



Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend

September 28, 1940 - July 17, 2025

TOWNSEND: With deep sorrow, the McNabb family announces the death of Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, 84, of Townsend and Drakes Island, Maine, on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at her residence. Bette was a memorable, vivid, and indefatigable figure in the Townsend and Drakes Island communities and her presence will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Bette was born in Concord, NH on September 28, 1940. As the daughter of the late Chester C. and Elizabeth (Bickford) Pease, Bette was drawn to a career in nursing and a lifelong dedication of helping others in need, particularly the elderly. In 1961 she graduated from Children's Hospital School of Nursing in Boston and later received her Masters Degree in Nursing from Boston University.

Throughout her career, Bette held Registered Nursing positions at several facilities including Nashoba Community Hospital in Ayer. She was Director of Nursing at both Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Lawrence and The Highlands in Fitchburg.

Without doubt, Bette's happiest moments were on the ocean in Maine with her children and grandchildren. Her joy at being surrounded by family was indescribable. In addition to family gatherings, Bette enjoyed kayaking, walking the beach, attending her book club meetings, staying in touch with her

many dear friends, watching the Red Sox, and being her grandchildren' s greatest fan at any and all activities. In addition, she was a communicant at St. John's Church in Townsend.

She leaves four sons, Terrence M. McNabb Jr. of Boston, Timothy C. McNabb, Daniel G. McNabb and his wife, Kelly, Colin M. McNabb all of Townsend, two daughters, Kathleen L. Hatch and her husband, Michael of Colchester, VT, Karen E. Noon and her husband. Peter of Townsend; her sister, Sherry Pease Vaughan of Townsend; ten grandchildren, Liam Hatch, Charlotte Hatch, Nicole McNabb, Alex McNabb, Lily Noon, Garrett Noon, Rebecca Noon, Finneas McNabb, Declan McNabb and Jillian McNabb.

She was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Terrence M. McNabb in April 2016.

Despite her death, Bette's strength, courage, and constant optimism will continue to serve as an inspiration to both her family and closest friends.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10AM Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at St. John's Church Hall, 1 School Street, Townsend. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery.

Bette's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours 4-7 PM Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte. 119) Townsend Center. www.andersonfuneral.com

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Center at St. Joseph's Hospital, 172 Kinsley Street, Nashua, NH 03060

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

31 Highland St Townsend
Townsend, MA 01469

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 22. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Tribute Wall

SV

“ My big sister, my friend, my confidant, my heart. You were always there for me whether we agreed or disagreed. We rarely disagreed, but oh boy when we did, it wasn't pretty! Life will never be the same for me without you. We shared our past experiences over the years , and they made us happy and sad. We both agreed that we were fortunate to have grown up in the time we did with parents that loved us. Many times, you stuck up for me when I would have been in big trouble with Mom! You were always the “goody two shoes” while I was considered the “wild child”. You knew I truly wasn't though and protected me. I loved each and every one of your kids as though they were my own. I hope they all know that. There were just the two of us, but as we grew older, we forged a special bond that will never, even now, be broken. We shared many fun adventures, much of our lives and secrets. I'll miss and love you forever for your many necessary offers of good advice, your understanding and especially all the happy times we had together. Our laughter will never leave me. So much fun. RIP my dear sister, you truly deserve it. I'll love and miss you forever. Sherry

Sherry Vaughan - August 21, 2025 at 01:23 PM

RY

“ Tim, Karen and Colin, so sorry to see you Mom died. My deepest condolences to your family.

Robert Young - August 14, 2025 at 08:24 PM

AH

“ 1 file added to the album *Bette McNabb*



Anerson funerl home - August 13, 2025 at 02:13 PM

CL

“ Covenant Health Corporate Leadership planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.*

Covenant Health Corporate Leadership - July 22, 2025 at 03:50 PM

CL

“ Covenant Health Corporate Leadership purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.*



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EE

“ Epilepsy Foundation New England planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.*

Epilepsy Foundation New England - July 22, 2025 at 10:43 AM

EE

“ *Epilepsy Foundation New England purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.*



Epilepsy Foundation New England - July 22, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.*



July 22, 2025 at 08:51 AM

YH

“ *Your Friends at P.A.T. Ice Hockey purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.*



Your Friends at P.A.T. Ice Hockey - July 22, 2025 at 07:56 AM

CP

“ *Cindy Price purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.*



Cindy Price - July 22, 2025 at 07:34 AM

TC

“ A truly amazing woman! She will be sorely missed.
So sorry that I am unable to attend the services, as I will be in California visiting with family, since my sister's passing.
My deepest sympathies to the entire McNabb family.
Tom Campbell

Thomas J Campbell - July 21, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.



July 21, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.



July 21, 2025 at 09:46 AM

TF

“ The Lemay Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.

The Lemay Family - July 20, 2025 at 04:20 PM

TF

“ *The Lemay Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.*



The Lemay Family - July 20, 2025 at 04:20 PM

CF

“ *Chris and Mary Fappiano purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.*



Chris and Mary Fappiano - July 20, 2025 at 02:55 PM

BP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your family, and friends at this sad time. The McNabb family has been a pillar of this community. We are so very blessed to have had them.*

Bill and I send our most sincere sympathy's to all of you.

Bill & Jan Pothier

Bill & Jan Pothier - July 19, 2025 at 09:05 PM

BO

“ *Being best friends for 35 years, Bette and I had many things in common. We loved our families, our profession of nursing, and our adventures of sea kayaking and travel.*

We knew a time would come to say goodbye—it came so quickly, it seemed! I love you, dear friend, and hope to see you again!

My deepest sympathies to Kathy, Michael, Timmy, Karen, Danny, Colin and all of the grandchildren.

-Bernadette Oinonen



Bernadette Oinonen - July 19, 2025 at 02:31 PM

NH

“ *Sincerely condolences to all Bette’s family and friends. Ed and I have enjoyed many shared family events and milestones with Terry, Bette and family. I will always remember Bette’s ready smile and warm welcome anytime we were together. She always saw the bright side of things and was never happier than when she was with family. She leaves many life lessons for all who were fortunate enough to have had her in their lives. We will miss her and always treasure her memory. Love, Nancy and Ed Hatch*

Nancy P Hatch - July 19, 2025 at 01:45 PM

BR

“ My condolences to the family. She was a sweet lady who will surely be missed.



Brenda Rodgers - July 18, 2025 at 11:14 PM

HS

“ Bette was such a quiet pillar of strength to all who knew her. I babysat for Bette and Terry and worked at the drugstore. So many of my family memories were the McFagues, the Lyttles, and the McNabbs, She was always kind, so laid back, and loved her kids so much. Her passion for nursing never left her. My condolences goes out to all of you who were lucky enough to call her Mom. She will be missed by so many people from family to friends to patients.



Holly McFague Schrepfer - July 18, 2025 at 10:43 PM

JO

“ The Oinonen's all love Bette and will miss her so much. Thanks for being such a good best friend to our mom Bette we love you and will miss you, from the Oinonen children Julie, Matthew, Sarah, Nathan and Renee. Out sympathies to all the McNabb children and grandkids

Julie Oinonen - July 18, 2025 at 08:27 PM

LS

“ Thoughts and prayers are being sent to the entire McNabb family. May her life have been for a blessing. Always in the "light" Laurie and Pam Shifrin

Laura Shifrin - July 18, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bette A. (Pease) McNabb, of Townsend.



July 18, 2025 at 02:51 PM