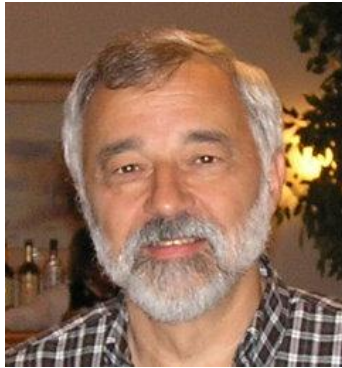


Unum Retirees Newsletter

Summer 2019~thirtieth edition



Words from the Chair by Roger Rioux

If you know of any recent retirees who may not be aware of the organization, let them know about us and how they can join by contacting us through the website: www.unumretirees.org or by contacting Steve Bailey at 846-6648 or sebailey@maine.rr.com.

Unum notifies us once per year about new retirees so we may be missing contact information for recent retirees. We now have 525 members.

We would love to add to the board membership. Please consider attending a meeting or two to see what we do to support the retirees. We have a good time and no one works too hard. There is no commitment if you join us for a meeting. Just let me know that you will attend so we can alert Unum security. rrioux@maine.rr.com.

We had our picnic on June 18 with about 75 members attending. The weather was great. We saw a lot of you and look forward to seeing you at our fall meeting in September. I will be talking about how to reduce your cable bill by streaming TV over the internet. I cut my cable bill to \$65 and I am using YouTube TV for \$50 per month. I cut my overall cost by \$60 per month.

On May 26 we lost a long time friend in Mark Andrews. He lived at Gorham House for the last four years. His beloved wife, Anne, died in December 2015 after being together for over 60 years. Mark and Anne were avid volunteers at their church and they served on the boards of VALUR, Headlighters and Unum Retirees. His presence at Gorham House was appreciated by the residents and staff as he always had a happy greeting for everyone. I miss his great smile and sense of humor.

Summer Picnic at Two Lights State Park

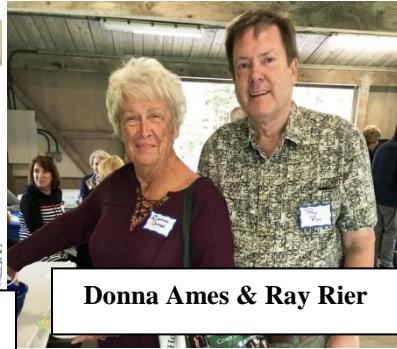
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Donalene & Tom Fox



Beverly Dahms, Kathy Woodbrey, Roger Rioux, Jim Toulouse & Ann Waecker



Donna Ames & Ray Rier



Cindy Levesque & Elaine Regan



Kris Miller, Alice Moisen, Sue Bergess, Mary Sharp & Diane True



Gladys Yankowsky, guest Kathy, Ralph & Sue Olsen



Dick Goulet & Len Darling



Bea Wilson & Fred Stuart



Elaine Regan, Marilyn Finley, Leo Lamoureux & Ellen Murphy



Ernie Ryder, Gary Akovenko, Len Darling & Joanne Ryder



Steve Norton & Dianne Gaudet



Laura & Jim Tyrell & Ann Waecker



Linda Robichaud, Joan Dellatorre & Alice Moisen



Lorraine Cragin & Rick Robichaud



Martha Murphy & Dianne Hannaford



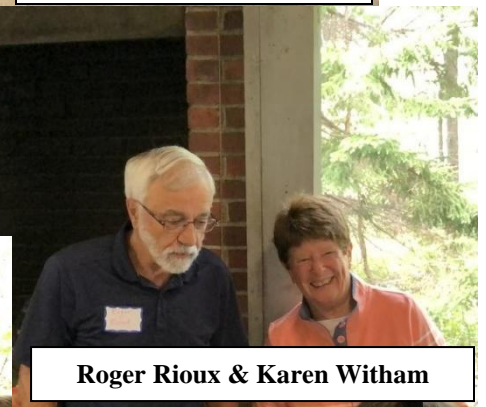
Martha Francoeur, Rosina Piece & Lorraine Cragin



Ted Bernard & Dave Tourangeau



Victor Martel & Leo Lamoureux



Roger Rioux & Karen Witham



Ray Shevenell & Jean Conley



Marilyn Finley, Ellen Murphy, Pam Libby, Anita Lewis & Anne Blanchet



Great food!

From the Editor

Thank you all for your input! It is truly appreciated! **This Newsletter is published for YOU!**

I would still love to hear from you about what type of "news" you would like to read. Your stories don't need to be long.....just a paragraph would do! We would love any pictures that would go along with your story!

I'm looking forward to hearing your input AND receiving articles from you! (rlliby5@maine.rr.com 17 Larchwood Rd., South Portland 04106)

Pam Libby, Editor



Important Dates for 2019

Unum Retiree Members are welcome to attend Board Meetings.

Just let Roger Rioux know beforehand. (207) 671-7906 rrioux@maine.rr.com

2019 Board Meetings and Luncheons:

August 27th Annual meeting invitation mailing and Board meeting

Sept 17th Annual Meeting

October 8th Newsletter mailing and meeting

Unum Blood Drive Schedule for 2019:

Monday, **September 9th** (HO3 7am-1pm)

Tuesday, **December 3rd** (HO3 7am-1pm)

If you are willing to help out with the Unum Blood Drives, please contact Kathy Woodbrey at lifter@fairpoint.net.

For The Love of Gardening

by Sue Hynes



Through gardening, I have been able to combine my hobby with volunteer work. With hundreds of perennials growing around the house, I spend lots of time in the spring cleaning and mulching the gardens. Instead of throwing away unwanted pieces of overgrown plants, I dig them up, split them, and donate them.

Over the past two years, I have donated over 1000 pots of perennials to the American Cancer Society's and the Animal Refuge League's annual plant sales in May. Not only do I enjoy digging in the dirt, but I get satisfaction out of knowing I've helped these organizations raise thousands of dollars.

To quote Audrey Hepburn, "to plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

Here are several pictures of the happy plants around my house.



Following article information was submitted by Stan Small-the article was written by Jessica Gagne at News Center Maine (<https://www.newscentermaine.com/article/sports/one-family-has-had-the-b Bruins-maine-license-plate-since-1971/97-5f4dd5ec-18ce-4315-b498-8ef9123dd94b>)



One family has had the 'Bruins' Maine license plate since 1971

Would you like to have 'Bruins' written on your license plate? Well, you can't! A father and daughter have kept it in their family for almost half a century.

