



Ruth Hamel

March 7, 1944 - October 19, 2023

North Hampton – Ruth Hamel, 79, of North Hampton, formerly of Lawrence, MA, passed away on Thursday, October 19, 2023, after a long illness. She was the loving wife of Jim Hamel.

Born in Lawrence, MA on March 7, 1944, Ruth was the daughter of the late Frank and Mary Tinch. Ruth and Jim shared 57 years of marriage together and had two sons, Michael, and Scott. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her grandson, Scott Jr. She was an avid tennis player and league bowler in Portsmouth. Ruth loved reading, traveling, and enjoyed being around family, friends and taking care of her beloved dog Luna. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and dear friend, Ruth will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her.

In addition to her husband, Ruth is survived by her sons, Michael Hamel and his wife Sharon of Exeter, and Scott Hamel of North Hampton. She is also survived by her grandson, Scott Hamel Jr. of North Hampton.

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember Ruth for a period of visitation on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ruth's memory to the

Alzheimer's Association by clicking here (https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=32112&32112.donation=form1&_gl=1*la69x6*_ga*MzgwNDY5NzYxLjE2OTc5MDA3MzA.*_ga_QSFTKCEH7C*MTY5NzkwMDczMC4xLjEuMTY5NzkwMDgyNS4zOC4wLjA.*_ga_9JTEWVX24V*MTY5NzkwMDczMC4xLjEuMTY5NzkwMDgyNS4zOC4wLjA).

Or by mail to:

Alzheimer's Association
15 Constitution Dr Suite 1G
Bedford, NH 03110

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory

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Tribute Wall

DP

“ My father is Dr. Dudley A Pfaff Jr. My family grew up knowing Ken & Ruth Hamel, (Dr. Ken Hamel) and family. It's been oh, so many years, but I remember Dr. Hamel being Chief of Staff at Hoag. My father's office was at 151 Hospital Road across the street from Hoag. There were fun parties in the 1960's at my house. I remember the singing around the piano.

Souls Sing, too!

*DiAnna Pfaff-Martin
Newport Beach, CA*

DiAnna Pfaff-Martin - August 11, 2025 at 05:35 AM

MD

“ Aunty Ruth was a good person to her grandson and we had good time at the Bowl O Ra and got of strike and she did not get mad at me we had the fun times and fun times and happy times funny times with the family and friends

Matthew Denis - February 15, 2024 at 02:08 PM

LS

“ Jim and family, so sorry to hear about Ruth. Enjoyed seeing her and Scotty when we had the sheep etc. at my parents a few years ago.
Liz Knox Sparkowich

Liz Sparkowich - November 05, 2023 at 06:42 PM

WF

“ William Fitzgibbons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Hamel.

William Fitzgibbons - October 27, 2023 at 06:00 PM

BG

“ Jimmy and family, so very sorry to hear about Ruthie. We had so many wonderful times with her at Bowl-O-Rama on the Friday night league. She was always a joy to be around and always so much fun. She was an incredible person and will be missed dearly. Love Bob & Wendy Grodan

Bob & Wendy Grodan - October 24, 2023 at 06:25 PM

RG

“ Jim and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing but we know she is finally at eternal peace and will be with Mary and Frank enjoying their Heavenly reward together. Ron and Ann Marie Guilmette

Ronald J. Guilmette - October 23, 2023 at 10:47 PM

CA

“ Jimmy & family, my heart breaks for all of you at this unbearable time. There are way to many memories to post from living together, introducing her to you, being each other's maid of honors, vacations, I could go on and on, she was always there for me whenever I needed a shoulder to lean on or cry on we did it together. we always said, we were sisters from different mothers and how true that was. I will be waiting for my cardinal to show up, so we can continue our talks..my heart breaks, but I know that you are at peace, your smile will live on forever in my heart & mind..hugs forever, until we meet up again...Love you kiddo, Mul

Caroline (Mulreany} Anzalone - October 23, 2023 at 04:10 PM

JF

“ Jimmy and Family,
I will always treasure our 65 year friendship - "Tinscha" and "Mazie"- from sleepovers, dances, and cheering - to long afternoon talks and laughs, sitting on the beach sharing memories.
The only solace we can find in losing our Ruthie is that she is no longer suffering. She is at peace now, being hugged by her wonderful mother and embraced by her father for the first time.
Our thoughts and prayers to all of you,
Janice and Joe Fitzgibbons

Janice Fitzgibbons - October 23, 2023 at 04:03 PM

JK

“ Jim,

Bob and I are so sorry to hear of the loss of Ruthie. We will always remember our times at the Albacore Reunions. She was a Wonderful Person. Her Smile would light up a room.

Sending our Thoughts and Prayers to You and Your Family,
Bob and Janice Kempkes

Janice and Bob (Clem) Kempkes - October 23, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruth Hamel.



October 23, 2023 at 01:44 PM

RA

“ Sorry for your loss. She was always a fun-loving upbeat person. We have known each other since grammar school.

Raymond - October 23, 2023 at 09:10 AM

JK

“ Ruth always had a smile. Just a great person to know. Joe

Joseph Kutt - October 23, 2023 at 08:18 AM

PA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I so enjoyed listening to music with Ruthie at the Concerts in the Park. We had lovely times talking and listening to the bands. She is pain free now, and that's a Blessing!

Pauline - October 22, 2023 at 07:33 PM

BC

“ Sorry to Jimmy and family. Ruthie will be missed. She will be missed at the albacore reunions. You are in our thoughts.

Bob and Mawreen Couchon - October 22, 2023 at 06:45 PM

EJ

“ When I was a floating pharmacist for Rite Aid, I worked with Ruthie in North Hampton. We became instant friends and I considered her my ‘Boss’ as she knew everything about the pharmacy and its procedures. We laughed a lot to keep ourselves from reacting to the stress. We talked about family as I knew her son Scott since he was in the 5th grade. Scott was a protector for my daughter Becky when she was a third grader. She shared some of her experiences when she lived in Lawrence. We talked about “hopping cars”, something I did growing up in Medford. What fun we had working together, she made my day. She is a person I will never forget, I hear her voice whenever I think of her. May you rest in peace.

Eugene Johnson - October 22, 2023 at 10:34 AM

TF

“ Ruth, we have been friends for over 65 years, No matter if we had not seen each other for years, it was like we never missed a day when we bumped into each other. I remember that a gang of us kids used to sit on your porch when you lived in the Stadium project and how you and your mother Mary was so nice to all us kids. I remember you as my patrol leader in the 5th grade at the Breen. You were so proud of that white sash, and you took your role as a protector seriously. Not kidding. There was a time in the 5th grade when Alice O was going to beat on me. You stepped in and saved me. When we had our 50th class reunion, you seen that I was alone that evening and you asked me to sit at the table with you. Once again you were watching out for me. Ruth, my dear friend, I miss you and will never forget you. Tom

Thomas Fletcher - October 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM

MY

“ Ruth was a sparkling women who cared deeply for her friends always a kind word with a beautiful smile. God Bless you Ruth.

Mary Young - October 21, 2023 at 06:02 PM

JS

“ so very sorry to the family on this great loss. She was a proud member of LHS Class of 1962 and we all loved her.

Joyce A Simone - October 21, 2023 at 05:44 PM

JO

“ Ruth was as nice as they come! Our friendship goes back to Lawrence High School, class of 1962. She was always smiling and was a friend to everyone. Ruthie was definitely loved and will be missed.

Jo Piazza O'Mara

Jo Piazza OMara - October 21, 2023 at 03:46 PM

KS

“ A bright light in the lives of many.

Kathy Seavey - October 21, 2023 at 01:21 PM