



## Rosemary Bridgeman

May 20, 1924 - September 4, 2012

Rosemary Egan Bridgeman age 88, died Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at Tideland Community Hospice House.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, to the late Peter and Helen Egan, Rosemary was the eldest of six children. She describes her family as being "poor as church mice". Having skipped first and third grades, she graduated from high school at the age of fifteen with a full scholarship to Duquesne University and worked at AT&T. Along came WWII and her dream was to join one of the women's services. As telephone companies were considered crucial for the war effort, none of the women's service branches would accept her. She worked in the business office during the war years. She married the love of her life James Bridgeman and they carried on the tradition of large families and had seven children. When the four oldest children were in college, Rosemary decided it was time to go back to college and earn a degree. She found she had a special ability of speaking with people addicted to alcohol. She enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh to do her studies. She became the Director of Ala-Call, the New Jersey 24 Hour Hot Line for Alcoholics. She and James joined Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). They formed a small PFLAG in their community in New Jersey. Through these and many other community involvements Rosemary touched and changed many lives. For 18 years they had vacationed along the Grand Strand. After James's death Rosemary moved to Pawleys Island and later to The Lakes at Litchfield where

she enjoyed playing bridge and Mahjonn (oriental style). She was preceded in death by her husband, James Gregory Bridgeman; a brother and two sisters.

Survivors include her five sons, Jim (Dorothy) of Quaker Hill, CT, Chris (Cindy) of DeBordieu SC, Ken of San Francisco, CA, Brian (Sherie) of Zelienople, PA and Pete (Kathy) of Vienna, VA; two daughters, Juli Ricksecker of San Diego, CA and Mary (Jim) Beach of Marlton, NJ; thirteen grandchildren, Dan, Nathan, Hannah, Andrew, Brian, Jeff, Dom, Ian, Tavis, Jonathon, Jared, Justin and Ashley; eleven great-grandchildren and two brothers, Pete Egan of Phoenix, AZ and Mike Egan of Binghamton, NY.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday, September 8, 2012 at Grace Church 14323 Ocean Hwy. Pawleys Island, SC 29585 "next to Applewoods" with Reverend Stuart Boehmig officiating. Interment will be held in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)

Memorial donations may be made to Tideland Community Hospice House, 2591 N. Fraser St. Georgetown, SC 29440.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Marilyn McCafferty purchased the Beloved Mother - Elements Angel for the family of Rosemary Bridgeman.*



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**Marilyn McCafferty** - September 07, 2012 at 11:34 PM

MM

“ *Rosemary was the first female I ever felt understood me. I Have not seen her for many years but I will always appreciate her kindness to me even after the divorce. She was a remarkable woman and helped to many others. My condolences to her family. You are an Angel Rosemary. Thank you for loving me. Marilyn*



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**Marilyn McCafferty** - September 07, 2012 at 11:25 PM

AD

“ *Andrea Danko-Koenig lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Bridgeman*



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**Andrea Danko-Koenig** - September 07, 2012 at 08:28 PM

RC

“ To Rosemary Family from Ro Liebler family in Butler Pa We extend our sympathy .We use to visit Rosemary on our winter vacations in Myrtle Beach. We always go some where for lunch She was a joy ,we always talked about our bad backs Warmest Regards Ron Liebler

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**Ron Liebler Cousin** - September 07, 2012 at 02:13 PM

PB

“ 4 files added to the album A beautiful Rose to the end



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**Peter Egan Bridgeman** - September 07, 2012 at 08:59 AM

JR

“ I remember Rosemary and Jim from our days together at Contact 609 in New Jersey. They were both so inspiring, positive, and happy. Everyone who knew them, couldn't help but love them and learn from them. The world is a better place because they were here. Sorry for the loss of Rosemary. She and Jim are back together again.  
Judy Rothman

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**Judy Rothman** - September 06, 2012 at 11:35 PM

PH

“ We are saddened by the loss of 'Grandma Bridgeman' as we have come to know her through Jared and Courtney. We were privileged to have been able to meet her last summer, and it was a delight to see her surrounded by her family. It was obvious to Harry and me how much everyone loved her and how much she loved and enjoyed being with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

*Pat and Harry Holman*

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**Patricia Holman** - September 06, 2012 at 09:15 PM

