



## Ruth E Donais

June 16, 1935 - October 13, 2015

North Hampton – Ruth E. Donais, 80, of North Hampton, died peacefully Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at Wentworth Douglass Hospital, Dover.

She was born in Orange, NJ June 16, 1935 a daughter of the late Maurice B. and Ruth (Alpaugh) Smith. Ruth made North Hampton her home since 1984, moving from Wisconsin to build her beautiful self-designed and self-built log home which our family loved and enjoyed for three decades on her family's land dating back to 1700.

Raised in Madison, NJ she graduated from Madison High School with the Class of 1954. Following graduation she went on to attend Orange Memorial School of Nursing and later Lake County Community College where she received her nursing degree.

Ruth was an accomplished Registered Nurse, working in the ICU unit at Milwaukee Deacons Hospital, Wentworth Douglass Hospital and most recently the former Seacoast Hospice in Exeter.

She was a member of the United Church of Christ in North Hampton and a dedicated volunteer for Interfaith Community Services, a service which helps people in need to stabilize and improve their lives through comprehensive programs. Ruth enjoyed gardening and riding her motorcycle, but most of all

she loved helping people in their time of need.

Family members include her son Sydney Swan and his wife Diane of Norfolk, VA; daughters, Christina Swan of North Hampton, Kathleen Smith of Monaco, WI, Dianna Klopp and her husband Steven of Fredonia, WI; sister Ann Buys and her husband Robert of Columbia, SC; grandchildren, Jeanna, Meegan, Brooke, Chuck, Sara, Jennifer, Kaylee and Heather; several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Life will be held at 2 PM on Saturday, October 17, 2015 in the United Church of Christ in North Hampton, 295 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Heifer International, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

United Church of Christ  
295 Atlantic Avenue  
North Hampton, NH 03862

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth E Donais*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Farewell Sweet Cousin! You will be sorely missed! I take comfort knowing that you will soon be running the show up there. My love to all of the family!! Love, Janet*

**Janet Call** - October 19, 2015 at 07:59 PM



“ *Ruth and I both worked at Seacoast Hospice. And food had a way of showing up regularly. One day a lovely chocolate cake arrived, and a couple of days later the last quarter of the cake was discarded by our helpful handyman. Ruth came back from a hard day of seeing patients-just hankering for a slab of that cake, and when she found out that Elwood had thrown it out, we could all hear her outrage. " What was he thinking! Chocolate cake does NOT spoil, especially when it has inch thick fudge frosting."*

*Love you, Ruth, you knew the important things in life,*

*It was a lovely service and I wanted to add this memory of Ruth,*

**Jean Jackson** - October 18, 2015 at 07:51 AM

RH

“ Rick Hufnagel purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ruth E Donais.



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**Rick Hufnagel** - October 17, 2015 at 01:59 PM

SS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Sydney Swan** - October 16, 2015 at 11:45 PM

SS

“ Sydney Swan lit a candle in memory of Ruth E Donais



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**Sydney Swan** - October 16, 2015 at 11:36 PM

JG

“ Dear Christina and Family,

*My heartfelt sympathy to all of you. There really are no words to describe this loss, but please know you are in my heart. You were both so blessed to have each other, and yes, you were a wonderful daughter.*

*Hugs,*

*Janice Gray*



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**Janice Gray** - October 16, 2015 at 08:51 PM

SM

“ *My deepest sympathies to Ruth's family. I worked with Ruth for many years at Seacoast Hospice. She was a wonderful nurse who brought great compassion to all of her patients. She was a beloved coworker and she will be greatly missed.*

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**Susan Miller** - October 16, 2015 at 05:16 PM

JB

“ *My sincere sympathy to the family of Ruth Donais. She was such a special lady and will be sadly missed by many. In Christian Love,*  
*Jean Booker*

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**Jean Booker** - October 16, 2015 at 12:49 PM

PF

“ Ruth will be missed by many of us but her smile and enthusiasm will not be forgotten.

*May her family find hope in the promise of Eternal Life and know that they will re-unite with her again. She rests in the arms of the Lord.*

*With love,  
Pati Frew-Waters*

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**Pati Frew-Waters** - October 16, 2015 at 12:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth E Donais.



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October 16, 2015 at 10:00 AM

JJ

“ Ruth and I worked together at Seacoast Hospice. She was a caring and creative nurse. And she had a grand sense of humor.

*Jean Jackson*

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**Jean Jackson** - October 15, 2015 at 07:24 PM