



## Elaine K. Gardner

May 22, 1936 - November 5, 2017

Elaine K. Gardner, 81, Bradenton/Deerfield, NH died Sunday, Nov. 5 2017 at home in Bradenton.

Born in Melrose, MA., May 22, 1936, Elaine was the daughter of Ashton and Marguerite Kenney. In addition to her parents, Elaine was also preceded in death by her husband John A. "Jack" Gardner, to whom she was married for 59 years. Elaine is survived by her devoted children Jay Gardner, his wife Laurie, and daughters Hannah & Sophia of Boxford, Ma; son, Glenn of Ellenton, Fl; daughter Kristie Haskell and husband Bruce of Southboro, MA and their children Ethan of Boston, MA and Abigail of London England; daughter Tracy Gardner of Bradenton; granddaughter Brit Berry and her husband Nick and their daughter Penelope Strafford, NH; and her sister Phyllis Benson, of Moody, ME.

Elaine was a graduate of Melrose High School and studied Early Childhood Education at Bridgewater State University (then Bridgewater Teachers College). A career mom whose greatest accomplishment was her family, Elaine's other passions and pursuits included creativity, the environment, equality, and liberal activism. She was active in these interests in a myriad of ways that enhanced the lives of others. She enjoyed writing, publishing "Helena Victoria - A Woman's Journey," Cedar Hill Publishing 2003 and "An Anna Maria Winter Creative Writing Anthology" 1996. Elaine served as

President of the MA League of Women Voters during which time she led the passing of the first bottle bill. She proudly raised champion dairy goats and served as Secretary UNH Cooperative Extension Animal Science during the 80's.

She was an active member of the Unitarian Universalist church and Al-Anon, as well as multiple nature and environmental groups, working tirelessly to grow groups in Florida and NH. She was an avid conservationist/environmentalist, she and Jack leave behind a 70-acre registered tree farm in Deerfield NH.

Elaine was a "people" person who will be remembered for her kindness and generosity, exuberant spirit, fascination with human nature, and strong sense of spirituality. Elaine's deep empathy and compassion enriched all those who knew her, and her creativity encompassed a great sense of personal style and flair. She possessed an incredible sense of humor that brightened the lives of others and carried her through life's challenges.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday 11/11 4 PM at Manatee Unitarian Univ. Fellowship -322 15 St. West, Bradenton, FL 34205.

Donations may be made to: Manatee Unitarian Univ. Fellowship

Please visit [www.ToaleBrothersfuneralhome.com](http://www.ToaleBrothersfuneralhome.com) to view Elaine's Memorial website sign her tribute wall or for more information about services.

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ Sorry for the loss of Kim. We saw her this summer at camp in NH. And just found out from Glen on Thanksgiving Day. Sorry to the family for your loss. May she rest in piece.

Mickey/ Linda Rafeal - November 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Kim was a founding member of our Al-Anon fellowship in Nottingham, NH. Her steadfast candor, humor, and wisdom were shared with and appreciated by countless participants at our meetings. She will be sorely missed!



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“ I am very sorry for your lost. May the God of tender mercies strengthen and comfort you during this difficult time.  
2Corn. 1:3,4

November 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM