Unum Retirees Newsletter Summer 2022~thirty-eighth edition



Words from the Chair



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.

Membership:

We have 581 members throughout the country. We have a spreadsheet listing all of our members. We will be sending a copy via email in the next month.

Picnic August 16, 2022

Because of COVID precautions we decided to have our summer meeting outside at Two Lights State Park. There were about sixty retirees and guests in attendance. It was a beautiful day to be outside. Pictures courtesy of Leo Lamoureux are featured below.

Annual Meeting

We will be meeting_Wednesday October 19 (Note the date has changed). We will be back indoors at the Elks Club at 1945 Congress St. I think you will all be able to find the place. There is plenty of parking. The invitation will be sent early in October.

We have been asked to provide contact information for retirees who have questions about benefits. For those who have enrolled in <u>health care</u> coverage through "One Exchange", now called "VIA Benefits", they can be reached at: (877) 495-7131 or https://www.viabenefits.com.

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. They can also answer questions about your pension. All of this information is available on our web site at www.unumretirees.org.

From the Editor

This is my first newsletter as your new editor. I have big shoes to fill as Pam Libby did a wonderful job as our former editor. My appreciation to her and to you! I will do my best to continue her vision.

To those of you that contributed to this edition, thank you so much! As Pam said, this newsletter is for YOU so let's make it what you want. Please contribute by submitting articles and/or ideas to make this the newsletter you want to read. You can reach me at cpascoe@maine.rr.com or 648 Butternut Lane, Scarborough ME 04074. Thank you, Connie Pascoe, Editor

August 2022 Picnic Pictures



Aron Storck, Moe & Linda Cragin, Karen Alling



Barry Daniels, Gary Akovenko, Jennifer & Ron Sturzenburger, Karen Witham



Bruce Theriault, Fred Stuart, Rick Robichaud, Dick Goulet



Servers: Claudette Shepard, Bev Dahms, Kathleen Woodbrey



Dick & Liz Needleman, Tom Waecker, Glenna & Dick Goulet, Ann Waecker



Kathi Foye, Peggy Veroneau, Sandy Utterstrom, Alice Moisen, Bernie Gaines



Sylvia Parks, Bette Robicheaw, Sue Parsons



Rebecca Snoddy, Diane Davison, Gerry Lussier, Kathy Heatley



Nancy Durnam, Brenda Anastaoff



Dale & Linda Grant, Karen Alling



Linda Robichaud

Important Dates for 2022

Unum Retiree Members are welcome to attend Board Meetings. Just let <u>Roger Rioux</u> know beforehand. (207) 671-7906 or <u>rrioux@maine.rr.com</u>

2022 Board Meetings and Events:

- 8/30/22 Newsletter mailing
- 10/4/22 Invitation mailing
- 10/19/22 Annual meeting (Note the date has changed)
- 11/1/22 Newsletter mailing

2022 Unum Blood Drives:

• 11/15/22 - If you are willing to help out with the Unum Blood Drives, please contact Kathy Woodbrey at lifter@fairpoint.net

L.D. 290 – Property Tax Stabilization Program

Have you heard about the new law that went into effect on August 8? The Property Tax Stabilization Program is a State program that allows certain senior-citizen residents to stabilize or freeze property taxes on their permanent home. As long as you qualify and file a timely application **each** year, your tax bill will be frozen at the amount you were billed in the prior tax year.

The law goes into effect on August 8, 2022 and applies to property tax years beginning April 1, 2023.

To be eligible you must meet all of the following:

- at least 65 years old
- a permanent resident of Maine
- have owned a Maine homestead for at least ten years (you do not have to have lived in the same house for ten years; it could be a combination of your current home and prior home/s)
- be eligible for a homestead exemption on the property you are applying for
- apply with the municipality where their homestead is located on or before December 1

Once you have applied and are approved, the next year's property tax will be frozen at the amount you were billed in the previous tax year. You must file a new application **each** year by December 1 in order to maintain that stabilized tax amount. For example, if you apply by December 1, 2022 and qualify, your tax bill for the April 1, 2023 tax year will be the same as the amount billed to you for the April 1, 2022 tax year. As long as you continue to qualify and to file timely annual renewal applications, the amount you are billed each subsequent year will be frozen at the amount billed for the April 1, 2022 tax year.

