



Rita L. "Betty" Kelley

December 6, 1924 - December 13, 2013

Hampton, NH - Rita L. "Betty" Kelley, 89 of Hampton, formerly of Malden, MA, died on December 13, 2013 surrounded by her devoted family at Hyder Family Hospice House in Dover, after a brave battle with cancer.

Betty was born in Malden, MA on December 6, 1924, the daughter of the late Daniel A. and Marguerite (Lyons) Lee. She resided in Malden until 1985 whereupon she became a permanent resident of Hampton.

In 1950, Betty married the love of her life the late Robert L. Kelley and spent 44 years together raising their 4 daughters until his death in 1994.

Betty was known for her loving demeanor, amazing sense of humor, generosity and ever present fashionable appearance. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her family and friends. She was also a longtime member of Abeniqui Country Club where she "stormed" the golf course and was an avid "card shark".

She is survived by her daughters, Betty A. Blake and Nancy L. Kelley of Hampton, Mary Beth Doherty and her husband Jay of Andover, MA, Ann M. Saldi and her husband Frank of Framingham, MA; grandchildren, Matthew, Caitlin and Tripp Doherty, Bobby and Frankie Saldi and many nieces and nephews who were so very special to her.

In addition to her parents and husband she was predeceased by her brother Daniel G. Lee

Visiting hours will be from 4 to 7 PM on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at St. Theresa Church, 815 Central Rd., Rye Beach. Burial will follow in Central Cemetery, Rye. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, at Betty's personal request, donations in her memory may be made to New England Center for Children, 33 Turnpike Rd, Southborough, MA, 01772-2108.

Cemetery Details

Central Cemetery

20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita L. "Betty" Kelley*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Betty 's passing. She was a wonderful friend to my mom Carol Hollingworth. They shared many laughs at their weekly card games at Abenauqui CC. Betty and Mom are once again joined in Heaven to continue their card games and crazy antics :) Much love to your family xoxo*

Shannon Robinson - January 05, 2014 at 07:54 AM



“ *Nancy, So sorry to read of your mother's passing; our memories of Abenauqui are sprinkled with the shared outings with members of your family. Betty and Bob's fun loving humor is fondly remembered at so many occasions, and especially welcoming when Gino was new to the club. Our best, Judy and Gino DiNucci*

Judy Christenson DiNucci - December 21, 2013 at 02:51 PM



“ *What a wonderful lady! Betty brought joy and laughter to all of us who knew her. We count ourselves truly blessed to have spent our summers with her, and to have our children grow up sharing special times with Mrs. Kelley. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Betty, Nancy, May, Ann, and families.*

Chip and Jenn MacDonald

Chip ad Jenn MacDonald - December 17, 2013 at 09:20 PM

RS

“ Some people visit this earth and we never knew they were here.....Rita aka Betty left a very large footprint for reasons to numerous to mention or divulge

Richard and Marilyn Santagati

richard santagati - December 17, 2013 at 04:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita L. "Betty" Kelley.



December 17, 2013 at 09:27 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita L. "Betty" Kelley.



December 17, 2013 at 08:55 AM

JM

“ We are very sorry to hear of Mrs. Kelley's passing. We have many fond memories of her from all the years at the beach. She was truly a great friend to our mom and was held in the highest regards by all the MacDonald's. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. God bless you.

Jim, Lisa and extended family.

Jim MacDonald - December 17, 2013 at 06:12 AM

SB

“ Betty was a wonderful lady. I remember her cheery presence and quick wit from her days at Abenaqui. My sincere sympathies to all her family. God bless.

Steve Bottomley - December 16, 2013 at 11:21 AM

PD

“ One of the "Great Ladies" has passed. Betty had an outsized presence-- always well put together, hair coiffed, a quick wit and ready laugh. She embodied the essence of Irish/Catholic matriarchy in her love of family, life and faith. My heartfelt prayers and condolences are with her daughters who devoted themselves to her care and support throughout her illness. They, too, are admirable models of family love that their mother taught and modeled for them.
Betty, you fought the Good Fight-- it's time for rest.

Peter A Thomas, DMD

Peter A Thomas, DMD - December 16, 2013 at 04:28 AM

DB

“ Ann.. I am sorry for your loss. Much love to you and your family during this time. Debi Bevins

Debi Bevins - December 15, 2013 at 03:04 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Rita L. "Betty" Kelley.



December 15, 2013 at 03:02 PM