When Jenn Andersen gets behind the wheel, she gets a lot of attention.

"I'll be driving down the road, and someone will yell, 'Go Bruins', and I'll yell 'Yeah!'" It's all because of the license plate on her car that reads 'Bruins'. It's a piece of metal with a long history that begins with Jenn's father.

Stan Small put in his license plate request to the Secretary of State in 1971, and shortly after, his Bruins plates arrived in the mail. For 45 years, the Bruins mega-fan renewed the plate and drove proudly around the Scarborough area. He kept the old versions in his house, even getting a few signed by a hockey legend.

"If you've ever met Bobby Orr, you know how kind and humble a man he still is," says Small. "He went ahead and signed them, and I thanked him for the opportunity to meet him and went on my way."

Small represented the team until it came time to retire in Florida in 2015. But his Bruins plates would not disappear from the Maine roads, or from his family.

"I was right at DMV and it was quick," says Andersen. "I didn't want anyone to take it. The minute he got rid of it, I wanted to make sure I had it."

Andersen became a huge fan, thanks to her Dad. Driving around with is plates is her way of honoring him and the team they both love.

The tradition may not last forever.

"My niece is down in Florida and I don't have any children, so I don't know what would happen to it," says Andersen. "For now, I'm just going to hang on to it."

Andersen will be cruising around southern Maine, making sure her Dad's Maine legacy lives on.

"It's not going anywhere as long as I'm in Maine."

Nashville & Memphis

By Thomas Bore

Last month my wife and I flew to Nashville for a short 5 day visit.

We toured the city on the Old Time Trolley tour and also visited the Country Music Hall Of Fame, Ryman Auditorium and the Johnny Cash Museum. Really enjoyed the places we visited and Honky Tonk Row they call it. I still prefer Bourbon Street. Couldn't have asked for better weather on our trip.

We also took a 15 hour day trip to Memphis and visited Graceland, Sun Records Recording Studio and Beale Street.

Graceland was smaller than I imagined but I could finally cross it off my bucket list. Toured the house along with the planes, cars and bikes. It is really built up a lot now and takes several hours to see everything. The Sun Records Studio had lots if history there in a very small building. It was a great 5 day trip and recommend visiting Nashville for those that have never been there.



A note from Barbara Coyne

Years ago I was working late at UNUM and was ready to leave the parking lot.

A truck came in to remove and dispose of sensitive/confidential documents. As the truck left the parking lot, it took a sharp turn and a couple of the trash containers fell off the truck and were left in the UNUM parking lot where the papers were blown all around.

Aye, Off To The Highlands *by Phil Sargent*



Early last October Cindy and I spent nine days touring the Scottish Highlands. It is a majestic land with more ups, downs, curves and hairpins than you can imagine. Kind of like driving a Formula I Race Course with on-coming traffic.

We flew into Glasgow and drove to Edinburgh where we spent a day and a half. It is a wonderful walkable city and sites not to be missed are the Royal Yacht Britannia, Carlton Hill, Holyrood Palace (the Queen still spends a couple of weeks a year there), Edinburgh Castle and the Royal Mile that is the road between Holyrood and the Castle.

Then it was off to St. Andrews along the coast and back to central Scotland. The site of the Battle of Culloden (1745) is almost like a visit to Gettysburg or Normandy when you realize the gravity of the battle and the number of Scots killed in a very short time. It ended Scotland's attempt to take over the British Crown. Soon after the Clans were outlawed and most castles were destroyed. We actually stayed in a B&B which was constructed from the rubble of one such castle.

We drove along Loch Ness but no sighting of Nessie. However, Urquhart Castle that dates back to the 1200's was a defensive position against the British. Then off to the Isle of Skye which was breathtaking. Waterfalls, rock cliffs into the Irish Sea, Kilt Rock and Neist Light.

We then followed the coast down to Oban (the Scotch is outstanding), Campbeltown and a drive through Glen Coe. Then back to Inverarry where we spent two nights.

After driving along Loch Lomond, our last night was outside Glasgow with flights back the next day. We stayed in B&B's the entire trip and met some wonderful gracious hosts.

If the opportunity presents itself, be sure to grab it. The land and the people make for an entrancing and memorable experience.



Life after Unum

by *Barbara Foss*

I enjoyed my tenure at Unum for 25 years. Some retiree stories are of travel, good health and enjoying life. Some have not had the best of health. My grandmother always said “If you have your health, you have everything.” A manager at Unum repeatedly said “If you do not enjoy what you do, find something you do enjoy” I believe both are correct.



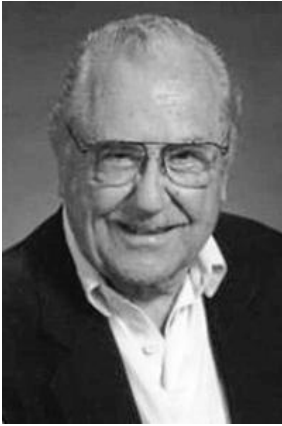
My experience in claims positioned me to perform labor market surveys for variety insurance companies with Vocational Rehab Consultants per diem from home. This is one of the opportunities that came my way after my job elimination in 2009. That occurrence was an extreme jolt and it took time to regroup. Looking for a lateral move and retiring before the 66 mark was challenging. What to do?

In other ways, a jolt enables one to regroup, expand educational opportunities and find any additional passions. In my case, although I was a hypnotherapist while employed, I was able to expand as a practitioner at Saco Healing Arts practicing hypnosis, Reiki, Moxibustion (more effective than acupuncture in many cases using a coal from mug wart), and Kinetic Chain Release, a practice learned from Hugh Gilbert of the UK. It took 40 years for him to devise the sequence that balances one's body, eliminates leg length discrepancies, pain from numerous leg, hip and back conditions and more as well as stress. I love helping people and this protocol is my passion. I also work at Husson, my Alma Marta a few evenings each week as a desk coordinator. Enjoying my grandchildren is also one of my favorite accomplishments as many of you share! Blessings and Good Health!