You can request the application at:

- Maine Revenue Services Property Tax Division P.O. Box 9106 Augusta, ME 04332-9106 Tel: (207) 624-5600 Email: prop.tax@maine.gov, and website www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/property-tax
- https://www.maine.gov/revenue/sites/maine.gov.revenue/files/inline-files/stabilization https://www.maine.gov/revenue/sites/maine.gov.revenue/files/inline-files/stabilization https://www.maine.gov/revenue/sites/maine.gov.revenue/files/inline-files/stabilization https://www.maine.gov.revenue/files/inline-files/stabilization https://www.maine.gov.revenue/files/inline-files/stabilization https://www.maine.gov.revenue/sites/stabilization <a href="https://www.maine.gov.revenue/sites/stabilization-fil
- Your town hall (note not all town halls have the applications yet)

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Tom Bore's Baseball Journey

On Thursday August 4, I flew to Saint Louis from Orlando. Two friends from Maine picked me up at the airport to begin our baseball journey. We saw the Cubs play the Cardinals on Thursday night and the Yankees on Friday night. The Friday game was the best as the Cardinals got a two run double in the eighth to beat the Yankees 4-3. We also visited the Gateway Arch, an old Courthouse, and the Budweiser Factory Tour.

On Saturday we drove to Kansas City stopping first at The Negro Baseball Museum. Saturday evening it was the Red Sox and Royals with KC getting a walk off home run in the ninth to win the game 5-4. On a very hot Sunday afternoon it was time for our last game and the worse game of the trip, as the Red Sox

lost 13-5. It was about 100 degrees at the game. We finished the day with a nice dinner at the Cheesecake Factory. I had a 6 a.m. nonstop flight to Orlando Monday morning and was home by 1 p.m.

I have now visited 37 Major League Baseball parks, while this was my first time in Kansas City. My favorite park is Petco Park in San Diego. The worse is Tropicana Field. Last year we attended the Red Sox games in the new park in Atlanta which is very nice. My next sports trip will be in December when I go to Las Vegas to see the Patriots play the Raiders. I have seven more parks left to visit; not sure which I will get to next year. Time will tell.







Alice's Sister Trip

Alice Mains went on her first sister trip recently. She and her sister went to a small island located in the Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick, Whitehead Island. It took two ferry rides to get to Whitehead. The island covers less than 3 square miles with a population less than 200! There is no Wi-Fi! They enjoyed five days there, enjoying the scenery, relaxing, and of course reminiscing (which is a given on a sister trip!). They were also very successful searching for sea glass! Below are some pictures Alice took.









Get to Know Your Fellow Retirees

This is a new section in our newsletter, to get to know more about your fellow retirees. We are starting in this issue with the bios of our current Board Members, with their answering a few basic questions. For future newsletters I will randomly select members and send the questions in order to include their bio in the next newsletter. I hope you enjoy getting to know each other!

Roger Rioux

I retired March 17, 2000, which is the last date eligible after the merger with The Provident.

I worked at Unum from January 1974 to March 2000, 26 years.

I retired at age 52 and have five children. I found ways to keep busy. I coached Little League and soccer, skied, played tennis and bridge, worked at a summer camp, and edited math textbooks. It was a busy time. I now play bridge and teach and play pickleball. I also help friends and family with their technology.

My wife (53 years) and I moved to Scarborough in 2021 and we have a place in Florida where we spend the winter. We have eight grandchildren ages 3 to 18. Life is good.

Beverly Dahms

I retired on October 1, 1999, after 27 years at Unum.

After retirement I went back as a consultant several times, worked for a collection Attorney and for the U.S. Census in 2000 and 2010. I totally retired in 2010.

I joined the Unum Retiree Board in 2009 as the Volunteer Coordinator to provide assistance to local non-profits with mailings and other tasks. I have always enjoyed reading, knitting, and quilting and was able to become a member of a local quilting group. My retirement also allowed me and my husband to enjoy our camp and attend many activities for our grandchildren. When I retired, I decided I needed to do something constructive every day, as I think back some time it might have been only to cook and cleanup. Every day is a day, and you never know what will happen.

Leo Lamoureux

I retired July 1, 1999, first date of the merger, after 29+ years at Unum.

Life has continued to be great since Unum. I worked in Real Estate with friends for 7-8 years. I then had the privilege of consulting part time with other friends who were starting Professional Disability Associates in Portland and participated in growth and success of that group for 5-6 more years.

Nine years ago, I met Claudette. Along with my family, friends, and her large extended family we have been able to stay in touch, travel frequently, and enjoyed our lives in Maine, Florida and across the country.

In the words of a great philosopher:

"Life's too short to wake up with regrets. So, love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don't and believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said it would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it. "----Dr. Seuss

Kathleen Woodbrey (Kathy)

I retired the last workday of 2012, after working at Unum for 44 years and 3 months.

I am always busy doing something or just relaxing if I prefer. If I don't get things done today, I can always do it tomorrow (if I want).

I do a lot of reading, jigsaw puzzles, gardening, yard work, exercising, Zumba, tap dancing (but gave it up this year) travel and some volunteer work.

My focus is to stay healthy and enjoy life.

Bob Wooten

I was fortunate enough to qualify for the early retirement offer that came with the Provident Merger and retired in March 2000 after working there for 28 years. My wife, Carol Cronkhite, had retired from Unum after 13 years the previous October, so we got to retire at the same time!

