



## Ruth R. Heaslip

March 30, 1922 - September 9, 2013

Ruth R. Heaslip

Hampton - Ruth R. Heaslip, 91, died Monday, September 9, 2013, following a brief period of declining health.

Born March 30, 1922, in Manchester, NH, the daughter of the late William F. and Winifred (Condon) Buckley, she was raised in Lynn, MA. She graduated from Lynn Classical High School and the former Leland Powers School of Theater and Broadcasting.

Ruth and her husband Roger owned and managed the clothing store, Rogers of Hampton in the 50s and early 60's. Ruth also worked for ten years at the Exeter Hospital as a credit manager and after retirement as a volunteer. A Hampton resident since 1954, Ruth was a member of the Hampton Garden Club, a parishioner of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church plus an avid volunteer with many community organizations. She adored gardening, cooking, reading, the beach, theater, jazz, big band music, dancing and frequented the Rockingham Ballroom.

From 1943 until his death in 1990, Ruth was the beloved wife of her childhood sweetheart, the late H. Roger Heaslip. She was a very devoted and loving matriarch to her family including her son William R. Heaslip and his wife

Nancy of Bolivia, NC, her daughter Bonnie Faith of Cambridge, MA, and her son David J. Heaslip and his wife Lana of Purcellville, VA; six grandchildren, Sarah Whitelaw and her husband David, Gregory Downing, Emily Kozub, Yahanna Faith, Cameron Heaslip and Samantha Heaslip; three great grandchildren, Ava Kozub, Charles Whitelaw and Margaret Whitelaw; two surviving sisters, L. Frances Avadonian and her husband George of Salisbury, MA, and Claire O'Shea of Beverly, MA; plus many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, November 2, 2013 in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the Rockingham VNA & Hospice, 137 Epping Road, Exeter, NH 03833 or the Hampton Garden Club, c/o 32 Mill Road, Hampton, NH 03842.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth R. Heaslip*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *In 1990 I moved to Hampton. One of the first people that I met was Ruth-Hampton's Welcome Lady. With open arms, her "award winning" smile and gracious ways, she made me feel right at home. Since that day that I met her, she always loved and cared about her family and friends. She sure made "our world" a happier place. We will miss her!*

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Evelyn Thornton*

evelyn thornton - October 29, 2013 at 06:44 PM



“ *my name i s Sharlene Mckenney,your mother and i became friends from the rockingham ballroom, we have had many phone calls together about dancing and family. you mother told me your fathers first name was Harold, so was mine. your mother was always dressed so very nice, and with the ribbon in her hair always..she had such a good time dancing and socializing.she was one of my favorites.*

*I and many others will miss her,  
love to you all...sincerely sharlene mckenney.*

Sharlene - October 29, 2013 at 06:01 PM

BM

“ Dear Heaslip Family:

*We were so sad to hear of Ruth's passing, we loved her dearly. She has always been special to us and I know my mother (Lorraine) and she had some wonderful memories. I'm glad we kept in touch over the years and had the chance to visit a few times. Of course we loved her phone calls --- she always was so upbeat and sharp as nails and made us laugh! She and Roger are in our prayers; and we bet they are looking down cheering for the Red Sox and dancing the night away!*

*With aloha,  
Joe, Bette, Michael and Lisa Mastrantonio  
Honolulu, Hawaii*

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**Bette Mastrantonio** - October 23, 2013 at 02:15 PM

SB

“ Ruth was a very, very special person. I have many fond memories of her during the years that I grew up across the street from the Heaslip Family from 1957 to 1964 on Homestead Circle. David, Craig Weller and I always had lots of fun playing in the neighborhood. I remember particularly playing baseball in David's backyard.

Ruth remained friends with my Mom (Agnes Waldron) through the years. She was very kind to keep in touch with me after my Mom passed away in 2004. Ruth would often call me down here in Birmingham, Alabama and tell me that she was tending to my Mom's grave in Hampton Cemetery (which I deeply appreciated), and she would keep me up to date on news in the area. She was truly a "touch of home" for me during the past 9 years. I will miss her very much. My condolences to Bill, Bonnie, and David and family. I very much appreciated your Mom reaching out to me.

Fondly,  
Susan (Waldron) Bradshaw

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Susan K. Bradshaw - October 03, 2013 at 02:53 PM

KP

“ Dear Heaslip Family,  
On behalf of Barbara Goss Frye, Virginia Grizzell, and Bill Goss, we would like to convey our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of a great lady, our cousin Ruthie. Her Grandmother and our Nana Anna Costello were sisters. We will miss her telephone calls with all the latest news. She was also a member of the Debonair Club which hosted many special occasions where Ruth and Roger danced the night away!