NOTE: For those who have enrolled health care coverage through “One Exchange”, now called “*VIA Benefits*”, *they can be reached at: (877) 495-7131.*

If you are not enrolled through VIA Benefits, or have an issue that cannot be resolved, you can contact the ***HR Response Team at HRinfo@unum.com or (207) 575-0500.***

Obituaries



Mark R. Andrews, 92, passed away on May 26, 2019, at his residence at The Gorham House. Mark was born on Jan. 18, 1927, in Portland, Maine, the son of Dudley and Emilia (Beaudoin) Andrews. He grew up with his two sisters, Shirley Cain and Pauline Robinson, and attended Portland schools.

Mark served in the Navy during World War II and in 1951, married Anne Salamone Andrews. Their only child, Carol, was born in 1952.

Both Mark and Anne had long careers with UNUM and retired together in 1986. They moved to Lehigh Acres in Florida and enjoyed an active life, traveling the world during the winter months and spending summers on Little Sebago Lake in Maine.

After 15 years, they moved back to Maine to be near family. They volunteered for the South Portland Food Cupboard and UNUM Retirees Group for 12 years. Anne passed away in December of 2015.

Mark is survived by his daughter, Carol Olson of South Portland; granddaughter, Elizabeth Olson Rider and her husband, Sam Rider of Washington; his great-granddaughter, Lilah Rider, and many nieces and nephews.

Friends and family were invited to a time of visitation from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2019, at Jones, Rich and Barnes Funeral Home, 199 Woodford St., Portland. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 9 a.m., on Saturday, June 1, at Holy Cross Church, 124 Cottage Road, in South Portland. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Please visit www.jonesrichandbarnes.com to sign Mark's online guest book.



Marjorie A. Bartlett, 96, passed away on June 5, 2019 at the Maine Veteran's Home in Scarborough.

She was born on June 3, 1923 in Portland to Clarence S. and Helen M. Whitcomb Cressey. Marge graduated from Deering High School in 1941. She then served three years in the women's Coast Guard called The Spars. She worked at Canal Bank before marrying Kenyon S. Bartlett and raising her family; once her children were grown, she went to work at Unum for 10 years and retired from there. Marge loved dancing. She and Ken were members of the Sunset Squares, a dance club for 22 years.

They enjoyed traveling with the club to dances all over New England and Canada. They also enjoyed taking cruises. Marge was an avid reader, always had a book in hand. She loved her family more than anything.

She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, her son, Jeffrey S. Bartlett and her siblings, Eleanor Locke and Clarence Cressey, Jr.

She is survived by her children, Joanne Morton, Sally Flynn and her husband Daniel Flynn, Robert Bartlett and his wife Cheryl Bartlett, daughter-in-law Andrea Bartlett; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were at Hobbs Funeral Home in South Portland on June 10, 2019 with visitation at 10 a.m. followed by a service at 11 a.m. Burial followed the funeral service

We want to give a special thanks to the staff at the Maine Veteran's Home and Compassus for Marge's loving care. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the: Maine Veterans' Home 290 U.S. Route 1 Scarborough, ME 04074 in Marge's memory.



Robert Edward Cash of Portland passed away on January 21, 2019.

Bob was born in South Portland on May 8, 1933, the son of Leonard and Margaret (Feury) Cash. He attended Holy Cross Grammar School and graduated from South Portland High School in 1951. He loved participating in sports and played football and basketball. He was co-captain of the football team.

He then attended Bates College, graduating in 1955 with a degree in history. Right after graduation, he married Jean Campbell, his high school sweetheart. They moved to Hartford, Conn. where he was employed by Connecticut General Life Insurance Company.

He entered the Army in 1955, and worked in the counterintelligence corp, doing background investigations and interviewing people for security clearance. After serving for two years, Bob returned to Maine and was employed by Unionmutual Life Insurance Company (later Unum, now UnumProvident). Bob worked in California for two years, but missed Maine and returned to Unionmutual. One of his most significant achievements while at Unionmutual was instituting Medicare Part B. He earned many certifications for

life insurance underwriting. Bob was a dedicated employee of Unionmutual, and over the years was promoted to Vice President, then President of newly-formed First Unum New York, until retiring from UnumProvident.

Bob had a lifelong passion for literature and poetry, always finding time to relax with a volume of poetry or Shakespeare. After retirement, Bob continued learning at the Seniors College at USM, first taking courses in Italian and then teaching several classes on New England poets, in particular Emily Dickinson, and three courses on Dante's Inferno at OLLI.

Among Bob's greatest passions were birding and protecting the environment. He served as President of the York County Audubon Society and was on the board of the Maine Audubon Society. He volunteered for the Nature Conservancy and the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust for many years. He loved early morning birding walks in the Maine woods, marshes, and coastline, and led many birding walks, mostly in Cape Elizabeth. His other interests included going to camp and canoeing and boating and enjoying the lake with his family and dog, Spot.

Bob was predeceased by his parents; his brothers Eugene and Philip, a sister Joanna Morrill, and half-sister Mary Giggey.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jean; a sister Lenora Kierstead and her husband Jim of North Hampton, NH, sister-in-law Louise Cash of Marlboro, Mass.; his children, Paul Cash of Torrington, Conn., Caroline Bracci and her husband Michael of South Windsor, Conn., and Jennifer Cash of South Portland; grandchildren, Michelle Bracci and Matthew Bracci; and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends called from 4-7 p.m. on January 24, 2019, at Jones, Rich and Barnes Funeral Home, 199 Woodford St., Portland, ME 04103. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Friday, January 25, 2019, at 11 a.m. at St. Pius X Church 492 Ocean Ave, Portland, ME 04103. Immediately following Mass, there will be a reception at the Atrium at The Cedars, 640 Ocean Ave. Portland. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019, at 12 p.m.

In lieu of flowers a contribution may be made in Bob's name to: Maine Audubon Society



Patricia Cook, 82, died peacefully on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Maine Medical Center, surrounded by family. She was a longtime resident of South Portland. She was born to Albert E. and Helen E. Gorman and grew up in the Oakdale neighborhood in Portland. She attended Oakdale School, Nathan Clifford School, Lincoln Jr and graduated from Deering High School in 1954. She married Francis Russell Cook in 1955.

Patricia worked at Zayre Discount store Brighton Ave, Portland for many years in the payroll office and later the credit office. She then worked many years at UNUM during which time she attended Husson College and graduated in 1981.

