



Janice Chick Sawyer

September 4, 1938 - May 27, 2019

Janice Chick Sawyer passed away peacefully at her home in Westbrook, ME on Monday, May 27, 2019 with family by her side. Janice was born in Monmouth, ME September 4, 1938 to Gertrude and William Chick. She graduated with honors from Monmouth Academy. Before she graduated, while working at The Augusta House, she met her future husband and lifelong partner, Ray Sawyer. She loved telling the story that when she first set eyes on Ray, she said “I am going to marry that man”. Of course, Ray couldn’t resist her beauty and charm, and they were married on February 21, 1955 in Monmouth.

Soon after, Ray enlisted in the Army and was eventually stationed in Japan. Janice and baby Howard joined Ray in Japan where they lived for a short time. After their stint in the Army, the young family returned to the US. Janice supported Ray in his fledgling career at Western Auto, and they lived in many places in the northeast including New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York. Janice and Ray settled in Westbrook in 1973 when they opened a Western Auto store of their own.

In the meantime, Janice raised her family while working towards a college degree. Even though she never received her degree, many around her recognized her intelligence and love of math. As the kids grew, Janice began a career of her own working as a mortgage specialist for banks and credit unions. She talked with great affection about her “credit unions”, helping customers realize their dream of home ownership. In the meantime, her kids continued to grow and prosper to her great delight. Howard enjoyed a successful Navy and engineering career; Craig grew as a talented musician and technician; Tom is a West Point graduate and an engineer and Sherri excelled as a business woman and mother.

Unfortunately Ray passed away suddenly in 2004. Ray’s tragic death gave the family the opportunity to watch Janice’s and Ray’s beloved Red Sox win the World Series as a family. After Ray’s death, she volunteered her time to help prepare tax returns for the community, travelled to visit her family and continued to follow the Red Sox.

No matter where her kids lived, each cherished their visits to Maine enjoying her delicious mustard pickles, meat loaf and toll house cookies. Each of her kids were her favorite, and the grandchildren and great-grandchildren could do whatever they wanted at Grammie's house. Above all else, she wanted to create memories for all of her family to enjoy for years to come. She never forgot a birthday, anniversary or graduation. And she made sure every visitor to Maine enjoyed a fresh lobster. Those who knew her will miss her caring spirit, love for her family and devotion to others.

Her life was defined by her loving acts of kindness. She would care more for others above herself. Every one of her friends, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren learned love from Janice. Despite the miles that separated her from her loved ones, her family was closest in her heart. She is survived by her four children and their families; son Howard and his wife Barbara of West Richland, Washington, son Craig and his wife Rhose of Davenport, Florida, son Tom and his wife Veronica of San Antonio, Texas and daughter Sherri O'Donnell and her husband Barry of Tampa, Florida. She is also survived by her loving sister Evelyn Holloway and husband Richard. Janice loved and adored her 12 grandchildren, Nichole, Cassandra, Leah, Jocelyn, Ray, Charlie, Joshua, Chrystal, Sawyer, Evelyn, Jennika and Camden. She was also fondly referred to as "GG" when she became a great grandmother of 6 beautiful children.

Janice donated what she could to varying charities throughout her life. She always felt the need to help others and made sure she did so often. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to St Jude's Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org or your charity of choice in Janice's name.

A memorial service for Janice will be 2 P.M., Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Westbrook Chapel of Dolby, Blais & Segee, 35 Church St. Westbrook, ME. To leave online condolences and to participate in Janice's online tribute, visit Www.DolbyBlaisSegee.com.

Events

JUN **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Dolby, Blais & Segee -Westbrook Chapel
35 Church Street, Westbrook, ME, US, 04092

Comments



“ My condolences to all family and friends!

Janice and Ray were great customers and friends of mine for over 20 years! Their sudden passing was a shock to us all.

I'll always remember the great refreshments she gave me at the end of a hard days work. She'll be sadly missed!

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Theodore Pitas - June 02 at 10:52 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Janice's passing. We volunteered together with AARP Tax-Aide for five years. She was always so upbeat and helpful. Often offering suggestions to taxpayers that could reduce their taxes. She often talked about how much she enjoyed her banking days - helping individuals and families. Will also remember her smile, gentle laugh and 'can do attitude'. Joan Jagolinzer

Joan Jagolinzer - May 30 at 06:51 PM



“ Sherri and Family, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. She was always so giving to everyone, especially her family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Karen, Douglas, and Jojo

Karen Philbrook - May 30 at 08:01 AM