



Ruth Servant

August 31, 1928 - March 18, 2022

Ruth Louise (Kenyon) Forrence Servant, passed peacefully on March 18, 2022 at 93 years of age. She was born in Methuen, MA on August 31, 1928, daughter of the late George D. and Edna A. (Richardson) Kenyon.

She was predeceased by her husband, John A. Forrence, Sr. with whom she had five beautiful children with. She was later predeceased by her second husband, Norman Servant. Ruth was also predeceased her brother George E. Kenyon and his wife Carol (Riddle) and brother-in-law Harold VanVliet.

Ruth attended public schools in Methuen, graduating from Tenney High School.

She grew up on the family farm, working in the barn and fields right beside her father. She developed a respect for hard work which carried throughout her life.

She had been employed by the former Hudson Water Company as a Meter Reader. She loved chatting with people on her route and talking about their children, grandchildren & their gardens. She loved the quick glimpses of other people's lives.

Ruth was later employed with First Student Transportation for the Hudson School District as a bus driver for over 25 years. Kids on her routes knew she

had strict expectations. You followed the rules or she would “turn this bus around and take you right back to school!” And she did just that several times! She transitioned later to driving the Special Needs bus route and formed many lasting relationships with those students and their parents. She was honored to receive the first NH Special Education Bus Driver of the Year award. She drove a bus to or from anywhere needed, Michigan to Maine. One of her favorites was the yearly trip with Mrs. Morey’s students to Pack Monadnock.

Ruth retired after over 30 years as a custodian at Alvirne High School. The 3rd floor was her domain until she transitioned to the new Web Palmer Center when it was added to Alvirne. She was known to submit written works responding to assignments posted on classroom bulletin boards. “Her teachers” knew she would listen as they let off a little steam at the end of the day without fear of being judged. Ruth loved to crochet and many of the new grandparents or retirees among the Alvirne staff were gifted a hand-crocheted blanket to celebrate.

She graduated (several times) from the Hudson Police Academy. Her favorite experiences being the Ride-Along, the “bad-guy” scenarios and target practice with the BIG guns! This girl could shoot! She would paint and re-paint ceramic statues that could dominate her yard. She always had a garden and didn’t mind (too much) if the chipmunks got a few more of the tomatoes than she did.

Ruth played piano and guitar and had performed publicly for several years in her teens. She loved to sing songs from Musicals, could dance the Polka, Waltz and Twist, and could even Yodel!

She had been a Board Member with the former Suburbanettes Drum and Bugle Corp and had sewn many uniforms for the competition color guard.

She would take the unpopular side of any debate. Betting against the Patriots often cost her a nickel (her maximum bet), but made each game so much more interesting.

Ruth loved to attend Birthday parties, Christmas parties, family barbecues, have lobster at the beach and breakfast, or just coffee, with longtime friends. She was a member of the Hudson Senior Center Coffee Club.

Her own 90th Birthday was one of her favorites. She was unexpectedly picked up at home in a Fire Truck and delivered to her 90th Birthday barbecue. All was fine and dandy until the Police arrived and placed her in handcuffs for disturbing the peace and having too many candles on her cake! She laughed and laughed all day!

She is survived by her 5 children: Joyce Wilcox and husband John of Hudson, NH, Jess Forrence and wife Jean of Hudson, NH, Judith Vadney and husband Michael of Nashua, NH, John Forrence Jr and fiance Patricia Young of Hudson, NH and James Forrence and wife Lori of Mont Vernon, NH.

Ruth was beloved by her 13 grandchildren and their spouses: John Wilcox, Jeffrey (Mehgan) Wilcox, Jocelyn (Kyle) Cloutier, Jesse (Rebecca) Forrence, Shane Vadney, Jacki (Kevin) Washington, Krysti (Ryan) Aloise, Ian Murray, Hannah Murray, James (Ashley) Forrence Jr, Jarrid (Heidi) Forrence, Amie (Ryan) Edwards and Katie (James) Fleuriel.

Known as "Grammy-Great" by her 22 Great Grandchildren:

Matthew, Jack & Linkin Wilcox, Keith Mavrogeorge, Kaden Cloutier, Abigail & Owen Forrence, Jordan Anctil, Cameron, Kaleb & Emma Washington, Gabriel & Mariah Bishop, Mason Aloise, Jacob & Oliver Murray, Jackson & Perry

Forrence, Grayson & Olivia Forrence, Hannah & Logan Fleuriel.