Patricia dedicated her life to her children and grandchildren. She was a Girl Scout leader for all three daughters and Cub Scout leader for her son, a frequent volunteer at Redbank PTA and the school library. Pat could be found frequently at sporting events, dance recitals and school recitals cheering on children or grandchildren. After her retirement Pat spent a great deal of time caring for several of her grandchildren.

Patricia was a longtime member of St John the Evangelist, South Portland and an active member of the St John Women's Counsel. She was an active member of various women's bowling leagues at

The Big 20 for more than 50 years. Pat also loved to garden, knit, sew and do crafts. She loved to read and almost always had a book tucked in her bag. Pat was a Red Hat Lady for many years. She was also an avid patron of local theater. She could often be seen at Lyric Theater, Portland Players and Good Theater enjoying a show with her friends.

She was predeceased by her parents and her husband of 51 years. She is survived by her daughters Lynn Shryock and husband Bob of Scarborough, Cheryl Mardin and husband Tim of New Castle, NH, Joanne Damicis and husband Jim of Scarborough; and son Dana Cook and wife Beth of Deerfield, NH. She is also survived by Sister Joan Pask of Richardson, TX and sister-in-law Betty Cook of Standish. She will be missed by her 11 grandchildren Kate(Pete) of Gorham, John(Casey) of Denver, CO, Katie(Ryan) of Dover, NH, Stephen(Huong) of Seattle, WA, Andrea(Brandon) of Topsham, Patrick of Canoga Park, CA, Julia(Pat) of Greenland, NH, Ben of North Brunswick, NJ, Adrienne of Columbus, OH, and Sean and Amanda of Deerfield, NH. She will also be missed by great-grandchildren Sam and Allison of Gorham, Everett of Dover, NH, and Tessa of Topsham.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 150 Black Point Road, Scarborough, ME at 11:00am followed by a reception in the Concannon Hall. Relatives and friends were invited to visit with the family from 10AM until the time of Service, and also during the reception. A private burial was held in Calvary Cemetery, Broadway, South Portland. Arrangement were under the direction of the Conroy-Tully Walker Funeral Home of South Portland. To view Patricia's memorial page, or to share an online condolence, please visit www.ConroyTullyWalker.com

In lieu of flowers memorial donation can be made to: Camp No Limits, 265 Centre Road, Wales, Me, 04280 or nolimitsfoundation.org

Camp No Limits is a non-profit which provides camps for children with limb loss and their families with a focus on education, mentorship, and peer support.



Brian John Davis, 73, died Saturday, June 22, 2019 from complications of Alzheimer's. Brian was born at Mercy Hospital in Portland on July 15, 1945, the son of the late Marion Gertrude Timmins and John Joseph Davis. He graduated from Cheverus High School in 1963 and attended college at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia, Canada and later at the University of Maine in Portland. Brian met his future wife, Gail Webb on a blind date on July 10, 1968 and on Aug. 2, 2019 will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were blessed with a son, Jason Matthew Davis on Nov. 28, 1975. Brian grew up in Portland on Munjoy Hill and had many fond memories of playing near his home at the East End Beach with his brother, Joe. They often organized neighborhood basketball games at "Davis Gardens" at his home on Congress St. Shortly after meeting Gail, Brian was drafted to serve his country as an infantry soldier with the First Air Cavalry in Vietnam. He served approximately nine months when he suffered a 'Million Dollar Wound' on Christmas Eve 1968. He spent Christmas day in a hospital in clean, white sheets and pretty nurses...as prophesized in a dream a month earlier. Brian was

awarded a [Purple Heart](#) and a [Bronze Star](#) with Valor. Brian was a good man. His family and home was his sanctuary. He was unassuming, never wanting to be the center of attention, never wanted to impose. Brian was a news-a-holic, an avid listener to conservative talk radio and loved to debate. He was intelligent and fair minded. He was fascinated by computers and new gadgets...always the first to buy the latest technology at top dollar, much to the amusement of family and friends. He was a crossword puzzle fanatic, often timing himself and writing the answers in ink. He loved Boston sports...especially the Red Sox and Patriots. He even helped coach Jason's youth baseball and football teams. Brian's last day at home was the Sunday that the much beloved Tom Brady won his unprecedented sixth Super Bowl.

Brian worked at Union Mutual Life Insurance Company (UNUM) for 29 years before taking early retirement. Much to the surprise of family and friends, Brian and Gail started a new adventure and moved to Columbia, S.C. in 1999. Brian immediately went to work for Blue Cross Blue Shield as a project leader, retiring at the age of 69 in August 2014.

Although he rarely spoke of his love and feelings, he expressed both with actions instead of words with his wife, son, daughter-in-law, granddaughters, family and friends, his country and his God.

Brian is survived by his loving wife, Gail; son, Jason Matthew and his wife, Laurie Jordan; granddaughters, Ella Marie and Avery Grace of Indian Land, S.C. Brian is also survived by his siblings: his brother, Robert Shane and his wife, Jeannie Treat of Grand Island, N.Y., brother, Lawrence Patrick and his wife, Linda Blaisdell of Portland, sister, Marie Elizabeth Davis and her husband, Michael John Sweatt of Portland; eight nieces and nephews; and

seven great-nieces and great-nephews. Surviving Davis cousins include Anne Davis Griffin, Barbara Flaherty Connelly, Steve Timmons and Johnny Timmons. In addition to his parents, Brian was predeceased by his brother, Joseph Daniel Davis and sister-in-law, Jacquelyn McCurdy.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Daybreak Caregivers, Care Patrol, Brookdale of Columbia and Tidewater Hospice for their loving and caring environment for Brian's last days.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 28, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3600 Devine Street, Columbia, S.C., with a reception to follow. A graveside ceremony was held at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Saco, to be announced at a later date. Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is assisting the family.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.dunbarfunerals.com.

We will not be holding a wake, so in lieu of flowers please donate to [your favorite charity](#).



Dale J. Denno passed away from the effects of lung cancer on the evening of Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at his home.

