



Rosemary S. Conard

February 15, 2022

Rosemary S. Conard, 98, passed from this life February 15, surrounded by her family. The redheaded tomboy grew up in Bristol, the daughter of Horace and Dorothy Staples, keeping her finger on the pulse of the Clock City as she cruised along on roller skates collecting stray cats to bring home.

While completing her degree at Skidmore College she met another redhead, John Hand Conard, while both were members of a wedding party. Upstaging both VE and VJ Day celebrations, they were married in the fall of 1945 while John was serving in the Army in Oakland, California. Following some months living in the Bay Area the couple settled in West Hartford, building their dream house near Woodridge Lake.

It was a good thing Rosie had been a Girl Mariner in her youth, as she married into a sailing family. Ultimately she, John and their kids were able to enjoy family sailing for many summers aboard their sloop “Rigoler”, taking them to points and adventures all along the New England coast. When not sailing, Rosie could be found swimming at Woodridge Lake in the summer or on the ski slopes in winter. Always moving, always active!

Rosie transitioned from stray cats to Newfoundlands, ultimately owning five of the gentle giants. For many years she was a familiar sight walking her Newfies around Woodridge Lake.

Rosie is survived by her son Taylor Huntington Conard and his wife Marcia of Greenfield Center, NY, and her daughter Kyle MacNiven Conard and her husband Richard Malley of Simsbury; grandchildren Stephen Conard, Julia Conard, John Conard-Malley and his partner Katherine Friedrich, Will Conard-Malley and his fiancé Emily Galbraith, Jim Toman and his wife Jackie, and five great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank home health aides Paola, Eva and Natalie and the hospice staff at UConn Health Center for their care.

Interment will be private and a memorial service is planned at Old St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Bloomfield, CT on Saturday, February 26 at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made In Rosie's memory to Old St. Andrews Episcopal Church, (59 Tariffville Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002) or Newfoundland Club of New England Charitable Fund (P.O. Box 659, Belmont, NH 03220).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Old Saint Andrews Church
Bloomfield, CT

Tribute Wall

JT

“ Chip and I were saddened to read of Rosie's passing. We will always remember her as the matriarch of the Woodridge Association. Her granddaughter and our daughter Julia were highschool friends. Janet and Chip Tanner

Janet Tanner - March 05, 2022 at 10:42 PM

BM

“ Such good friends Mrs Conard and my Mother were. Meeting at a very young age and becoming fast friends, living through the trials and tribulations of all kinds of world events together, raising wonderful families all in a beautiful places they had decided was a great place to call home. After my parents passed some years ago, Mrs Conard became a “ Touch Stone“ for me , invoking wonderful memories of my own childhood and my parents, whenever I saw her or heard about her. She is now, once again, in great company , with her husband, my Mother and Father and all her beautiful friends. Knowing this gives me peace as I hope it brings comfort to her children and family.

God bless Mrs Conard , Peace to her family.....

Bill Muir

Bill Muir - February 27, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rosemary S. Conard.



February 25, 2022 at 02:56 PM

MH

“ During our more than 45 years on Waterside Lane, we got to know Rosie as a constant in the Woodridge Association. We were both dog lovers, so that is where we met most often - walking the dogs .Catching up on the goings on in the neighborhood and in our own lives was part of that. Rosie loved her Newfies, and when walking them became too much, she would still walk down Waterside, and carry milkbones in her coat pocket for any dogs she would meet on the way. Our dog was very much aware of that !
That was Rosie. A wonderful lady, and we send the family our sincerest condolences.
She will be missed not only by you.
Joep and Marijke van Huystee
1 Waterside Lane

Marijke van Huystee - February 22, 2022 at 07:02 PM

DM

“ What a wonderful neighbor! There were many mornings when I took my dogs for a walk down Waterside Lane and we were greeted by Rosie calling out "Good morning boys" while traversing my driveway. To this day, Hooper will stop at the bottom of Rosie's driveway as if to hear from Rosie and to wait for her treats. Thanks for those wonderful dogwalks and conversations that we treasure!

Debbie Muntz and family

Debbie Muntz - February 21, 2022 at 07:02 AM

ES

“ *What a fabulous person! We feel lucky to have known her. She was quick with a smile and a story. When we first arrived in West Hartford, we learned a lot from her about all things Connecticut and West Hartford. We also learned about Newfies. What great, gentle dogs they are. Everyone whose lives she touched were enriched.*

Julia and Ed Sauter

Ed Sauter - February 19, 2022 at 06:48 PM

KR

“ *We are so grateful for the memories that we have of Rosie. She was such a bright light and took time to swim almost everyday with our daughter Sophie. She was Sophie's best friend and the sounds of their laughter were always heart warming. We send our prayers and condolences to the entire Conard family and hope that all of you are surrounded by the warmth that Rosie always possessed.*

*With Love,
Harold and Kelley Reynolds*



kelley Reynolds - February 19, 2022 at 05:15 PM

MD

“ Rosie was a nearby neighbor of many past years. She always greeted me when possible on my daily walks around Wood Pond. In the summertime she would encourage my wife to join her at the beach, for a swim. She always went out of her way to be friendly, helpful and gracious. A wonderful lady whose presence always brightened anyone’s day.

Martha and Tew DuBois - February 19, 2022 at 08:50 AM

MR

“ We loved Rosiewhen we moved to Waterside Lane, she not only went out of her way to make us feel welcomed but always had treats for Brody. May she Rest In Peace.

Gloria & Mike Reddy

Mike Reddy - February 18, 2022 at 09:54 PM

BH

“ Our prayers go our to Rosie's family!! We loved talking with Rosie at the Woodridge Lake beach during the summer and at our annual September picnic. Rosie will always be remembered as our unofficial beach security person keeping an eye on unwelcome visitors. She will be missed.

Bill and Celeste Higgins

Woodridge Lake Assoc.

Bill Higgins - February 18, 2022 at 06:50 PM