



## Natalie M. Huppee

January 7, 1945 - October 12, 2021

Natalie M. Huppee passed away October 12, 2021 in Bonita Springs, Florida after a long gallant battle with ALS. She was born January 7, 1945 in Newport RI, the second of four daughters born to Philip and Daisy Dwyer. She grew up in Newport's Irish 5th ward and attended Newport public schools.

She met her future husband Jack in high school. They married April 15, 1967 and welcomed their son John in 1970.

Natalie was a gifted and devoted educator who spent her long career as a teacher, administrator and principal in the Middletown RI school district. She prided herself on knowing the names of all her schools' students within three weeks of the start of the school year and even long after retirement.

Natalie received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Rhode Island College and went on to receive advanced Education Certifications from Providence College and Salve Regina University.

She and her family resided in Little Compton RI for over 40 years where she served two elected terms with the Little Compton school committee including Chairperson. Following retirement she and her husband split their time between Little Compton and Naples Florida finally relocating to Bonita Springs Florida in 2012.

In Florida she cofounded the “Basket Case” a design and creation enterprise where she made and taught traditional Nantucket basket weaving. Later she added the design and teaching of jewelry making. Through her business enterprises she was very active in the arts and crafts community of southwest Florida.

Besides her husband Jack, she leaves her son John (Christine) of Liberty Hills Texas; three grandchildren, Megan, Kyle, and Emily; her three sisters, Joan Bernard of Cranston RI, Betty Grauer and Dottie Barube of Newport RI, and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 11:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

Donations may be made in Natalie’s name to the ALS Association of Florida, 3242 Parkside Center Cir., Tampa, FL 33619.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany’s Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28300 Beaumont Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

# Tribute Wall



“ *Natalie M. Huppee*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Andrew and Daniela purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Natalie M. Huppee.*



**Andrew and Daniela** - October 29, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ *Barbara and Jerry purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Natalie M. Huppee.*



**Barbara and Jerry** - October 29, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *Jane & Jerry Huppee purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Natalie M. Huppee.*



**Jane & Jerry Huppee** - October 27, 2021 at 07:59 AM

JR

“ Jack, we are so sorry to learn of Natalie’s passing. Phil and I will miss her smiling face and good humor. Please take good care of yourself. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Fondly, Jeanne and Phil Reid

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**Jeanne Reid** - October 19, 2021 at 01:06 PM

PH

“ ON BEHALF OF THE MURPHYS OF ATLANTIC STREET, NEWPORT, RI, AND THE GRADUATES OF ST. AUGUSTIN'S SCHOOL, CONDOLENCES TO ALL THE HUPPEE-DWYER CLAN ON THE DEATH OF NATALIE. I DID GENEALOGY RESEARCH WITH HER. MAY GOD HOLD HER AND ALL THE FAMILY IN THE HALLOW OF HIS HAND.

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**PATRICK F. MURPHY, CITY HISTORIAN** - October 19, 2021 at 08:59 AM

WJ

“ Sending Sympathy to John and All the family. Natalie was one terrific cousin. Anytime I wanted history about relatives I would call Natalie. Natalie had a wonderful personality and her smile I will remember forever. Such a loss to everyone that was fortunate to know Natalie. As a school principal you would think every kid was hers with the attention and hugs she would give each kid.

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**Walter Mey Jr** - October 17, 2021 at 04:01 PM

BM

“ Betty Magnusson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Natalie M. Huppee.



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**Betty Magnusson** - October 17, 2021 at 01:05 PM

BM

“ For many years we shared Thanksgiving with the family. Those were great turkeys and all the fixings and wonderful memories of those times. Natalie and Jack were great to include us too. Betty Magnusson. Cousin. Chatham

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**Betty Magnusson** - October 17, 2021 at 12:52 PM

CP

“ Natalie was a wonderful person. She was a good friend of my mother. They became friends back in the years when John and I went to NCCRS. Then they both worked in Middletown Public Schools. She was the principal who interviewed me to become a teacher in Middletown. She was so kind to me when I was subbing. She taught me a lot. Sending prayers and positive thoughts to her family.

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**Cathy Palkovix** - October 15, 2021 at 06:52 PM

MC

“ I'm very sad to read of Natalie's passing. She served as my principal at Aquidneck School and I considered her, not only my boss, but a friend as well. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jack and John.

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**Mary Connor** - October 15, 2021 at 01:49 PM

EB

“ I was very sorry to hear of Natalie’s passing. What a loss to all who knew her.

*I have known her for 60 years as a Fifth Ward neighbor in Newport, RI and as a fellow Middletown teacher.*

*Please know I shall keep her family in my prayers.*

*She is now out of pain.*

*May she Rest In Peace.*

*Love, Eileen Brown*

*Rip Natalie.*

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**Eileen Brown** - October 15, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Natalie M. Huppee.



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October 15, 2021 at 08:53 AM