



## Phyllis C. Walker

June 4, 1937 - July 27, 2014

Rye - Phyllis C. Walker, 77, passed into the wings of an angel after a brief illness on Sunday, July 27, 2014 at the Exeter Hospital, surrounded by her children who spent the last days ensuring her trip was comfortable and peaceful.

She was born in Scituate, MA on June 4, 1937, a daughter of the late Herbert and Isabella Gleason.

She married Norman Walker on December 13, 1959, her sweetheart since age 13. After raising her children, at age 45, she returned to the Newton Wellesley Hospital Nursing School and became a registered nurse in the Boston area. Phyllis' compassion to care for others was always evident. To friends and family, the quickest cure for anything that ailed you was chocolate, a long nap, or a hot shower.

Phyllis loved creating beautiful spaces in her home and her garden and being surrounded by her flowers, friends and family. There was never a day that she wasn't outside at the crack of dawn tending to her plants or creating special places to sit and meditate. She held magic in her hands and created life everywhere around her.

She was easily Norman's "North Star," and without a doubt, she was a

touchstone for all the people in her life. Her beautiful smile, effervescent energy and love of the beauty in life will be missed every day. We know she has a special place in heaven preparing babies for new life here on earth.

Phyllis was the loving wife of the late Norman M. Walker who predeceased her in 2011. She is survived by her devoted children, Diane O'Halloran and her husband Kevin, Heather Walker, Norman Walker and his wife Cara, James Walker and his wife Jennifer, Janet Aronson and her husband Andrew, Steven Walker and his wife Christine, Jennifer Hemmen and her husband Travis, and Tara Hamer and her husband Chris. She is also survived by 20 beautiful grandchildren who loved her greatly.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Phyllis was predeceased by her daughter Julie Walker.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at St. Theresa Church, 815 Central Rd., Rye Beach, NH. Burial will follow in the Central Cemetery, Rye. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation at [www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org](http://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Central Cemetery

20 Central Road  
Rye, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis C. Walker*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Mrs Walker you were the best. I loved you like a second mother. Didn't know you were sick and didn't find out you had passed until just the other day. I'm so sorry I did not get to say goodbye to you and I hope you are ok. Hopefully you and Coach are together and having fun like you always did. I know you would never not miss him so for that my only hope is that you two are together again. I love you very much and will always miss you. Love, Adam*

Adam Quitt - August 24, 2014 at 12:16 PM



“ *I have lost touch over the years, but I came across the news of your mother passing and wanted to write. As a kid, just a few doors down on Clyde Street, I have the fondest memories of your mom, Phyllis. I think she watched me after school a few years when I was little. I'll never forget her curling my hair before my first day of kindergarten. I remember shopping for antiques in Dover with Phyllis, my mom, and Heather or Diane? She liked to refinish furniture, if I remember right. There's more, but really Phyllis always made me feel like one of the family. I send prayers to you as I'm sure she will be dearly missed.*

Andrea Walker - August 12, 2014 at 10:51 PM

PH

“ Dear Steve, Christine, Norman, Martha and Ginny,

*Our thoughts are with you as you mourn the loss and celebrate the life of your mother and grandmother. With sincerest condolences.*

*Paul, Lilia and Kaya*

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**Paul Hurteau** - August 01, 2014 at 10:42 PM

JW

“ *A lovely woman, whose legacy of a beautiful family will continue on for generations. So glad to is now at peace with her much loved Norm.*

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**Jane Walsh** - July 30, 2014 at 12:18 AM



“ *Mom- There will never be another you. I will never forget you.*  
*Love, Janet*

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**Jan Aronson** - July 29, 2014 at 08:06 PM

JW

“ *Janet Walker-Aronson lit a candle in memory of Phyllis C. Walker*



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**janet walker-Aronson** - July 29, 2014 at 07:03 PM

PE

“ I was with great sadness that I learned of Phyllis' passing. I spent so much time with Norm at school, on the fields, on the golf course, and yet the times at their home, with Phyllis the perfect, welcoming host, are truly memorable. Phyllis was everybody's mother and grandmother! Two weeks after our daughter Cordy was born, my grandfather passed away, and to help us attend the funeral etc., Phyllis offered to take Cordy for the day+ that we needed to get to Boston from Holderness. Who else would new parents completely trust to care for their new baby but Phyllis?!!! Together, Norm and Phyllis epitomized what it means to be devoted to one's family, through good times and bad. To me and others Norm was a mountain of a man, but it was Phyllis who provided the support and guidance to keep that mountain standing tall and strong.

