



## Obituary

**Born:** Wednesday, May 23, 1928

**Died:** Sunday, February 24, 2019

Letty P. Russo

Of Malden, formerly of Everett on February 24th, age 90. Daughter of the late Philip and Edith (Long) Russo. Sister of Phillip Russo and the late Anthony P. Russo Sr. Sister-in-law to Brenda Russo and the late Shirley Russo. Loving aunt to Anthony P. Russo Jr and Kari Norton, Kathy Long and her husband Richard, Corey Russo and her husband Jim Eaton. Cherished great aunt of Jessica Long Bradley and her husband Justin, Kristen Long, Jason Long and his wife Julie, AJ Russo and Callie Bolduc. Beloved great-great aunt of Abigail Bradley, Benjamin Bradley, Madelaine Long, Aiden Long and Mikaela Long.

Letty spent her early years in Malden before moving to "the Village" in Everett where she lived for many years before eventually moving back to Malden. She graduated from Salem State College and Boston University, becoming an elementary school teacher and subsequently the principal of the Holmes School in Malden until her retirement. She was also involved in local and state educational politics as a member and chairman of the Everett school committee, the Mass Teachers Association and other organizations, and lent her voice to causes that were helpful in moving forward better working conditions for teachers.

One of her many interests included music, which was a constant throughout her life. She played the clarinet, and until recently was an active member of the Everett High alumni band, as well as an active participant in the New Horizon's Band of Yarmouth and the Barnstable Band. Her love of music was evident in most things she did, whether directing variety shows in her early days, playing in bands, enjoying a local or Broadway musical, or watching her family participate in different musical events. She was also an avid golfer for many years and belonged to The Woman's Golf Association of Mass., the Cape Cod Woman's Golf League (past president), as well as her local clubs on Cape Cod. She enjoyed travelling and over the years was able to visit much of the US. She was very proud of her Italian heritage and was able to visit Italy and see the town where her family came from and meet some of her relatives. She also took many of her family on trips to different places around the country, and enjoyed the educational experience and fun of travel through the eyes of her nieces and nephews.

Letty's family was her pride and joy. She always loved seeing them and hearing about the latest events in their lives. Nothing pleased her more than getting together with her family, playing music with them and enjoying some good

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## Service Summary

### Visitation

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Thu Feb 28, 2019

### Rocco Funeral Home

331 Main St

Everett, MA 02149

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### Funeral Mass

10:00 AM Fri Mar 01, 2019

### St. Anthony Church

Everett, MA

Italian food.

Funeral from the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main Street, Everett on Friday, March 1 at 9 am. Funeral Mass in St. Anthony Church (Everett) at 10 am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting hours are Thursday only, 4 to 7 pm. Interment will be at Forestdale Cemetery, Malden. Complimentary valet parking Thursday at Main Street entrance. In lieu of flowers, donations in Letty's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.