Ruth is also survived by her sister Shirley VanVliet of Nashua, NH as well as by three nieces: Tracy Stopyra and husband Stanley, Kelly Lloyd and husband William, Carrie Emond and husband Michael, as well as many, many dear and cherished longtime friends.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, March 24th from 3:00pm-5:45pm with a Service of Remembrance starting at 5:45pm in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., in Hudson. Following cremation, burial will private.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages you to please donate to your local community garden, send a card to a friend, or call a distant relative. Have coffee with your coworkers or a Sunday dinner with your family. Give a hug hello and give a hug goodbye. Listen to and support the littlest one's dreams. Wear silly hats and remember to laugh, laugh, laugh.

Previous Events

VISITING HOURS

MAR **24**. 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Servant



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - March 21, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ Ruth Servant

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ Ruth Servant

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ MRS. SERVANT
I will miss you but know we will meet again in Heaven. Then you can be my bus. driver again. I love you with all my heart.
Little Lenny Kennedy JR
and Family

susan mary kennedy - April 04, 2022 at 04:58 PM

DM

“ When I think of Ruth Servant, I find myself picturing her with a smile on her face - always! That certainly was true of her Alvirne days, but it was also true of the occasional times we would run into each other in town. It's too bad that aren't more Ruth Forrences in the world!

David McNeil - March 27, 2022 at 01:17 PM

MP

“ I have many fond memories of this incredible woman who played such an important role to Alvirne faculty and students. My husband cherished the afghan she crocheted for him after one of his many surgeries. She always welcomed me at Alvirne functions as though she'd known me forever. May we all realize how blessed we are to have known and shared her friendship. Family, thank you for sharing those photos that told the story of her love for all of you.
Marjorie Palmer

Marjorie Palmer - March 26, 2022 at 08:49 AM

IR

“ My prayers go out to Ruth's beautiful family. She and I with many others worked with Suburbanettes for years. We both worked at AHS and we were neighbors for a short time. She was a great lady, fun to be with and will be missed.
Irene (Dalessio) Rhyner

Irene rhyner - March 25, 2022 at 03:16 PM

JM

“ I was always glad to see Ruth appear in the doorway of Room 318 at Alvirne when classes were over. She'd often make me laugh when I was too tired to stand up, she was always encouraging me to look on the bright side - and one summer she took my plants home to rescue them from my neglect. (They we're absolutely lush and green when she brought them back after the summer break.). She was one of the gentlest, kindest people I've known. Rest In Peace, my friend, and God bless.

joan mountford - March 24, 2022 at 07:33 PM

MA

“ Ruth was the sweetest and cheerful person we knew. She will be greatly miss by all. May you rest in peace. Prayers and thoughts are with your family during this difficult time.

Mark and Mariane Anger

Mariane Anger - March 24, 2022 at 03:21 PM

AR

“ Hi Ruthie I'm sorry that you have passed you will always be missed and I will always have you in my heart I just want to tell you the first time I met you I was the paper boy Nashville telegraph delivery to your home I was very young at that time you used to give me tips Plus a hot cocoa on the cold day and milk and cookies and I so much appreciated this you always made my day Ruthie throughout the years I always came to you when I had some tough times you always had the right words to say to me to make me happy I want to tell you times when I was in high school you used to pick us up with the school bus driving believe me I was so happy to see you every time I got on that bus you always save the seat for me to make sure I had a place to sit time to time you always ask me if I had anything to do after breakfast you used to take me different places that you haven't seen or we haven't seen I just wanted to let you know those memories are well kept to my soul also I wanted to remind you if you remembered that time when Bill and I used to play cards at the home you used to play cribbage with Bill and Bill always told you you cheat and then you turn around and you got right back at him Bill also made a lot of flowers and you were so amazed of all the flower work that bill has done and they'll also show you different technique of what he did when he did different flowers as well we had a lot of good times together I just wanted to let you know I love you from the bottom of my heart I love your family as well I went to school with one of your sons boy times has flying again Ruth you be at peace I'll be thinking of you by the way say hi to my mom and Harold for me love you

Albert Rowell - March 24, 2022 at 10:36 AM

KB

“ Very sorry to hear. What a wonderful woman.

