



Elisabeth Vail Maurice, of Townsend

June 30, 1936 - February 13, 2025

Townsend - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother and Grandmother, Elisabeth Vail (Huppertz) Keen, Maurice of Durham NH on February 13 surrounded by her loving family.

Lisa was born in Boston on June 30, 1936, a daughter of the late Stephen Vail and Elisabeth (Colson) Huppertz and grew up in Waban, MA. Lisa emitted sparkles of joy to everybody she encountered and was the light of every room she walked into. She loved her family, her children, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren. She enjoyed; knitting, line dancing, dogs, ice cream, traveling, the island of Montserrat, reading, genealogy, and attending all of her grandchildren's events. She had such a dedication to her family and friends, she was mostly referred to as Grandmother by everyone she knew because of her loving presence.

Lisa's purpose in life was to volunteer and give back. She truly was the most generous person. She was often found at the following places volunteering; White Elephants at the Congregational Church, Strawberry Banke, the polling stations for different elections, Supervisor of the Checklist- Durham, NH, Ready Rides, Echo Thrift Shop, the Tall Ships along with the Militia that welcomed the tall ships- Portsmouth, NH, Channel 11 auctions, and the Townsend Fire-EMS Relief Association bake sales.

Lisa continues to live on through her three children; Gordon H. Keen, Shahida P. Keen (Michelle Patrick), Kristine M. Galeota (Greg Galeota) and bonus daughters Carol M. Foster (Dwight Foster), Linda M. Mayer (Charles Mayer) and Donna M. Beggan (Michael Beggan). Plus her 10 Grandchildren; Katherine F. Mitchell (Matthew Mitchell), Hannah J. Mayer, Andrew C. Mayer, George R. Foster (Katie Hawn), Jane M. Erskine (Joseph Erskine), Jennifer M. Beggan (Samuel Crowell) , Benjamin M. Foster, Sarah J. Beggan (Michael Palmisano), Sam A. Galeota (Alexandra Hecker) and Lucy H. Galeota (Jonathan Moore) and her three great-grandchildren, Lily M. Erskine, Hayden A. Galeota, and Lilly J. Palmisano. She is survived by her sister, Nancy H. Hulse.

Lisa was predeceased by her father Stephen V. Huppertz (1986), Mother Elisabeth C. Huppertz (1968), Albert E. Keen, and Nils A. Maurice (2020)

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 from 4 to 7 PM in the T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend, MA 01469.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Community Hospice House, 7 Executive Park Drive, Merrimack, NH 03054.

With her, life was a celebration. Please use this day as a way to celebrate her life and not mourn her loss. Please hug your loved ones and tell them you love them.

“I will love you as long as the sun burns in the sky, as long as the moon shines its light into the dark night. Until the raging blue oceans become calm and run dry, I will love you until the end of time” - Christy Ann Martine

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ I knew her for 20 years...she had a wonderful sense of humor...a true kind soul..Rest well. You will be missed. Lisa

Lisa J. - May 19, 2025 at 04:29 PM

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“ I lived across from Lisa and helped her clear snow, take leaves, and mow the lawn. I always made sure to make time afterward for our entertaining conversations. She not only had an amazing sense of humor, but great advice and exciting stories of her own. No matter what I had to say, she would always listen; especially when I would play my instruments from my window she said she was listening. I interviewed her for a school project once, where she shared her long history with volunteering, stories from her family, her interests with her family tree, and many more tales from her life. When I moved on to college I still used her as a buddy to chat, the occasional phone call would span for up to an hour. Talking to her was always a comfort, and I will learn from her to always be there to listen for the people I care for: because I remember how helpful that was for me.



Jaden Smith - February 27, 2025 at 09:45 AM

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“ Your Woodman Road Friends purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elisabeth Vail Maurice, of Townsend.



Your Woodman Road Friends - February 27, 2025 at 08:30 AM



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February 26, 2025 at 07:53 PM



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February 25, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ So many memories! She was like a second mom. Although I haven't seen her in awhile, I will never forget the many sleepovers, whopper jr's, spaghetti pie, watching videos on the beta max. So many good memories! A couple where she was a bit mad at us, but those are still good memories! Love you Kristine. Beth

Elizabeth Morrill - February 19, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ Although I think i only actually met her a few times in person, I have heard probably thousands of stories about her or involving her. One thing that I know for sure is she was loved endlessly by her family and she loved them just the same. So sorry for your loss, may your memories of her bring you peace.

Jeff Cormier - February 17, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elisabeth Vail Maurice, of Townsend.



February 16, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elisabeth Vail Maurice.

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“ Jim Empey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elisabeth Vail Maurice, of Townsend.



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February 15, 2025 at 04:09 PM