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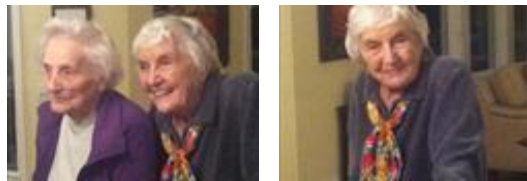
“ Our deepest sympathies at the loss of this wonderful lady. Doug and Sharon Davis

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**Douglas Davis** - September 06, 2012 at 06:46 PM

PE

“ 2 files added to the album She loved to laugh



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**Patrick Egan** - September 06, 2012 at 04:22 PM

PE

“ Our thoughts are with you all. So glad we got to visit in February.  
*Dorothy Egan Grell and Patrick (Rick) Egan*

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**Patrick Egan** - September 06, 2012 at 04:16 PM

NM

“ *When we lose someone we love, it seems that time stands still. Hold tight to your memories for comfort. To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Nevin & Elspeth Mitchell*

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**Nevin Mitchell** - September 06, 2012 at 02:51 PM

DL

“ *Dear Mary and Jim (and Bridgeman Family): I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,  
Donna Laird  
Audubon, NJ*

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**Donna Laird** - September 06, 2012 at 12:34 PM

MS

“ *Bridgeman Family, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have always admired her. When I was in high school we had to write about who we admired and why and I wrote about your mom. My husband and I had a nice visit with her the day after we got married in Myrtle Beach in 2007. I am glad to have shared that time with her. You will all be in my prayers for comfort and peace.*

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**Marisa Smith** - September 06, 2012 at 09:38 AM

MT

“ I worked for many years with Rosemary (and Jim) at CONATCT and ALA-CALL. She was kind and thoughtful, dedicated to helping others overcome their addictions and helping us to help others as well. I think of her often, and of her rose water - one of my favorite scents. My heartfelt condolences to the family.

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**Mike Teer** - September 06, 2012 at 07:58 AM

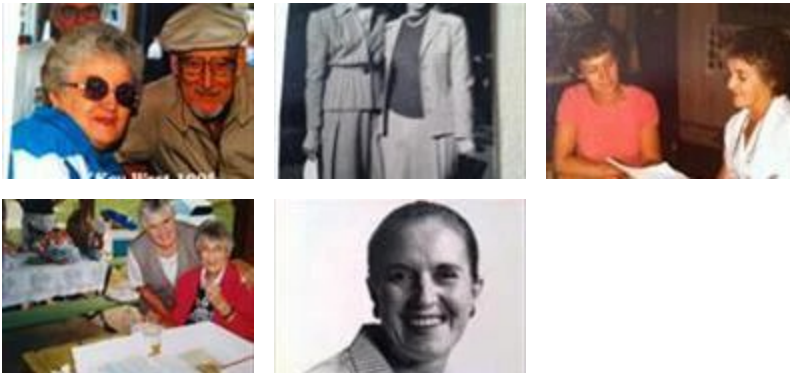
PP

“ My heart, thoughts and prayers for Rosemary as God welcomes her, and all who have loved her, that each will feel God's light and love holding them as they give her to God.  
*Pam Powers*

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**Pamela S. Powers** - September 06, 2012 at 07:05 AM

PB

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



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**Peter Egan Bridgeman** - September 06, 2012 at 06:02 AM

DB

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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Daniel Bridgeman - September 05, 2012 at 11:16 PM

DB

“ 4 files added to the album Beautiful Lady



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Daniel Bridgeman - September 05, 2012 at 10:58 PM



“ 7 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Juli Ricksecker** - September 05, 2012 at 08:19 PM

MB

*Juli - thanks for posting these!*

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**mary beach** - September 05, 2012 at 09:51 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *She loved to laugh*



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**Juli Ricksecker** - September 05, 2012 at 08:17 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *Beautiful Lady*



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**Juli Ricksecker** - September 05, 2012 at 07:58 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *Beautiful Lady*



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**Mary Beach** - September 05, 2012 at 03:41 PM

PB

“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Peter Egan Bridgeman** - September 05, 2012 at 02:30 PM



“ *What a beautiful obituary for a beautiful lady! Sending peace and family warmth to you guys.*

*Marcy Pampena Bates*

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**marcy bates** - September 05, 2012 at 12:35 PM

SW

“ *We are very sorry to hear about your loss. We are thinking of you and the entire Bridgeman family.*

*Love,  
Sara, Jon and the girls*

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**Sara Ambs Weinhold** - September 05, 2012 at 12:29 PM

PB

“ 6 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Peter Egan Bridgeman** - September 05, 2012 at 11:59 AM