Born on May 1, 1950, Dale grew up in California and New York State. He graduated magna cum laude from Syracuse University. It was there that he met his future wife, Diane Dahlke. They lived in Freeville, N.Y., while Dale attended Cornell Law School, from which he received his Juris Doctorate degree. After law school they moved to Connecticut, where Dale worked in a private law firm and then at Cigna. While vacationing in Maine, Dale decided that this was the place he truly wanted to live and work. He applied to UNUM in Portland where he became a vice president and associate general counsel. Later he worked at SPX Communications Technology in Raymond, Maine, as Director of Contracts. From 2002-2006 he was an assistant attorney general for the state of Maine. Eventually he became director of the Office of Family Independence for the Maine Department of Human Services.

When Dale retired in 2013 he found his passion for politics. Twice he won the Maine House seat for District 45. He was active in the Cumberland community throughout his residence there serving on the MSAD 51 School Board, the town Aging in Place Committee, the Cumberland Democratic Committee, and was a member of the Lions Club. During his retirement he was also an adjunct professor of business law at St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine, and volunteered as an English teacher at Learning Works in Portland. Throughout his life he loved learning new things, particularly keeping up with the French language. His ability to retain all sorts of knowledge was displayed when he appeared on the television show, "Jeopardy".

Besides his wife, Diane Dahlke, Dale leaves behind his son, Jesse Denno of New York City, his son, Evan Denno of Augusta, Maine, Evan's wife, Kunsang Dolma and their two children, Tenzin Yangchen and Tenzin Yangzom. He was predeceased by his brother, Michael, but is survived by his sisters, Judy Burr and her husband, Tom; Nancy Denault-Weiss and her husband, Joe; brothers, Wayne; Adrian "Bud" and his wife, Lani; Jeff and his wife, Betty; Jerry Brown Denno and his wife, Beverly and a sister-in-law, Terry Denno.

One always knew when Dale was in the room. He had an infectious laugh, a commanding voice and an outgoing personality. His intellect was sharp and his wit legendary.

A memorial service was held at 1:30 p.m., on Saturday, April 27, at The Cumberland Congregational Church. Following the service there was a reception in the church Parish Hall. Online condolences may be sent to www.funeralalternatives.net. Donations in Dale's memory can be made to: The Homeless Animal Rescue Team of Maine (hartofmaine.org).



Albert "Bert" Murch passed away in his home with his family at his side. Bert was born March 8, 1922, at the family home in South Casco, Maine to Clyde and Edna (Ames) Murch.

The oldest of four children growing up, Bert worked hard on his family's chicken farm and in the summer the family gardens. He used to guide fishermen on Sebago Lake by rowing them while they fished, worked in the local lumber mill, and raked rocks on town roads.

Bert attended South Casco Grammar School, a one room schoolhouse where he

maintained an "A" average. After graduating from grammar school he attended Fryeburg Academy in Fryeburg. He maintained his "A" average in addition to excelling in baseball, basketball and football. At graduation he received both the top academic and athletic awards.

After graduating from Fryeburg Academy he attended the University of Maine in Orono. However, because of the war he left to join the Army Infantry later switching to the Army Air Corp. In the Air Corp he flew B 17s and B 29s and while stationed at Maxwell Field in Alabama he met the love of his life, Lela (Betty) Buck, and they were married April 7, 1945. At the end of the war Bert was given the choice of going to Japan or going home. Needless to say he chose to go home and returned to the University of Maine graduating with degrees in both Agricultural engineering and Civil Engineering.

In 1947 he and Betty moved to Presque Isle, built a home, and he went to work for Maine Potato Growers. Bert was then hired by W.D. Mathews and subsequently hired as the Manager of Auburn Tractor Company. While working for Auburn Tractor Company Bert became interested in selling life insurance and became affiliated with Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company where he achieved the Leaders Club. Because of his success he attracted the attention of Jim Longley and joined Jim at Longley Associates in 1961. Once again Bert rose to the top attaining the designation of LUTC, CLU, Lifetime Member of the New England Life Leaders Club, a member of the Union Mutual Leaders Club, a member of the Aetna Leaders Club, a Lifetime Member of the Million Round Table and annual winner of the Client Service Award along with many other industry awards. Bert was President of the Androscoggin Life Underwriters Association as well as President of the State Of Maine Life Underwriters Association.

Bert was active in the community, he was a member of the Lewiston Auburn [Rotary Club](#) and served as President. Rotary International had always been a "men's only" club and Bert holds the distinction of being the first Rotary President world-wide to include women in its membership. Bert served on the Greene School Board for several terms as well as Director and Treasurer of the Sawyer Memorial Foundation for 17 years. Bert coached numerous little league teams and founded a Babe Ruth team. Additionally, he served several terms as President of the Greene Senior Citizens and donated land to the Town of Greene for athletic fields and is now known as "Murch Field". Bert was an election Clerk for the Town of Greene after his retirement.

Bert was an avid outdoorsman enjoying hunting, fishing, camping, snowmobiling, ice fishing and gardening. He was an accomplished fly fisherman and tied his own flies, there are few bodies of water in Maine that he had not tried fishing. There are many with firsthand experience that could attest that Bert could catch fish where there weren't any. He had fished Alaska to Maine to above the Arctic circle with great success. An avid hunter Bert got a moose at age 80 and a deer the year before last as well as went out hunting four times this past season.

Bert loved his home where he enjoyed gardening, his fruit trees and flowers and watching the deer. When asked to travel he would always answer everything I need or want is here.

Most of all Bert was known as an absolutely devoted family man; devoted husband, he and Betty were married 73 years, still held hands and were recently overheard saying that they loved each other more now than when they met; devoted father; grandfather; great-grandfather and devoted friend.

Bert is survived by his wife Lela "Betty" Murch; his son Robert and his wife Debra Murch, his daughter Betsy and her husband Craig Walker; his sister Mary Sawyer; grandson Daniel and his wife Christina Murch, grandson Robert Murch and his husband Gary, grandson Spencer Murch, grandson Benjamin [Smith](#), stepgrandson Kelly and his wife Bekka Madore, step granddaughter Jennifer Madore, stepgrandson Cory Madore and his partner Nicole Smith; great grandchildren Nathan Murch, Sienna Murch, Jacob Murch, Jenna Murch, Zora Smith and Simon Smith, as well as step great-grandchildren Jeremy Madore and Aiden Torres and Temperance Madore; along with many nieces and nephews.

Bert was predeceased by his father Clyde S. Murch, mother Edna A. Murch; brother Robert L. Murch and his sister Beverly M. Hall.

