

## Half Staff – Janet S. Goddard

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ROCKPORT — Janet (Smith) Goddard, 85, of Rockport, died peacefully on Friday, May 29, 2009 at Seacoast Nursing & Rehabilitation Center with her children by her side. Janet was born on Aug. 20, 1923 in Winchester to Dorothy (Otto) and Carl Smith. She graduated from Westbrook Junior College in Westbrook, Maine in 1944, while waiting for her fiancé, Frederick “Ted” Norton Jr. to come home from Europe in World War II. Janet was very proud that her mother had been a suffragette and nurses aide in World War I. After college, Janet worked in community settlement houses in Boston.

Janet and Ted were married in 1945, and had three children together; Wendy Norton, Debra Norton and Frederick “Chip” Harwood Norwood III. They made their home in Annisquam and Rockport.

After their divorce, Janet worked in real estate, and for eight years she shared her great love for the theater by teaching drama at the Pingree School.

In 1976 Janet married John “Jack” M. Goddard. She continued caring for poor and disadvantaged women, devoting many hours mentoring at Wellspring House.

Janet was fun-loving and quick to laugh. She had many dear friends whom she treasured. In recent years she spread good cheer to the wonderful staff at Seacoast, who cared for her so lovingly.

Janet was predeceased by her daughter, Wendy and her husband, Jack Goddard. She is survived by her daughter, Debra and her husband Brian Sullivan of Salisbury; her son-in-law, Edmund “Len” Johnson of Nashua, N.H.; her son and daughter-in-law, Chip and Hope Norton of Rockport; her grandchildren, Corey Lee Norton and his wife Cheryl Mackay of Washington, Julia Pearsall Norton of Rockport and Grace Torrey Norton of Rockport. Janet’s step children were very important to her; Barbara and Geoffrey Goddard of Rockport and Lynn Goddard of Rockport, and she was “Grammie” to their children.

ARRANGEMENTS: There will be a memorial service on Saturday, July 25, at 11 a.m. at the Rockport Congregational Church, Main Street and School Street, Rockport. Donations in Janet’s name may be made to Wellspring House, 302 Essex Ave., Gloucester, MA 01966 or Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Attn: Gift Management Services, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244.