She will always be a part of our favorite memories.

We wish to send our love and prayers to the family. Barbara & Arne Frye, Ginny Grizzel, and Bill Goss.

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Karen Frye Pestana - September 23, 2013 at 11:15 AM

TH

“ We have very special memories from our days on Homestead Circle of our next door neighbors, Ruthie and Roger, and the time they shared with us. They were very proud of their three children, and Dave was the only one still living at home while we were there. Ruth and Roger were very kind to be adoptive grandparents to two little girls whose grandparent were in North Carolina, and they both developed a special bond with each of them. My youngest would come running into our home shouting "Mr. Heaslip is home", when Roger arrived home from his daily trip to Boston. My girls shared several gallons of ice cream with your mom and dad after he arrived home from Boston, and it was hard to determine who was more excited. My excitement came with sharing double-double parking outside Fenway with Roger, who was the ultimate sports fan. We watched and attended many sporting events. Betsy and I had the opportunity to return to Hampton several times in the intervening years since we moved from Homestead Circle, and enjoyed visiting with Ruthie, and catching up on the latest news about each of you. She would update us on you in her correspondence along with her latest activities. We will miss her, and I sign off with one of her expressions... In haste,  
Tom & Betsy High

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Tom High - September 22, 2013 at 09:52 PM

AH

“ My family lived next door to your parents on Homestead Circle, when I was four years old. I am now 43 years old, and living in Minnesota with my own family, and Mrs. Heaslip called me last spring and left a wonderful message on my answering machine, which we have saved. She was calling to thank me for my Christmas card and to tell me what a lovely job I am apparently doing with my children. That says it all. She was an incredibly special person and we were all blessed to know her (and Mr. Heaslip). You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. Angela High-Pippert

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Angela High-Pippert - September 22, 2013 at 08:15 PM

KW

“ Dear Heaslip Family, Ruth was a very classy lady! She said my mother-in-law, Betty Weinhold, was her first friend when she moved to Hampton. They went to TOPS together, and then to Lamie's for pecan pie (but no whipped cream!) afterwards. I saw her often at church in the 60's and 70's, and, of course, I was David's English teacher at Winnacunnet. Then I would see her around town, mostly at the grocery store...and she always made me feel that she was genuinely glad to encounter me. She always asked after my husband, calling him his childhood name, Chucky. Then I started working at Synergy, and got to see her at least once/week when she came for the pool exercise classes. What a delightful woman she was...positive, upbeat, never wanting to bother you if she needed something....everyone loved her! Next I went to work at the town library, and she'd call for one thing or another, and apologize for taking your time...The world will be a little less cheerful and considerate without Ruth. I know she will be missed by many.

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Karen Weinhold - September 22, 2013 at 04:44 PM

RH

*Ruth. Heaslip was my cousin Keven's wife she did a Great thing to help stop him from drinking. Keven I love you . Cousin Bob Heaslip*

**Robert J Heaslip** - October 16, 2020 at 06:47 PM

LS

*“ I was a neighbor of Ruth's for many years on Homestead Circle. She was a lovely and kind lady who always remembered who I am even after having moved off the Circle many years ago. She will be missed!!*



**Linda Sherouse** - September 21, 2013 at 07:46 AM

MS

*“ I was a patient at Exeter Hospital and was fortunate enough to share a room with Ruth. She was a wonderful woman...exciting...knowledgeable...inquisitive. I am proud to have met her. May she now rest in peace in the loving arms of our Father. God bless you Ruth. Mary*

**Mary Seidl** - September 17, 2013 at 03:57 PM

KL

*“ Dave, Lana, Cam and Samantha: I am so sorry to hear about Ruth's passing. She will be greatly missed. I loved to see her name come up on my caller ID at random times. She was always so sweet and witty. I enjoyed talking with her even though she would always tell me, "I know you are busy, so I'll let you go". I could have chatted for hours and never thought twice about it. Love you, Karen Langmaid*

**Karen Langmaid** - September 16, 2013 at 08:52 AM

TB

*I worked with Roger for several years at Sanders & McDermott and got to know and love Ruth during that time. She was a fashion icon with her matching hair ribbons and a very sweet lady. Her Christmas cards and phone calls were much appreciated. I hope she and Roger will be dancing in heaven. Literally "Dancing with the Stars"*

*Trish Barton*

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**Trish Barton** - September 17, 2013 at 07:50 AM