Visiting hours were held at the West Auburn Congregational Church, February 1, 2019, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. February 2, 2019, at the West Auburn Congregational Church, 811 West Auburn Rd., Auburn, Maine.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the: Julia Adams Morse Memorial Library 105 Main St. Greene, ME 04236



Marjorie "Marge" Ann Phinney, 71., passed away peacefully on June 6, 2019, surrounded by family members. Marge was born in Providence, R.I. on Dec. 10, 1947. She was the daughter of John Howard and Rose Marion (Williamson) Weeks.

After graduating from Sanford High School she attended Gorham State Teachers College, and, after various careers, she went on to work as a disability specialist at Unum until she retired after 30+ years.

Marge loved her family and especially loved watching her grandchildren in their various activities. She never missed a dance recital or baseball game. She loved her pets Nola, Maggie and Jala. She was an avid sports enthusiast, especially when it came to tennis or her beloved Dallas Cowboys and Atlanta Braves. Marge loved going to the ocean with her brother and sister-in-law, and visiting Lord's Restaurant for their seafood and coconut cream pie.

Marge is predeceased by her parents.

She is survived by her brother Jack and his wife Deborah (Mueller) Weeks of West Norriton, Pa.; her children Timothy and his wife Kelly (Kooyenga) Phinney of Gray, Kelsey and his wife Deb Stanton of Steep Falls; grandchildren Nicholas, Abigail, Cameron, Annabel and Zoie; nephews Christopher and Brian Weeks, and niece Kathleen (Weeks) Gosa and their families.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, July 6, at 11:00 a.m., at Highland Cemetery Annex, Rt. 5 in Limerick. A celebration of life to follow.

Online condolences can be submitted at Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service website, www.mainefuneral.com.

The family would like to thank The Inn at Village Square and the Gosnell House for the care she received during her time there. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: The Inn at Village Square



Kathleen 'Kat' Ann Riseman, 71, passed away suddenly on February 5, 2019, at Maine Medical Center. Daughter to Catherine (Delvo) and John J. Lucy, she was born in New Rockford, N.D., on June 16, 1947.

Kat's creativity, adventuresome spirit, and seemingly bottomless generosity afforded her an abundance of life experiences with a wide circle of friends and family. She grew up in Fargo, N.D., and pursued higher education at NDSU. On summer break, Kat followed the 'Call of the West' to Colorado for a summer job working at a dude ranch - an experience that forever instilled in her a love of Western landscapes and culture. Yet, it was the East Coast that beckoned her to move, leaving Fargo for Boston in the early '70s. This stepping stone paved her way to southern Maine where she resided for the past 40 years. Kat was successful in her careers as co-owner of the Village Tie-up in Harrison, marketing and resource director for UNUM, and various regional non-profits, and later, as copy editor at Tyler Tech, from which

she retired in 2013. Laughing, traveling, reading, gardening, spending time with friends, and sailing - a pursuit in which Kat met her second husband, Jim Skinner, were some of her favorite pastimes. Whether it be the holidays or the long summer weekends at the lake, in the kitchen or in the barn, 'Mama' Kat especially loved sharing moments with her children and grandchildren. Kat was happiest when the entire family gathered, and just like every phone call, she never wanted these nights to end. Her spirit lives on in our memories, and her presence will be sorely missed.

In addition to her parents, Kat was preceded in death by her only sibling, Joan (Lucy, Foy) Nelson.

Living loved ones include husband, Jim Skinner; daughters, Alexis (Riseman) Bergman with spouse, Beth (Eisenberg) Bergman, Sasha Riseman; sons, Ben Riseman with spouse, Rebecca (Golden), and Max Riseman with spouse, Mandie (Lasselle); grandchildren, Rex Riseman, Linden and Aliza Riseman, Liam Doherty, Kai Bergman; nieces Jodi (Foy) Buchan and Juli Foy.

Visitors could join the family in honoring Kat on Saturday, February 9, from 1-3 p.m. at Gorham Chapel of Dolby, Blais & Segee, 76 State St. Gorham. A celebration of life open house will begin at the family home after 3 p.m.



Susan Schulz, 69, of Portland, peacefully passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2019. Susan was surrounded by her family and friends after a brave journey with cancer.

Susan was born to the late William Jack and Margaret McKee, Dec. 18, 1949, in New Castle, Pa. Susan graduated from Greenville High School and attended Slippery Rock University. She married Robert Schulz Sr. in 1968, and they lived in Rochester, N.Y., Orlando, Fla. and Kingfield, Maine before Susan settled in Portland in 1995.

Susan created deep roots in the Portland area through her career at Goodwill, Unum and Prudential where she met her best friends and travel companions, Doreen Riordon of Scarborough and Laura Kilmartin of Westbrook.

Susan had a lifelong love for the arts including, music, theater, art work and literature. She was a gifted artist and found inspiration from nature. She was an active member of the community in the Western Mountains of Maine teaching pre-school and becoming a champion for the arts through her position at Mountain Arts. She especially enjoyed her passion for British murder mystery novels and always maintained a youthful spirit

and imagination through her affection with the Harry Potter series.

Susan's most committed activity and source of pride was that of her active role as a grandmother. Always present in their lives and creating special weekend journeys, attending a sporting event or encouraging a fun arts and craft project. She was a beautiful person who embodied compassion, kindness, tolerance and love that was shared in the lives of all that she touched and will be carried on by those she loved.

Susan is survived by three children, Robert Schulz Jr. and his wife Corie Washow of Durham, Maine, Brian Schulz and his wife Kate of North Reading, Mass., and Rebecca Giles and her husband Eric of Baiting Hollow, N.Y. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Keifer, Cooper, Kiernan, Maggie, Asher, Ella and Lucas; and her three siblings, John McKee, Greta Beede, and Anne McKee.

A private celebration will be held in Southern Maine in late spring.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Susan Schulz to support cancer research and patient care at: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute P.O. Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284



Jean M. (Tomasso) Thomas, 83, a longtime resident of Portland, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2019.

Jean was born in West Newton, Mass., on December 19, 1935, a daughter of Anthony and Mary (Marcucci) Tomasso.

She moved to Portland in 1948 and grew up on Cotton Street (Gorham's Corner). She attended Portland schools and graduated from Portland High School in 1954. She was the recipient of the PHS Preti Award acknowledging her athletic and academic achievements.

