



Emma R Petty

January 30, 1942 - September 25, 2020

Emma R. Petty passed away peacefully on Friday September 25th at the age of 78. Emma was born and raised in Tarrytown, NY; the daughter of Sidney and Florence Rosenbloom. She attended the State University of New York, Buffalo where she attained her Bachelors of Education. She continued to Boston University where she received her Masters of Education and thus began over 35 years of teaching English and reading in Methuen, Massachusetts.

She loved living close to the ocean in Hampton, New Hampshire and enjoyed experiencing all four seasons in New England. Upon retiring from teaching in 2001, she moved to Windermere, Florida.

A beloved mother, grandmother sister and aunt, she leaves behind: her daughter and Son-in-law Judith and John Duhamel and their two children, Makayla and Sara; son, Joshua Stephany; sister Nancy Dornheggen and her husband Donald and their four children: Sydney, Donnie, Jared and Grant.

Her greatest loves were traveling, the beach, cooking, shopping and of course the six time Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots. Even after living in Florida for nearly 20 years, her heart was still in New England and watching their sports teams.

If you wish to honor Emma, in lieu of flowers or cards, please make a donation to Alzheimer's Research.

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ I knew Emma because she taught in Methuen. It was the years when two schools were put together when I got to know her. Always enjoyed our conversations. We kept in contact for a couple of years after retirement. She was so proud of Josh. Her emails were about Josh's accompaniments as a forensic doctor. I am sorry she has met her eternal rest. Bless you, Emma.

Lois Jacobs - February 20, 2021 at 08:59 PM

SA

“ Emma and I grew up together in Tarrytown. She was the reason that I began at the University of Buffalo the year after she started. We remained in contact until the beginning of 2020 when her ,deteriorating health prevented her from continuing as she tried to spare me from Knowing what was happening.

Sandy - October 07, 2020 at 07:19 AM

KF

“ I met Emma teaching probably 40+ years ago. She has always been a good friend, generous to a fault. She was always on your side through thick and thin, there for you with advice and willing to give a helping hand. Emma celebrated in your successes and cried with you in tragedies. A wonderful friend, mother, teacher and individual worth knowing. I will miss her.

Karen Fitzgerald - October 06, 2020 at 12:22 PM

GD

“ Emma was a very important part of my life and I will always carry her in my heart. I've known her since 1974 and watched her raise her wonderful children and shared in their amazing accomplishments which she was so proud of. We traveled to DC with our students, we went to Florida several times and to the beach along with many other outings. She was not only my friend but I considered her a sister. I will miss her and treasure our memories.

gail dube - October 06, 2020 at 06:41 AM

JD

A beautiful person inside and out. She set the example of who we should be. God bless you, Emma. I will always remember your kindness to all of us. Rest in peace. God bless you. ❤️🙏

Joan Devine - October 06, 2020 at 06:59 AM

GW

Rest In Peace. Mrs. Petty was amazing always supportive and kind. She personified the perfect teacher. So sorry got the worlds loss. Rest In Peace.

gannon woekel - October 06, 2020 at 09:27 AM

JL

“ Emma was always happy and upbeat. Her family was so important to her. It was always a pleasure to see her or hear from her.

John Lagnese - October 05, 2020 at 09:34 PM

CT

“ Since I can remember beautiful Emma has been in our lives. As a kid i remember her at school where she worked with my mom and naturally became family through the years. I remember our trip to washington dc where I really got to observe her relationships with her students and how much she loved what she did. She always smiled but her conversations with them and care she had was direct and received with respect. She would spend hours upon hours on the phone with my mom listening and laughing. She was one of the most authentic, thoughtful, loving woman and friend and I am a better person for knowing her.

Colleen Twomey - October 05, 2020 at 12:02 PM