Life after retirement has been full of ups and downs!

I initially tried to go back to work and started looking for a job in some form of IT which I had spent my entire career in at Unionmutual/Unum. I soon learned that no-one was looking for an over-fifty systems guy.

After that I started my own small consulting and PC-Repair business with niche customers in the small business environment.

I started refereeing High School, College, Adult, and Youth Travel volleyball.

Having played volleyball for decades, I decided to give back to the sport, so I joined the boards of directors for the Maine State Volleyball Association, and the Maine Association of Volleyball Officials. When not refereeing I would play pick-up volleyball with many of the adult players in the area.

I also worked as a night courier doing special deliveries late at night that other dayworkers would have had to cover and miss some of their regular shift. (I'm a night owl, so they were always shocked when I would answer the phone on the first ring at 3:00 AM).

I have been on the Board of Directors for Unum Retirees as Vice-Chair since its inception and prior to that was the Chair of VALUR (Unum Retirees' predecessor).

I lost my wife to cancer in 2009, and my life changed for the worse drastically. I stumbled through next four years just trying to keep myself together. I was fortunate enough to reconnect with a friend, who had been a fellow 'Unumite,' that I had known for 34 years and fell in love. Jan Barker and I got married in 2018, bought a new house in Scarborough and are having the retirement time of our lives. We now get to travel, have taken up E-Biking (more on that later).

I still play volleyball as much as I can and run a pick-up night at Gorham and one at Cape Elizabeth in season.

I have been a techie and 'geek' all of my life, but no, I cannot fix your VCR.

Linda Robichaud

I retired in 1999 after working at Unum for 30 years.

For the first ten years after leaving Unum, I continued to work, 1 ½ years at The Whip & Spoon in the old Port. Then 7 ½ years with Disability RMS in Portland and Westbrook. My final retirement was in March 2009.

During the first few years of retirement, a couple road trips. Then the grandchildren came along. Now eight and six. We babysat for five years to help keep daycare costs down. They are both in school now, so golf is king! 35-year member of Purpoodock Club. We enjoy lots of great golf there and travels with other members to golf destinations, some close, some far away. The ladies golf group becomes a bowling league in the off-season, which I am the commissioner of. Still bowling after all those years.

We sold our home of 36 years a little over a year ago. Catapulted back to apartment living, which, while quite a change, is proving to be a fun and practical decision.

Ann Waecker

I retired in 1999 with the big Voluntary Retirement Group.

I was at Unum from 1977 to 1999, mostly with Systems and some technical recruiting and also doing Business Process Redesign.

After retirement, I worked part time for LL Bean because I really wanted to see what it was like on the other end of the ordering process. (I was told you would spend more than you earned using the employee discount and they were right! Worth it, though!)

I worked part time for another company recruiting for a couple of years. That was enough.

We have taken some cruises: Alaska, New Zealand, Australia, and a train trip on the Rocky Mountaineer through the Canadian Rockies. Did some sightseeing in Europe, too.

We bought an RV and are using that often. Took it to Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Glacier National Park, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Florida where we see a number of friends who are snowbirds.

I have been volunteering a few hours a week with the Technology Dept at Cape Elizabeth High School since shortly after retiring.

We like to ski, take our boat out on the ocean and lakes. I take an exercise class three times a week.

Love playing and being with the grandkids.

Toughest part about retirement is remembering what day of the week it is!

Stephen (Steve) Bailey

I retired in 2007 after 26 years (From 1965 when it was still Union Mutual until 1987 and then returned in 2005 to 2007).

For me, retirement has been great. When I first retired, I was very concerned about what I would do with my time, especially in the winter. As it turns out most weeks I'm saying "I wish I had more time, I'm just too busy. I have a pretty large extended family and beside spending time with our three children, six grandchildren and one great grandson with a great granddaughter on the way, I'm involved with my siblings as well. Between golf, fishing, lots of reading and some travel I stay busy most of the time.

Bruce Theriault

I retired in 2017, after working at Unum for 33 years.

Retirement is great! We have done some traveling, I volunteer with the Pine Tree Council, Boys Scouts of America and with the Knights of Columbus. I have had more time for woodturning, kayaking, and fishing. My wife, Linda, and I have had more time to help with the grandsons.

Theresa (Terry) Jackson

I retired in 2013 after working at Unum for 41 years.

I have been able to do many things I never had time (or energy!) for before retirement. Not only have I been able to enjoy my many hobbies such as sewing/quilting and genealogy, I have had a couple of PT jobs related to my hobbies. I've enjoyed working in quilt shops and currently work weekends at the Saco Museum. I also volunteer at Common Threads of Maine, a non-profit sewing school located in the Dana Warp Mills. My husband and I are comfortable in the retirement home he built us near the Saco River in Buxton, where we enjoy boating and gardening. Our two sons and five grandchildren are local, so there's always a lot to keep us busy!