Jean was employed at Peat Marwick and later at UNUM where she retired. She was a longtime volunteer for the Red Cross and after retiring from UNUM, she volunteered her time there also. Her devoted volunteer work will be greatly missed.

Jean's athleticism continued after high school and through all her life. She participated in more than 25 marathons and belonged to the ski and track club, again volunteering wherever she was needed. The numerous awards she received, certainly signifies a

humbleness and true passion for physical fitness.

Jean enjoyed making candy during the holidays and giving it to family and friends. Her small kitchen turned into a little candy factory. She had a precise system and it worked well, as she produced pounds and pounds of fudge, needhams, peanut butter balls and chocolate covered nuts from that one small kitchen. Every year, her family members waited for her signature bag of goodies although there were never enough peanut butter balls.

Jean's life was full and well lived. Her independence, hard work, self-confidence and purpose lead her to succeed in all areas of her life. There is so much to be proud of.

Jean was predeceased by her parents; a brother, Richard Thomas, a sister, Jacqueline Gallant; niece, Maureen Johnson; and her great-nephew, Evan Gallant.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Katherine Thomas, brother-in-law, Robert Gallant; nephews, Anthony and Joseph Gallant, nieces, Concetta Morse and Jeannie Gallant. She is also survived by ten great-nieces and nephews.

Jean's family would like extend their thanks and gratitude to Judy Caparrito and all the staff at Avita House for the care they gave Jean during the last two years.

There will be no visiting hours.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, at St. Pius X Church, 492 Ocean Ave. Portland. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in South Portland.
Please visit www.jonesrichandbarnes.com to sign Jean's online guest book.
In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Red Cross 2401 Congress St. Portland, ME 04102



Gloria Vincent, 67, of Portland, passed away surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer.

The daughter of Rosemarie and (Vernon) Vincent, Gloria grew up on Munjoy Hill in Portland and was a 1970 graduate of Portland High School. She immediately started her career at UNUM, where she worked for 45 years until her retirement in 2015.

Gloria enjoyed traveling, most recently her retirement trip to Europe. Gloria enjoyed trips to the casino with her sister and friends. She had a love for shopping, was always on the lookout for a good bargain and was notorious for spoiling her nieces and nephews.

Before the passing of her mother, the two were inseparable; often at the lake or beach, spending the day shopping, at the casino or enjoying a play.

In recent years she took great pleasure in spending time with her great niece and nephew, Cambria and Myles; who always put a smile on her face.

Gloria was predeceased by her parents, Rosemarie and Vernon Vincent. She is survived by her sister, Janice Leadbetter and husband, Ed, of Portland; niece, Jessica Wasco and husband, Matthew, of Gorham; nephew, Jason Leadbetter and wife, Hannah, of Windham; and great-niece and nephew, Cambria and Myles Wasco; as well as many close friends.

Visiting hours were held on Friday, April 26, 2019, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at A.T. Hutchins Funeral Home, 660 Brighton Avenue, Portland. A funeral service was held at 12 p.m., at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Brooklawn Memorial Park in Portland.

To view Gloria's guestbook or leave the family an online condolence please visit, www.athutchins.com

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Gloria's name to: New England Cancer Specialists: Tori Lavoie 100 Campus Drive Suite 108 Scarborough, ME 04074



Florence E. Wescott passed away peacefully on May 22 surrounded by family. Her beloved husband of 68 years,

Arthur S. Wescott Jr., predeceased her on Jan. 1, 2019. They met on a blind date at Willard Beach arranged by a friend, and were married on June 2, 1951. They spent many happy years together, raising their family at their home on Mountain Road in Falmouth, enjoying traveling, playing golf, skiing, dancing and spending time with friends and family.

Born in Portland, Florence grew up in a house on Willis Street on Munjoy Hill built by her grandfather. She was proud of her Swedish heritage, collecting Swedish keepsakes and sharing Swedish phrases and songs. She and Arthur were founding members of Viking Village at Sunday River, and she named their ski house "Lille Stuga," which means "little cottage" in Swedish. She lived in the greater Portland area her entire life, except for a few years in Bangor and Springfield Massachusetts where Arthur was transferred for work with the Sherwin Williams Company. They returned to Maine and settled in Falmouth, sharing their house, an antique white cape with flower boxes along the front windows, with their four children and Florence's parents.

They lived in their Mountain Road home for 58 years. But Florence always retained her love and connection to Munjoy Hill and the Eastern Promenade. In her later years, she and Arthur visited daily to watch the waves and changing colors of the ocean, the ferries and barges doing their daily runs to the islands, and the people enjoying the park and neighborhood where she grew up. During her visits, she shared stories of exploring Munjoy Hill with her younger sister, Anna Dexter Wakefield; skiing down the streets during snow storms, sledding on the hills overlooking Casco Bay, walking to school, and walking across the Back Cove mud flats. Anna recalls that Florence was a "chatterbox" growing up, striking up conversations with anybody and everybody as they explored their neighborhood and ran errands.

Florence graduated from Portland High School, completed secretarial school at Northeast Business School in Portland and further advanced her skills with classes in Massachusetts. After high school she worked at Bicknell Photography and Prudential Insurance, where she was recognized for the speed and quality of her shorthand. She left notes around the house in shorthand, but nobody knew what they said except her. After raising their children, she went back to work managing the Unum gift shop before retiring in 1989.

While she enjoyed many hobbies and activities, including league bowling, skiing with friends at Sunday River, and playing canasta with her card group, what she enjoyed most was spending time with family. Her front door was always open, and visitors would usually find her reading the Portland paper, doing the crossword puzzle or cutting out articles to send to family members --while Arthur did projects around the house. She loved family gatherings and conversations, often listening and observing until something peaked her interest, and then she would share her humor and stories with a big smile and a sparkle in her eyes. Family and friends have heartfelt memories of leaving the house after visits and seeing Florence and Arthur standing together and waving goodbye from the front door as they drove off.