Kevin Burns - March 24, 2022 at 07:24 AM

JF

“ Jeannette Ford lit a candle in memory of Ruth Servant



Jeannette Ford - March 22, 2022 at 06:30 PM

JF

“ Ruthie you were the best upstairs neighbor that anyone could ask for! Over the years you were always there for our family. You babysat our children and pet sat for our cats. We could always count on you. You always came to our family parties, if you weren't there everyone would ask where you were. You certainly will be missed. We Love You! The Fords (The Folks downstairs!) ❤️🙏

Jeannette Ford - March 22, 2022 at 06:29 PM

PJ

“ Ruth was one of the most thoughtful people I met while teaching at Alvirne. She gave me one of her hand crocheted afghans before I retired. I still use it to this day. Rest In Peace my dear friend.

Peter Jean - March 22, 2022 at 06:17 PM

JG

“ Ruthie, I love you. So many memories. You will be missed. Jeannine Servant Gabriel

Jeannine Gabriel - March 22, 2022 at 01:28 PM

JG

“ Jim Groves enjoyed driving school buses with Ruth. She was always such a kind person. It was a pleasure driving on school trips with Ruth's sense of humor. He remembers that she constantly had a smile on her face and never had a bad word to say about anyone. He was pleased to work with Ruth when she subbed as a custodian at Griffon school.

Jim will not forget her great attitude and sends his sympathy to the family that Ruth loved with all her heart!

James and Ann Groves - March 21, 2022 at 05:34 PM

ML

“ Ruthie, we first met back in 1983 at Alvirne High School when I was working as a part time janitor. You became my trusted and dear friend through all these years. I am blessed to have known you and your family. I will always treasure the many pictures and newspaper clippings you sent me through the years. I will miss our talks from the screen house and sitting in the front yard watching the kids play ball across the street. Our many phone calls always ended this way " Love you Ruth and you always replied Love you right back Mark". Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.

Mark and Janet Lutz

Mark Nd Janet Lutz - March 21, 2022 at 02:20 PM

JR

“ Hello Ruth it's your goddaughter Jennifer rowell Yolanda Rowell granddaughter we will miss you and we have great times dad said he will miss you I can't believe you are gone now you up their with my grandma and grandpa watching over us I will think about you like I always did



Jennifer rowell - March 21, 2022 at 01:08 PM

PK

Hi Ruth you have been there for everyone i can think of had a heart of gold what ever you could do for some one u would with no questions asked we will love and miss you always mat u rest in peace love u with all my heart.Priscilla

Priscilla kinville - March 21, 2022 at 03:33 PM

LM

“ *Miss Ruth and I shared many afternoon chats after school as she began her third floor sweep and I finished my busy day of teaching at Alvirne High School. She shared lots of warm hugs and wonderful conversation. I still have a multi colored, crocheted blanket she so generously gifted me at my retirement. I have thought of her often over the years. Rest well, Miss Ruth, and know that those of us who loved you grieve your loss deeply. 🌹❤️ Len Miller*

Len Miller - March 21, 2022 at 08:40 AM

CB

“ *Ruth was my first bus driver when I was a child. She always greeted me like I was her own. She had rules, but they were for the safety of all us on board. As I got older, she was always a good ear to hear my joys and woes. Your family was very lucky to have her as a member. Thank you for sharing her with so many families. My sincerest condolences. Her loss is felt by many.*

Connie Barton - March 20, 2022 at 07:06 PM

NM

“ Ruth,

I am so heart broken that you have passed. You were my buddy at the citizen police academy. I surely will miss your smiling face and all the energy that you had. until we meet again in heaven, watch over all of your children and most of all have with your loved ones in heaven.

Norm Martin

Norm Martin - March 20, 2022 at 03:49 PM

SD

“ *My sincerest, heartfelt condolences to the family. Ruthie was a soft-spoken, gentle woman with many friends and an outstanding, devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved her family deeply and as her daughter-in-law, I came to appreciate and love her even more in the later years. She was the matriarch of the family and I pray that all the children will continue to remain very close to honor the love she had for you all. Ruthie, you will be in my heart always and I will remember you fondly. With Love, Susi*



Susan Daniels - March 20, 2022 at 02:49 PM