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**Paul Elkins** - July 29, 2014 at 07:43 AM

KF

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Kathryn Field** - July 28, 2014 at 10:19 PM

KF

“ *Phyllis taught me about going on when you are in pain, holding up your head and looking toward the sky. She knew the power of positive thinking and shared it freely. Generosity, kindness, and caring are the words that come to mind when I remember my friend. The core of her life revolved around family and friendships. I have never met a more devoted wife. Phyllis taught me about patience and letting go. She was an artist in her own right, seeing beauty in the smallest things, the light on water, the mist over the bog, the reflections dancing in the window where Norm used to recline and always her enthusiasm for her garden and its wildness. We shared our families, ours was a very close and intimate friendship when time allowed but most of our times together were shared with our children. Family was the central core, sitting in the garden sharing stories and meals. I feel such an aching in my heart; I send my deepest sympathies to all of the Walker family.*

*Kathryn Field, Leo Dwyer and Amelia and Aaron Simmons*

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**Kathryn Field** - July 28, 2014 at 10:17 PM

GS

“ *Our sincerest sympathy to the Walker family. We are so saddened by the passing of Phyllis. We always enjoyed having Phyllis show us the new additions to her beautiful garden and yard. Norm and Phyllis were the kindest, caring and loving neighbors. Vin Mar Court will not be the same without them.*

*Genie, Jeff, Grant and Chrissy Smith*

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**Genie Smith** - July 28, 2014 at 08:01 PM

KG

“ *The Georges--Karin, Rick, and Will---send all the Walkers and family our love and deepest condolences. We had the great privilege of knowing Phyllis through Janet and her family and are ever grateful. May all the wonderful memories sustain you in the lower moments. Phyllis's loving spirit will be felt by so many and for many years to come. With love from Western, MA.*

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**Karin George** - July 28, 2014 at 07:42 PM

TM

“ *The "Scituate" Maguires purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Phyllis C. Walker.*



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**The "Scituate" Maguires** - July 28, 2014 at 07:31 PM

SM

“ *Phyllis was such an amazing person. I can still hear Norm yelling "Phyllis, do you know where my (fill in whatever you want here, keys, hat, etc) are?" They both took me under their wing when I was going to school at Plymouth State and coaching at Holderness. I will be forever grateful for having known the Walkers. They changed my life in so many ways.*

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**Stephen Maguire** - July 28, 2014 at 07:23 PM

JR

“ *My dear neighbor. So kind and caring describes Phyllis. She was a great conversationalist. She talked of her loving husband Norm each time we met. I will miss her driving to the mailbox and waving to her. To all her wonderful children and grandchildren my deepest sympathy.*

*Jan Reynolds*

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**Jan Reynolds** - July 28, 2014 at 04:10 PM

CB

“ *To the Walker Family-  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Norman and Phyllis are proud of you all, as are we all. Love Carol and John Bamberry*

*We will always miss them both.*

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**Carol and John Bamberry** - July 28, 2014 at 04:06 PM

EF

“ *My sincere sympathy to all for the loss of your Mother. I was shocked to see the notice in the morning Globe. She was a very dear friend of mine, growing up as neighbors and very close friends in Minot, going to Minot Beach and spending four years at Scituate High School. I have many, many fond memories of our times together. We last talked about a year ago, mostly about how she was missing Norm and about our children. My thoughts are with all of you, Sincerely, Elizabeth Flaherty*

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**Elizabeth Flaherty** - July 28, 2014 at 03:22 PM

DH

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Walker family for the loss of their Mother. We met both Phyllis and Norm March 2003 when our son, Travis Hemmen married their daughter Jennifer....it was so nice meeting the both of them, and of course we had alot to share since our children were marrying! We wished we could have gotten to know them better, but the time we spent together was memorable. Sending our deepest sympathy. George & Diane Hemmen

Diane Hemmen - July 28, 2014 at 02:08 PM

MM

“ We are praying for all of you. peace pat and mary ann morgan katie and paula too

Mary Ann Morgan - July 28, 2014 at 12:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phyllis C. Walker.



July 28, 2014 at 11:41 AM

IS

“ Issie purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Phyllis C. Walker.



Issie - July 28, 2014 at 10:51 AM

KR

“ *Kimmy, Barron, and Randy purchased the A Full Life for the family of Phyllis C. Walker.*



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**Kimmy, Barron, and Randy** - July 28, 2014 at 10:51 AM

BB

“ *Creative, loyal, loving and wholly dedicated to those around her, Phyllis was a "rock" and very memorable person. Quietly and without fanfare, she was every bit the towering figure her beloved Norm was. Her patience and never wavering care for others was inspirational. I will always remember Norm referring to her as "his bride," and Phyllis delighted in that role. When our children were young, Phyllis made them things--everything from dolls to clothes. One of them, a snowman inscribed with her name, still makes its way into our yearly celebrations. How richer and better our lives have been over the years knowing Phyllis and feeling her affection.*

*Sarah, Jake, Maggie and Bruce Barton*

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**Bruce Barton** - July 28, 2014 at 09:54 AM

AZ

“ *Norm and Phyllis took me under their wings back in 1986 after the death of my father. I am forever grateful for their love and support. Phyllis always made sure there was an extra sandwich for me while I was coaching with Norm at Holderness.*

*Sincerely,*

*Andy Zitoli*

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**Andrew Zitoli** - July 28, 2014 at 08:14 AM