



Natalie Jean Peterson

March 26, 1940 - May 21, 2026

Natalie Jean Peterson, 86, of Summerville, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 21, 2026. Born on March 26, 1940, in Framingham, Massachusetts, she was the beloved daughter of the late Howard Peterson and Hazel Peterson.

Natalie grew up in Framingham, MA, and moved around the Boston area with her mother before later attending Goddard College, where she earned a B.A. She married the love of her life, John A. Dressel, III, and they spent 34 years together! Natalie found joy in reading, listening to classical music, and most of all, helping other people. She took great pride in her career as a human resource director for hospitals and universities around the Boston and Cambridge, MA area. She was known to always put others before herself, which was one of the reasons she was so successful in her career choice. She will be remembered for her warm smile, infectious personality, and the way she made everyone feel valued and welcome.

She is survived by her loving husband, John A. Dressel III, of Summerville, SC; her son, Mark Ombrello (Rie), and their son, Tino Ombrello, all of Hawaii; her stepson, John A. Dressel IV (Nicole), and his son, Nathan Dressel, their son, Mark, and their daughter, Riley of Massachusetts; her stepdaughter, Catherine Dressel, and her sons, Alan Greenberg and Steven Greenberg, all of Massachusetts; another stepdaughter, Jennifer Thompson (Brad), their

sons, Sam Thompson and Lucas Thompson, and their daughter, Emalyne Thompson of South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her loving daughter, Deborah Ombrello; as well as her parents.

Inurnment will be held at Mepkin Abbey Cemetery in Moncks Corner, SC at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear John, Please accept my condolences. Natalie was my professional mentor and dearest friend for many years. I think of her fondly often. May she rest in peace after a life well lived. Sincerely,
Joanne Parsons

Joanne Parsons - May 31 at 06:32 PM

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“ Natalie was the first person I met in our neighborhood in 2007. All of us were from different areas of the United States and it was wonderful that we all got together and became such good neighbors and friends. my heart felt sympathy to John and Family. She truly was a lady of mini virtues.

Cynthia McLaughlin Tsakanikas - May 27 at 06:12 PM

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“ John and family, my thoughts and prayers to you all. My memories in SC are so wonderful and all of us together, so special, whether at trivia or each others homes - wonderful times. Prayers you can hold those memories in your heart - Ginny Anderson, Boston, Ma

Ginny Anderson - May 25 at 09:19 PM