LI

“*Ruth was a friend of my grandmothers. I met her years ago and will always remember her interest in others. We would see each other often in the cafeteria at Exeter Hospital where I worked and she visited. She always was happy to see me and that was such a nice feeling. I remember feeling the same way, happy every time I saw her too. She knew the power of joy and engagement in life.*

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**Lianne** - September 15, 2013 at 08:07 PM

DR

“*Ruth was our neighbor when we first moved to Hampton 24 years ago. We stayed in touch ever since. She would call me a few times a year to ask about my family and to catch me up with her life and her family. I was always in awe of her energy and her active life. She was an inspiration. I was so sorry and saddened to learn of her passing. She will be greatly missed. We are blessed to have known her and her friendship will never be forgotten.*

*Denyse Richter*

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**Denyse Richter** - September 15, 2013 at 03:23 PM

JO

“ Ruth was such a dear lady...she called me about 3 weeks ago..and as always, she was in great spirits...I will never forget how sweet she was calling me after my husband passed away and staying in touch with me...Please accept my sympathies.

Joyce Grandmaison

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joyce - September 15, 2013 at 10:28 AM

JM

“ I am so glad I got to meet Ruth and spend time with her, helping her to make her last few months at home better. She was a remarkable person, always gracious, funny, smart, interested. She really was a "character"! I knew she was getting better when she started wearing her headband bows again! To her family, I am sorry for your loss.

Julia Malloy

Physical Therapist

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Julia Malloy - September 15, 2013 at 10:05 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Ruth's Family



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - September 14, 2013 at 12:59 PM

LD

*Ruthie was a dear friend of ours. We met at a Jazz event and have stayed friends ever sense. I talked with her on the day before she passed and she said she wanted to catch a ride to UNH to hear our friend Mr Broadnax play. I said yes, certainly we'll be going. She said she had a Dr's appointment the next and and the day after. She also said she need to find assisted living because she's fallen and can't be alone anymore and said you know I'm 91 and will be 92 very soon. Ruthie was such an independent person and always remembered our last conversations and good times. Dennis and I will miss her smile, wit, and that bow in her beautiful hair. I so loved her outlook on life. My email is: lmd@acinc.net or 603-926-5670 if anyone want to share moments. Louise Dobson, Hampton, NH.*

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**Louise Dobson** - September 16, 2013 at 11:50 AM



*Mrs. Heaslip, was my neighbor since I was five years old, Recently my Dad passed away and I got two surprise phone calls from Ruth, she can still make me laugh with her stories!!  
God Bless her...My sincerer condolences to her family..  
Debra Fracassi Dorson*

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**Deb Fracassi Dorson** - September 17, 2013 at 06:10 AM

SS

*I felt I was so fortunate to have known Ruth and Roger...I first knew them in the 1960's when I went to their store on High Street. Her good taste and style was apparent from what was 'hanging on the racks' and Roger was her right arm in the business! I returned to the area some years later and was so delighted to run into them both while working at Exeter Hospital! My last conversation with her was within the last year...but it could have been 1960 all over again as she remained just as animated, friendly and 'sharp as a tack'...a gracious lady who will be missed by all who knew her... Susan Halliday Smith*

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**Susan Halliday Smith** - September 17, 2013 at 10:34 AM

JH

*We were so sorry to hear the sad news of Ruthie's passing. Even though we are family, we only met her a few years ago. We were so glad to have known her these last couple of years. She did love her family and was so proud of them all. She was such a grateful and gracious person. WE love loved to hear her stories. She had such a zest for life! And I agree with others who said she was such a character! She was a delight to know!! We are praying for her family, as we know that she will be greatly missed!*

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**Janet and Robb Hattem** - September 18, 2013 at 09:43 AM

DC

*Please accept my condolences Dave and Lana. Your Mom was a sweetheart! She loved finding those "pajamas" for our pep rally!*

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**Debra Chase** - September 18, 2013 at 08:52 PM

FS

*Dear Bill, Bonnie,Dave and "Co."... Life without Aunt Ruthie will never be the same.....You were all blessed to have been able to call her Mom/ Grandma... After keeping all of us entertained for so many years,may she now rest peacefully in the company of all of our relatives who left us way too early....*

*I will miss saying "I love you Aunt Ruthie" and hearing her say "Love you, too" whenever we ended a phone conversation... Until we meet again .."I love you, Aunt Ruthie.....Francie xo..<3*

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**francie a. sudak** - September 20, 2013 at 12:36 AM