



## Virginia Bradley, RN

December 17, 2021

Bradley, Virginia, RN, 80, North Providence, RI, “Vee”, as she was known to many who loved her, gently passed away on Friday December 17, 2021. Proudly Pawtucket, she was born, raised, and lived most of her life there, moving to North Providence just a few years ago. She graduated from Pawtucket West in 1959, then from Rhode Island Hospital School of Nursing in 1962, where she had forged life long friendships with fellow nurses.

For most of her 50+ year career she nursed in OBGYN private practices, and for over 25 with her dear friend and professional pal, Dr. Howard Hall, where she was beloved by her patients young and old. Plain speaking and to the point, but compassionate and kind with a wicked sense of humor, you always knew she cared. She loved nursing and her patients so very much that she continued to work part time until she was 73.

Vee also loved spending time with her family, cooking for them, and creating a beautiful home. She had delightfully eclectic taste in decoration with that spicy humor tossed in you really never knew just what you might see! Her home was always a treat to explore with treasures in every corner, always beautifully appointed it brought her joy to share it with others.

Vee leaves behind her sister, Carol Blanchard of Bradenton FL, two daughters, Gretchen Doyle Proulx with husband Dale Proulx of Cranston RI

and Jennifer Doyle D'Ordine with husband Michael D'Ordine of North Providence RI; three grandsons, Ethan Proulx, Jake Proulx, and MJ D'Ordine all of whom will miss her greatly.

A graveside service will be held Monday May 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Johnston. Luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to the Episcopal Conference Center, 872 Reservoir Road, Pascoag, RI 02859

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Park Cemetery

Rhode Island Avenue  
Johnston, RI 02919

# Previous Events

## Committal Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DP

“ Vee was always kind to me, and as I grew older, I loved her humor and stories even more. My mom and her mom were best friends when they were young, and they kept in touch even when they were ninety. What shows Vee’s kindness and tremendous heart is that she also kept in touch with my mom all along, sharing stories and pictures of her grandchildren to my mother’s delight, and maintained that contact right up to my mother’s passing in 2018. Vee regularly called my mother (also named Vee) to check on her health and to hear what she was doing. My mother loved those phone calls so much. Vee, with her lively spirit and kind heart, repeatedly made my mother feel wonderful. For that, I am forever appreciative and grateful. Vee’s example of being genuine and kind is a good role to follow. My heartfelt condolences to her children and grandchildren and other family members.

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**Deb (Trescott) Pinkham** - April 25, 2022 at 08:53 PM

KG

“ Vee was a great friend. Good times at Frank's Restaurant of old. Kept in touch with my late brother John. My sympathy to Gretchen and Jen.

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**Kevin Gibson** - April 25, 2022 at 08:47 PM

MM

“ Grosvenor Ave was a second home for me growing up. I was always welcome and there was always something good to eat. My favorite was Mrs Doyle’s (sorry was never comfortable calling her Vee) chocolate cake with buttercream frosting. I have so many good memories of spending time at my second home. My heart was broken when I heard the news last month and I felt compelled to write this today. She will always be in my heart. Love and hugs to Gretchen, Jen and their families. Hope to see you in May.

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**Martha Belt Murphy** - February 26, 2022 at 06:29 PM

MN

“ Jen, Gretchen, family and M,  
Vee was a nurse's nurse, that we all know, she made other nurse's better knowing and working with her. Your mom's wit, humor, and style was one that few have, and I shall never look at a hand the same again! I am truly sorry for your loss of this remarkable woman. Time, distance, covid won out sadly, and our hearts are heavy loosing her. No one will replace a woman like Vee she leaves a void where her laughter at the things in life that would make others stop was a gift. I will miss talking about gardens, hydrangeas, crops and sending photos of our back yards to each other. Her friendship changed my life in so many ways, and she was a delight to our boys. Your mom will be missed by our family, as she was loved by us, truly.  
I am so very sorry for your loss.  
The Newells.

