



## Eileen T. Crafts

July 24, 1938 - October 20, 2020

Eileen T. Crafts, 82, of Riverton, NJ, formerly of Madison NH and Dennisport, MA, passed away from complications of the Corona Virus on October 20, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband Walter Crafts Jr. Dear mother to John Crafts (Susan) and Thomas Crafts (Ashby). Grandmother to Andrew Crafts (Alisa) and Brian Crafts. Beloved sister to Alice Drumm, Kathleen Rubright, and Mildred Strohm (John). She will be missed by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Eileen was born in Philadelphia, the daughter of John J. and Helen T. Flannery. She grew up in Riverton, NJ and graduated from Camden Catholic High School. She was employed by New Jersey Bell Telephone Company and in 1959 married Walter Crafts, then moved to Walter's hometown, Dennisport, MA where they raised their two children. In 1981 Eileen earned a BS in political science from UMass Dartmouth and studied for a Masters degree from Bridgewater State. In 1996 Eileen and Walter retired to Madison, NH. In the ensuing years, Eileen became involved in local politics earning a seat on the local government council (Selectperson). In 2002 Eileen was struck with Guillain- Barre Syndrome from which she never fully recovered, being confined to a wheelchair for the rest of her life. Her main caregiver was her loving husband and on his death in 2016, Eileen moved to a long term care facility, Riverview Estates, in Riverton, NJ, a few blocks from her childhood home. While there she was an active participant in daily life, earning an award

as Resident Volunteer of the year. She learned to play chess and enjoyed biweekly matches with the instructor and several other residents. Eileen will be missed by those residents and well as the staff for her vivaciousness and sociability.

A gathering of friends and family will take place on Saturday, October 24th at Givnish of Cinnaminson, 1200 Route 130 North, from 9 to 10am with a memorial service starting at 10am. Masks and social distancing measures are in effect. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to Riverview Estates, 303 Bank Ave, Riverton, NJ 08077. To share your favorite memories, please visit [Givnish.com](http://Givnish.com)

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

OCT **24**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Cinnaminson  
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Cinnaminson, NJ 08077  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Eileen T. Crafts*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *I had the great pleasure of working with Eileen and Walter at the LL Bean in North Conway, NH. I will forever remember Eileen as someone who always had a smile on her face and possessed more energy than a dozen people combined. With a keen sense of humor and always ready to help, she brightened up every day we worked together at Beans. Her positive attitude was contagious and she always was quick with a good joke. When visiting after her unfortunate medical issue, she was always upbeat and quick to bring a smile your way. Eileen will be missed by many as her inner strength, positive outlook, and constant smile couldn't help but energize anyone who was fortunate enough to cross her path. Rest In Peace, Eileen*

**Bob Griffin** - October 28, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ *Please know that Eileen and your entire family are in my prayer during this difficult time. May knowing that she is with our loving God be your comfort, and may the memory of her and her wonderful smile fill your hearts with joy!! Her CCHS classmate of 1956, Barbara A. Williams, RSM*

**Barbara A. Williams, RSM, CCHS Class of** - October 24, 2020 at 11:02 AM

GL

“ I first met Eileen and Walter while working at L.L.Bean in North Conway, NH. It didn't take long to grow to love them! After they left working there, we remained friends and I always enjoyed our visits so much. They were a wonderful couple I will always remember . My sincere sympathy to her family, I know she will be truly missed. May your memories give you comfort, Gail Lyons

Gail Lyons - October 24, 2020 at 08:13 AM

AD

“ Rest in peace, dear Eileen. We will miss you so much. You were so brave. We are all so proud of you and what you accomplished.

Alice Drumm - October 23, 2020 at 07:35 PM

BO

“ We are sorry to hear about Mrs. Crafts passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Crafts family.

Abundant Blessings Homecare

Bonnie O'Dell - October 23, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Eileen T. Crafts.



October 23, 2020 at 09:30 AM

NM

“ We are sorrow for your family's loss. Walter and Eileen lived a few houses up from us in Madison. I always enjoyed Eileen's friendly and stimulating conversations.

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**Nancy Martin** - October 22, 2020 at 08:30 AM

KR

*Thank you, Nancy. We will all miss those conversations!*

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**Kathie Rubright** - October 22, 2020 at 12:39 PM

DD

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Eileen. I had often wondered where she had gone after leaving the Cape, and Bass River Savings Bank. She was a character for sure, with a great laugh. Wonderful picture of her, smiling as always. It sounds like she had some challenges, but met them head on. I am sending thoughts to her family, and all their memories.

*Dari Davis*

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**Dareen A. Davis** - October 22, 2020 at 06:43 AM