doing well - missing you - but we know you are happy in heaven and no longer in any pain. I love you Bonnie Jean.

Bonnie - August 29, 2024 at 12:47 PM

BO

“ *Hey Mom, It has been a year now. I still can't believe it. I miss you so much. I love you.* ”



Bonnie - May 17, 2024 at 03:30 PM

BS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Bonnie Severance - December 07, 2023 at 12:28 PM

BS

“ *Bonnie Severance lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Severance* ”



Bonnie Severance - October 02, 2023 at 01:49 PM

BO

“ *Thinking of you today mamma . . . miss you so very much!* ”



Bonnie - August 23, 2023 at 04:08 PM

BS

“ *Bonnie Severance lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Severance*



Bonnie Severance - July 07, 2023 at 12:03 PM

BS

I love you Mom and miss you everyday!

Bonnie Severance - July 07, 2023 at 12:06 PM

BS

“ *1 file added to the album Memories*



Bonnie Severance - July 07, 2023 at 11:59 AM

DM

“ *Donna Meyer-Miller lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Severance*



Donna Meyer-Miller - May 20, 2023 at 01:08 PM

DM

I am SO very sorry for this great loss!! So many wonderful memories and laughter over the years! A woman w/ a huge and loving heart that has helped so many people (including myself) over the decades. Enjoy your peaceful rest Norma Jean you have worked extremely hard for it! Love always and forever DMMM

Donna Meyer-Miller - May 20, 2023 at 01:13 PM

BS

Thank you Donna. We miss her every day. Bonnie

Bonnie Severance - June 05, 2023 at 01:04 PM