



Rhona M. Charbonneau

February 20, 1928 - May 17, 2017

Rhona Mae (Shay) Charbonneau died on May 17, 2017, she lived a full life of 89 years.

She is predeceased by her husband of over 50 years Claude Maurice Charbonneau.

Rhona is survived by her children: Claudia Charbonneau Dodds, Mark Charbonneau, Rhona Wollenhaupt, Alida Charbonneau and step son Walter Charbonneau, Alida Weergang her lifelong BFF, eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, earning her the title "Great Grammie Rhona!"

Rhona's career started modestly in the mills of Lowell, MA and Dairy farming at her home in Hudson NH where her children were raised. Opening the first of what would be many Beauty Salons in 1964, this was the start of what is now known on Derry Street as Continental Academie.

Being a proud American, in 1978 Politics brought a new passion to Rhona. She felt this was a way to give back to the community of Hudson and the state of New Hampshire that had afforded her so many wonderful opportunities.

Rhona proudly was a chairwomen of many positions the following are a few: First Banking & Insurance Chairwoman, Republican State Committee Chairwoman, NH Housing & Finance Chairwoman. She was active in a vast array of political committees, advisory boards, Presidential appointed

functions and task forces, in areas ranging from juvenile justice programs, child abuse, capital planning, NH Charitable Trust and more. The extension of the Manchester Airport, the purchase of Bensons and the Vocational Technical Center at Alvirne are examples of Rhona's involvement and commitment.

Rhona has been awarded the Nashua YMCA Distinguished Woman Leader, Hudson Citizen of the Year, is listed in Who's Who of American Women and Who's Who in Politics.

In 1980 Rhona moved to her beloved "Brick House" on Old Derry Road. Her love of entertaining thrived here where she hosted many events for several Presidents, First Ladies, Governors and family! A world traveler, foodie, chef, antique car collector, a business woman; Rhona was someone who enjoyed life to the fullest.

Many will recall Rhona Charbonneau as a force to reckon with, strong, fierce, accomplished, direct, always on the phone with whoever needed to talk, and the woman to get the job done. There is so much to list and Rhona's legacy lives on all around the town of Hudson and the state of NH.

On Sunday, June 11, 2017 from 12 noon to 2pm, please join the family at Continental Academie, 102 Derry Street, Hudson, NH for a celebration of Rhona's life! Your attendance and sharing of memories will be the greatest of accolades to Rhona's lifetime résumé.

All burial and funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Rhona's loving memory to either: The Cosmetology Scholarship Fund, Continental Academie, Po Box 2, Hudson NH 03051 Or Hillsboro County Nursing Home, 400 Mast Road, Goffstown, NH 03045.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Continental Academie
102 Derry St.
Hudson, NH 03051

Tribute Wall



“ *Rhona M. Charbonneau*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Rhona M. Charbonneau*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ *My condolences to the family of Rhona.*

Bas from Holland

August 2015 she was still here in Holland with her daughter Claudia and Alida Weergang

Bas Dielemans - June 04, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ *My condolences to the family members of Rhona. My wife and I moved into town in 1978 just after we were married. I met Rhona around town on several occasions when it was a little smaller at the time. I too have lost loved ones and there is much pain along with it. I find comfort in the holy scriptures which you perhaps do also. I often go to the book of John chapter 11. This account helps us to see the condition of our loved ones but also the hope in the future. I encourage you all to read this and it may give you a measure of comfort. Once again sorry for your loss and many prayers.*

Tim B - May 30, 2017 at 09:53 AM

XD

“ xoxoxoxo ~ Lori & Dave purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Rhona M. Charbonneau.



xoxoxoxo ~ Lori & Dave - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 PM

GB

“ Mark ,Rick ,and family sorry for your loss, growing up across the
street from your Mom and Dad and times I baby sat , and remember
the pony you all had, ever time I got on him he would lay down,
maybe at the time I was to heavy for him. Also remember the the
bushel of lobster they would bring home
My condolences from Gerri Tate Burns and Carl Burns

Gerri Tate Burns - May 20, 2017 at 03:18 PM

MW

“ A great lady and a strong leader who contribute her talents to many
and especially to Hillsborough County Commission for many years.
Thank you for service, sharing your knowledge and support to
many, including me. R.I.P. Rhona

Marge Webster Warren - May 20, 2017 at 01:49 PM

EL

“ She will be fondly remembered by all!

*With Sympathy,
Ellen Gauthier Lee
Continental Grad 1976*

Ellen Lee - May 19, 2017 at 04:49 PM

DB

“ *My deepest sympathies on the loss of this great lady. She was a big help to many, including me when I became a NH State Rep. Her guidance was always on target and her knowledge encyclopedic. RIP Rhona.*

Dave Buhlman - May 19, 2017 at 04:45 PM

YN

My deepest sympathies for the loss of your mother.. Yvon Noiseux

Yvon Noiseux - May 21, 2017 at 09:05 AM

LP

Rhona....so sorry for your loss...Linda Pope

Linda Pope - May 21, 2017 at 09:33 AM

AT

“ *Ann Titus lit a candle in memory of Rhona M. Charbonneau*



Ann Titus - May 19, 2017 at 11:21 AM