



Rita R. (Lovejoy) Martel

April 10, 1947 - April 14, 2022

AYER; Rita R. (Lovejoy) Martel, 75, of Ayer, died Thursday, April 14, 2022 at Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Ayer.

Rita was born in Augusta, Maine, April 10, 1947 one of three daughters born to Forrest and Irene G. (York) Lovejoy and has resided in Ayer for the past 12 years.

She was a graduate of Falmouth, Maine High School and continued her education at Becker College in Worcester.

Rita owned & operated New Beginnings Nursery School for approximately 20 years and also taught children in other local schools for several years before retiring.

She enjoyed reading, fishing and spending time at a campfire.

Rita leaves her husband of eighteen years, Richard P. Martel; two sons, David J. Rexroad of NC, Justin D. Rexroad of NH; her sister, Vicki Barry of Uxbridge; two stepdaughters, Tina Hanks of Dracut, Carrie Gerkin of Pepperell; three grandchildren, Cooper Rexroad, Kinsey Rexroad, Leah Gerkin, six great grandchildren, three nieces, Rachel, Sarah, and Danielle as well as two nephews Denny and Walter.

Funeral arrangements and burial will be held privately.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer is assisting the family

with arrangements.