



## Elizabeth (Betty) E. Files

July 7, 1934 - March 23, 2020

GORHAM-- Elizabeth (Betty) E. Files, 85, passed away on Monday, March 23rd at Gosnell House in Scarborough after a period of failing health. Born on July 7th, 1934, Betty was raised on the family farm in the White Rock area of North Gorham. She attended primary school at the North Street School and completed her high school education at Gorham High School. She obtained her teaching certificate and taught in Scarborough for several years. She decided to go back to school and obtained her LPN license joining her mother, Cornelia, as they operated the Gorham Manor Nursing Home in Gorham and a satellite facility in North Gorham. She continued to work with her mother until the sale of the facilities at which time Betty went to work for the Baron Center in Portland. She worked at the Center from 1978 thru 1999 and upon retirement received an award for her 21 years of public service from the City of Portland.

Even after retiring, Betty never stopped helping people. She was a devoted friend to numerous older people many of whom could no longer drive. Betty spent countless hours transporting people to doctor's appointments, grocery stores, church services and various other ventures. She was selfless, always putting the needs of others ahead of her own. Betty was an active member of First Parish Church in Gorham and served on numerous boards and committees including the Missions, Social and Ecumenical. She was also a member of the Gorham Health Council and Gorham Women's Club. She will be sadly missed by her church family along with many others including her dear friend and neighbor, Alice Keddy.

She is survived by her cousins Elizabeth Salyers of Abingdon, VA and Joan Thompson of Hollis, ME. She was predeceased by her parents, R. Earl and Cornelia K. (Wilson) Files and her brother, William (Billy) E. Files.

Burial arrangements at the North Street Cemetery in Gorham will be private and coordinated by the Gorham Chapel of Dolby, Blais & Segee, 76 State St., Gorham, Maine. A memorial service will be held at First Parish Congregational Church at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham, Maine or the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland in Westbrook, Maine.

# Comments

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“ I did work for Betty for many years, starting at her 2 unit on Main St. and then to her home on Lincoln St. From day one she impressed me with her handyman knowledge!! She knew what needed to be done and did it!

I have many wonderful memories of my time spent with Betty! She was One of a Kind!!! A very compassionate, strong friend that anybody would be Happy to have!!!

I Love You Betty!  
Rest in Peace  
Lisa Drouin

**Lisa** - April 04, 2020 at 03:26 PM

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“ Betty- My dear friend, I will miss you. Love Mickey

**Mickey Graves** - March 30, 2020 at 05:02 PM

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“ Love you, Betty.

**Erin Wolfe** - March 29, 2020 at 03:00 PM

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“ "Miss Files" was one of my teachers many years ago in Scarborough. She was so kind to me during a difficult time in my life. I have thought of her kindness often over the years. May she rest in peace.

Maryanne Lamont

**Maryanne Lamont** - March 28, 2020 at 09:58 AM

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“ I worked with Betty when she volunteered at the Baxter House Museum. Even when her health began to fail, Betty was a stalwart volunteer. She filled in when others could not be there, and always arrived with a cheery spirit and enjoyed talking with museum visitors.

She and her mother built a nursing home here which later became one of the best anywhere, the Gorham House.

Though her parents' ancestors were among the founders of our town, Betty was humble and unassuming. She was kind and friendly and I will miss her.

May God rest her soul and bring peace and comfort to her family and friends.

- Suzanne Ennis

**Suzanne Ennis** - March 27, 2020 at 02:29 PM

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“ I have known Betty most of my life. I was a kid when she moved into the neighborhood I, along with our friend Nancy would visit with her & her mother. During the summer months we would bug her to take us to get ice cream. I didn't see her as often as I would have liked through the years. We were both working and I didn't live in the neighborhood anymore. But I got the chance to reconnect with her when I retired. It was great to spend time with her these last few years. I will miss Betty.

With love, Julie.

**Julie Libby** - March 26, 2020 at 09:09 AM

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“ I was privileged to meet Betty when we served on the same committee at First Parish Congregational Church. We formed a special bond that lasted until the day she passed. I was with her during her last days and will be forever grateful for that opportunity. Betty was a beautiful, strong and special woman. I will miss her terribly. I love you, Betty Mary

**Mary Pettengill** - March 25, 2020 at 04:32 PM