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**Marianne Newell** - January 18, 2022 at 06:21 PM

SM

“ Jen & Gretchen: I'm so heartbroken to read of your Mom's passing. She will always remain loved and cherished in my heart. My 10 years of being by her side at Dr.Hall's office were so much fun and I truly believe she was the best nurse this earth ever had.Sending prayers of comfort and strength to you all.  
Sheryl Pitas Mongeau

Sheryl Pitas Mongeau - January 08, 2022 at 09:02 AM

GV

“ Virginia was my true friend she always took time to listen and was very honest with me I won't say I'm gonna miss because she always in .y thoughts and my heart I got good .memories her big smile that she had will always made .my day my prayers to the famaly

Gerardo vega - January 07, 2022 at 09:04 PM

JS

“ Your mother was a terrific nurse and when I was pregnant ( 38 years ago!!), she was a wonderful, reassuring presence in Dr Hall's office. A great sense of humor...RIP, Vee!

Jane Sharfstein - January 07, 2022 at 04:08 PM

MD

It's hard to believe Vee won't be sending a funny email, leaving a checking-in voicemail or sending a Christmas Card in her one of a kind handwriting. I loved her. All of the Hall kids loved her. We love how much love and respect our father and Vee had for each other. What a team! She will always be close by in my heart. I hope that Howard was waiting for her with drink in hand and a full pack of cigs!

Margaret Donabed - January 07, 2022 at 05:28 PM

BS

*Vee...❤️ She was a wonderful connection to my Grandma and my Aunt Dot, our family history and a prominent member of the long line of strong women that we come from Gretchen. I look forward to celebrating her life along side you cousin ❤️ My deepest condolences*

**Beth Silvia** - January 07, 2022 at 06:39 PM

NL

*All the good ones sneak out before they start to. Fall apart leaving the rest of us to slowly crumble. You will be missed Vee your one of a kind...meet you in the nurses section of heaven, That's is where we are going?? Right????*

**nola lasalle** - January 07, 2022 at 08:48 PM

JT

*Dear Jen, I will never forget the first time I met Vee ...I can still see her sitting in my styling chair next to the window on East Avenue. It was only a few minutes into the appointment when it was abundantly clear to me that hiring her daughter was no mistake. She was a woman who was to the point, strong and determined. She raised her daughter the same way. Her kind smile will be missed by many. I'm guessing she's sharing some good stories with Elsie up there..... Love you Jen....wishing you peace xo*

**JOYCE TRAINI** - January 07, 2022 at 09:22 PM

WS

*Growing up in the 50's and 60's as Vee's younger cousin, I always looked forward to her family's summer trip to the beach in Maine where I lived. Vee was the cool, irreverent, gorgeous young woman all the guys were wild about. I must admit, I was a little wild about her too. Ultimately, we went our separate ways for a few years only to reconnect later in life. I'll always be thankful we did. Vee, we'll miss you.*

*Your Cousin,  
Bill*

**William Sullivan** - January 09, 2022 at 09:56 AM

FA

*Vee and I go way back to Jenks Jr. HS and Pawtucket West Sr.HS. We had a lot of fun as best friends just hanging out. Both Paul and I spent a lot of time together with her in those days. We moved away and lost track for a while but reconnected later on and picked up where we left off. Vee had a certain irreverence and a quirky sense of humor. She loved her family, loved gardening and loved collecting unusual things. She will be greatly missed by all her knew her. Freddie and Paul Anderson*

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**Frederica Anderson** - January 09, 2022 at 10:58 AM

CC

*My nursing school classmate, Vee, was pretty, had a great sense of humor and was gutsy. She pierced my ears in the nurses home sun parlor with a sewing needle and ice cube for numbing, likely between classes. I was her first willing participant but I believe there were a few more takers after me.*

*With heartfelt sympathy to Gretchen and Jennifer.*

*Carol Enos Cote*

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**Carol Cote** - January 09, 2022 at 11:14 AM

MB

*So sorry for your loss. Vee and Dr Hall were a great team ! Vee was a great nurse and I always appreciated her care during some difficult times.*

*Mary Baranski*

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**Mary Baranski** - January 10, 2022 at 06:57 PM

GW

*Carol, Gretchen, Jen and family... The stars will certainly be brighter with her smile shining from heaven! What a gal!! So many wonderful memories from RIHSoN '62... when we would meet in later years the laughs would continue as if our friendship were timeless! Please find peace in knowing she will always be remembered in many hearts...  
Gen Hodge White*

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**Gen White** - January 11, 2022 at 04:19 AM