

In Memoriam

When Mrs. Rose (Daley) Murphy first came to Osterville from Brooklyn, New York, she brought along her two small daughters, Eileen and Sheila. It was Mrs. Murphy's annual two-week vacation from her job at the investment firm of Hornblower and Weeks where she worked as a telephone operator for 37 years.

The children were to spend the summer with Mrs. Murphy's sister, Mary, and brother-in-law, Frank Wells, who for many years were employed by the Underwood family of Wino. Summering in Osterville became a pattern for the little girls as they grew, and spending her own holidays with the Wells and her children, Rose Murphy's as well.

The Wells and Murphy families joined forces after Thomas Murphy, Rose's husband, died. Frank and Mary, with no children of their own, acted as surrogate parents.

In 1938 Frank and Mary built their Parker Road home and all the Murphys soon accepted it as their Cape Cod residence as well. Here gathered the young people of the neighborhood. Generous hospitality was the watchword at 233, and laughter and good times were shared equally among the generations summer after summer.

Not until 1965, however, several years after Mr. Wells had died, did Mary Wells and Rose Murphy leave the Borough of Brooklyn for the last time and become year-round Osterville residents. Rose, especially, loved living in Osterville, far from the turmoil of the city in the '60s. She enjoyed the blustery winters with the clean snows blanketing the golf links behind their home as much as the long warm days of summer; she rejoiced in the first signs of spring in March and April and took pleasure in the colorful foliage displays of fall. As long as she was able, Rose walked daily to the village center to bring home the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, a last remaining link with the city of her birth where she had worked until her retirement.

And, especially, did she enjoy, throughout her life, the company of children and young people. Although Rose took only a limited part in village activities, her death on July 7th, 1981, at the age of 87 years, leaves a vacancy in the hearts of all who knew her, for she possessed throughout her life a gracious charm, a delightful sense of humor, and a gentle warmth that made her a favorite among old and young alike. Her daughters, Eileen, who was employed by General Motors until illness forced her early retirement, and Sheila, who now lives in Boston, request that gifts in memory of their mother be made to the Cape Cod Academy Scholarship Fund.

It is fitting that Rose Murphy's love for children should continue to be exercised in helping to provide educational advantages for youngsters who can benefit from the Academy's program.