Florence is survived by her sister, Anna Dexter Wakefield and family; children: Stephanie Yates, Deborah (David) Jaques, Susan (Michael) Payson; by her daughter-in-law, Diana Horne Wescott, and by grandchildren: Vanessa Yates (Gary) Jensen, Adam Wescott, Nicholas (Ashley) Wescott, Zachary Wescott, Heather Jaques, Christopher (Christa) Jaques, Maxwell Payson and Abigail Payson; great grandchildren: Madeline, Luke and Kylie Jensen; Aubrianna, Mason, Wyatt and Skylar Wescott. Florence was predeceased by her parents, Archie and Eva (Osterlund) Dexter, her husband, Arthur Stephen Wescott, Jr. (January 2019), her son, James Arthur Wescott (May 2018), and her grandson, Jason Yates, [Cpl.USMC](#).

A memorial service was celebrated at the Falmouth Congregational Church at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 2, with a Celebration of Life to immediately follow.

You may offer your condolences or share your memories at www.jonesrichandbarnes.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Florence Wescott Memorial Fund, and mailed to: c/o Susan Payson 50 Thornhurst Road Falmouth ME 04105.

The funds will be donated towards a memorial bench on the Eastern Promenade.



Wende Christine (Poitras) Whitten, 49, of Buxton passed away on Friday, February 8, 2019, after a courageous and brave fight against brain cancer.

Wende was born on January 15, 1970, in San Diego, Calif. She grew up in Westbrook and Gorham and graduated from Gorham High School in 1988. Wende went onto USM and spent most of her career in the insurance industry. Wende was employed by Prudential for over 10 years and previous to that worked at Unum for 12 years. Wende was one of a kind and to know her was to love her.

She had a heart of gold and was giving beyond measure to all those she loved. She loved to laugh and spend time with those she held close. She has many strong friendships that span decades which is a true testament to the beauty she held within. You could always count on her to tell it like it is - she always stayed true to who she was.

She had a love of photography often taking photos of her nieces and nephews, friends, families, and captured nature at its finest. Wende enjoyed going on adventures while four wheeling and spending time at the races. She was creative and loved to scrapbook

making many precious books over the years for family members that will be cherished forever. Wende also loved to cook she was often trying new recipes and made amazing comfort food. She was famously know for her BBQ skills! Wende's two favorite roles in life were being "Mimi" to her beautiful granddaughter Aria and "Auntie Wende" to her nieces and nephews. She has left them with many memories filled with laughter, heartfelt handmade gifts, and hugs that will be held in their hearts forever.

Through her battle Wende graced the path of several amazing doctors, nurses, and medical staff that were truly in awe of her amazing strength, spirit, and personality. One quote from an individual says it well "When you left her room you left with a smile...."

Wende is survived by her husband of 19 years, Peter Whitten; her mother, Jacqueline Verrill and her husband, Arthur, from Limington; her father, Rodolphe Poitras and wife, Cathy, of Buxton. A sister, Kathy Usher and husband, David from Gray; her brothers, Marc Poitras and wife, Roxanne, of Gorham, Brendan Poitras and partner,

Cortney Regan, of Naples. Sister-in-law, Elaina Duquette and husband, Brian, of Scarborough. Mother-in-law, Joan Whitten and stepson, Tim Parker.

Wende was predeceased by her brother, Brad Poitras formerly of Gorham, and her father-in-law, Jack Whitten formerly of Portland.

The family hosted visiting hours on Friday, February 15, from 5-7 p.m., at the Westbrook Chapel of Dolby, Blais & Segee, 35 Church Street, Westbrook. A memorial service followrf on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

To express condolences or to participate in Wende's online tribute please visit www.DolbyBlaisSegee.com

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to support further brain tumor research by sending to: Barbara Bush Children's Hospital 22 Bramhall Street Portland, ME 04102, or Maine Medical Neuro Science Institute 22 Bramhall Street Portland, ME 04102



Dorothy Young, 92, formerly of Cumberland, passed away in the loving hands of Compassus Hospice at Bella Point Freeport on April 3, 2019.

Dottie was born in Portland on December 6, 1926, the daughter of Ralph D. and Laura Luce Brooks.

As a child she enjoyed many summer visits to her grandparent's farm in Mars Hill and the family camp on Sebago Lake. Dottie graduated from Deering High School in 1944. She worked for the then Union Mutual Insurance Company before marrying her high school sweetheart, Bob Young after he returned from the war. She spent the next 20 plus years raising her four children. Summers with the family were spent at Little Sebago Lake in a cottage that Bob built.

Dottie returned to working outside the home at The Foden Company in South Portland where she met several co-workers who would become lifelong friends.

When the family moved from Portland to Cumberland in 1966 she spent many years working for the Cumberland School System in various capacities. She

always loved and empathized with children and loved listening to what the kids had to say at Greely Junior High School.

Starting in the 1980s she and Bob loved spending the summers in a cabin in Chesuncook Village in the northern Maine woods. They loved the wilderness feel and the fact that the cabin was off the grid. There was always additional planning and consideration for the fact that there was no power or plumbing. In the summer there were dozens of folks who stayed the entire season in the village and everyone regularly got together. Access to the cabin was a very long 20 mile trip by boat. In later years she and Bob traveled to camp in a 4 wheel drive truck they named Big Foot along with Sabastian, their four legged canine companion. If an item was overlooked in packing there was no running to the store to replace it.

Dottie and Bob spent many years traveling in their motor home between Maine and Tucson, Ariz. They loved seeing the many sites along the way, especially the Grand Canyon. Several of Dottie's siblings and nieces lived or wintered in Arizona and they would gather for rousing games of Hand and Foot on many nights.

In her widowed years she found joy in the company of her fur baby Baxter. So many times she would say how happy he made her especially since he listened so intently to everything she said.

Dottie was predeceased by her husband Robert M. Young, siblings Ralph (Bud) Brooks, Frank Brooks, Mary Elizabeth (Tissie) Doughty, Robert Brooks; a daughter Lori Young Bailey; and a grandson Wes Bailey.

She is survived by her children Robert (Mac) Young Jr. and his wife Holly, Wendy Young Kane and her husband Larry, Scott Young and his wife Kelley; a brother Edward (Ned) Brooks and his wife Rose Marie (Dolly); six grandchildren; seven great- grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating Dottie's life will be held in the summer, with time and place to be announced.

Expressions of Sympathy may be made in her memory to: Chesuncook Village Church

P. O. Box 368 Greenville, ME 04401 or: Campus Hospice 163 US Route One Scarborough, ME 04074