

# OBITUARIES

**IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS** that the family of Mary Jo Cutty announces her sudden passing on March 29, 2022 in Andover at the age of 75.

Mary Jo recently relocated from upstate New York to New Hampshire, always a favorite state to visit. She was a graduate of the College of New Rochelle and a retiree of United Services Automobile Association (USAA) in Tampa, Florida.

Mary Jo enjoyed traveling and visited many different countries. She was an avid student of the arts and an amazing landscape artist. She always found time to volunteer and assisted many organizations, most recently the Shaker Heritage Society in upstate New York.

Mary Jo was predeceased by her parents John and Dorothy (Marlo) and two brothers, Mike and Mark. She will be lovingly remembered by her sister Nancie and brother-in-law Craig Jacobson of Andover and their family, her brother John of upstate New York, sister Sharon of New Jersey, sister-in-law



Harriet of Albany, New York, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends throughout the United States.

Special thanks to the Franklin VNA and Hospice for their care and support.

**RICHARD FRANCIS "DICK" RHATTAN**, 91, of Salisbury, died peacefully at home on Monday, April 18, 2022 surrounded by his family.

Born in Harlem, New York, amidst the Great Depression, Dick was the fifth child of Arthur Hattan and Susan Carey, two hardworking, proud individuals, who knew great sorrow but persevered.



He grew up on the streets of New York, attending school in the morning and using the afternoon and evening to go to Yankees games, movies, and the Metropolitan Museum of Natural History, and to listen to the radio. Always bright and always searching, he taught himself Latin so he could serve as an

altar boy. Later he gained admission at Stuyvesant High School and Queens College.

The day after his college graduation, Dick enlisted in the US Army. He served in Army Intelligence in Germany, signing up for an extra year to "see the world." He enjoyed his years of service and stated that it made him the man he was. After discharge, he hitchhiked throughout Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

In the late 1950s, he returned to New York and began his career in healthcare as a mental health worker at St. Vincent's Hospital, Manhattan.

There he met student nurse Mary Curley, his love and partner for the next 63 years of his life. Mary and Dick married in 1960 and moved to St. Louis, where they dove into family life and medical school. Dick became a child psychiatrist. After years of moving, Dick and Mary settled their growing family in Salisbury, New Hampshire, though Dick remained a Yankees fan forever.

Over his lengthy and accomplished career, Dick served the youth of the Granite State at the Anna Philbrook Center of New Hampshire Hospital, Riverbend Community and Genesis Mental Health Centers, and in private practice. Respected and admired by colleagues, he emphasized strength and potential in his patients and their families, rather than weakness or illness.

He retired at age 84. While not working, he relaxed by felling trees in the forest, building (and rebuilding) stone walls, and re-roofing his 1755 colonial home: the cherished Albatross of his last decades.

Dick was an avid fan of music, art, film, and literature. He loved classical music, pop music, and show tunes. He collected hundreds (thousands?) of 45s for his home jukebox and taught himself piano in his 70s. He passionately watched movies his entire life. Dick

loved history.

He led adventurous road trips to museums, National Parks, and battlefields for his ragtag group of ornery children, nieces, and nephews. He forever encouraged loved ones to seek opportunities to grow and learn.

He loved sports, particularly those played by his children and grandchildren. The Yankees, Celtics, and Redskins were his teams. Mary, however, converted to a Red Sox fan – a source of constant banter and a little marital tension. A masterful card player, Dick played any game expertly and maintained his enthusiasm for cards 'til the very last days of his life.

Dick threw a mean party. He and Mary hosted countless cocktail hours, holidays, impromptu events, and wed-

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dings at their home. All were welcome, even, once, a stranger who saw all the parked cars and mistakenly thought the gathering was a meeting of the Salisbury Historical Society. After getting some food, the stranger asked Dick, "Are all your meetings this fun? Do they all include dinner?"

Finally, and most importantly, Dick loved his friends, his family, and above all, his beautiful wife Mary. He was available to all – for help with any activity, for support or good advice, or just for a fun visit. While identifying himself a conservative, he pushed his children and grandchildren to think freely and for themselves, always advising to "follow your nose" and "trust your instincts."

Dick's memory began leaving him in  
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### Good Days and Bad Days

We all experience ups and downs but after the loss of a loved one many people feel that there are not many good days. It sure does take time and energy to begin to heal after the death of a special person. Don't be afraid to speak with your pastor or healthcare professional. Perhaps a group would be of assistance to you. Check with the Visiting Nurse Association and ask about support groups. Friends are great and it certainly helps to chat and reach out but sometimes a more neutral setting is appropriate. Give us a call at 526-6442 or 863-2113 if you just don't know where to turn. We could give you some names and suggestions of folks who could possibly be a resource. Time really is a key component but if you feel you need more of a boost don't be hesitant to ask for help.

*Charles, Marion (Chadwick), and Dan Hafner*

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