Connie Pascoe

I retired in 2017, after working at Unum for only 14 years. (I know...a newbie compared to most of you that have worked at Unum forever.) I was a transplant to Maine after working for a software company in Charleston, South Carolina for 11 years.

I definitely feel busier than before I retired. I volunteer at Red Cross, filling three roles. I do scheduling every Monday, finding volunteers to work at the upcoming blood drives. I work as a Blood Donor Ambassador, two or three blood drives a month. And I am on the Volunteer Advisory Council. I play Mexican Train Dominoes with some retired friends every Tuesday. I play Bingo at our neighborhood community center every Thursday night. I read a lot more now that I am retired, about a book a week. I have started writing; I have had two short stories published in the Portland paper recently. And I have more time for a hobby I started way back in high school, sewing.

Obituaries



PORTLAND – **John Long**, 75, beloved husband of Rita Rubin Long, transcended this plane of existence for another on Saturday morning, July 2, 2022. He slipped away from us quietly; his heart stopped.

John's passions were many, deep and varied. Perhaps at the top of the list was his love of bicycling. Either alone or with his friends in the Portland bicycling community, John rode nearly every day, regardless of weather, with vigor and joy.

His intellectual curiosity knew few if any limits. He read voraciously and thought deeply on the issues he cared about such as the environment and national security in the broadest sense. John always loved a good back and forth in the marketplace of ideas as reflected in his personal library and discussions with friends and family.

John appreciated beauty in all its forms but especially in nature and music. Music from Beethoven to the Stones fed his soul. He loved listening to his wife, Rita, sing with Women in Harmony as well as attending classical music concerts.

His passion for the environment grew from his love of nature in all its rugged and delicate beauty. John and Rita's backyard and garden held the miracle of nature in miniature for John and brought him countless hours of sweat and joy.

He was "Uncle John" to his own nieces, nephews, grandniece and grandnephews as well as many children of friends and neighbors, and was always interested in their adventures, endeavors and dreams.

John wasn't born in Maine but he got here as soon as he could. After early years in the Midwest, high school in Connecticut, college in Boston, Mass., Peace Corps service in India and graduate school in Michigan, John found his sweetheart and home in Portland and never left.

John graduated from Fairfield Prep Academy in 1964, earned a B.A. from Boston College in 1968, and a master's in English from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor in 1973. Between college and graduate school he served in India for two years as a Peace Corps volunteer.

John's varied work life included stints as a teacher, Bookmobile driver, government documents librarian, researcher and financial analyst. In 1974, John moved to Portland and taught courses at Portland Adult Education before beginning work at Portland Public Library where he often drove the Bookmobile. In 1980, while staffing the Bookmobile at Westbrook College Children's Center, John met his future wife, Rita Rubin, a preschool teacher, who regularly brought her class there.

John later worked as the government documents librarian at the Portland Public Library. Following that, John worked for Unum as their corporate librarian and research analyst. Ever the lifelong learner, John delved into the world of finance and ended his professional career at Everspring Wealth: Ameriprise.

In addition to his wife Rita, John is survived by his sisters Marie Gray, Laura Sarcone and Kathleen Long and brothers Tom Long and Jim Long; his nieces and nephews Jennifer Turner, David Long, Nathan Gray and Helena Sarcone; five grandnephews and one grandniece.

A celebration of John's life will be held on Saturday, July 9 at 4 p.m. at their home.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at http://www.jonesrichandbarnes.com for the Long family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to either Maine Medical Center or Portland Public Library.

WESTBROOK – **Donna Lee LeBlanc**, 76, passed away July 13, 2022, after a long bout with lung cancer.

Donna was born in Westbrook on April 18, 1946 to Donald G. and Hilda E. Peterson. She graduated from Westbrook High School, class of 1965. By a chance encounter at his sister's apartment, Gerard knew it was love at first sight and Donna then became Mrs. LeBlanc on July 3, 1969.

Donna worked as a teacher's aide at Prides Corner School in Westbrook for eight years with 2nd graders. She eventually retired from Unum after 18 years as security / receptionist. Donna and Gerard enjoyed traveling to Quebec, Bermuda, Disney, and Niagara Falls. But most of all, loved their many trips over 40 years to North Conway, N.H. during the fall season. She also loved skating, cross country skiing, and shopping. She was loved by many and made everlasting friends.

Donna was predeceased by her parents; and eldest sister, Pat Bernier.

In addition to her loving husband, Gerry, of 53 years, she is survived by her daughters Laurie Paris, and Stacey Cardona and her husband, Bob, son, Allen LeBlanc and his wife, Melissa; sister, Pam Whitten, brother, Donald "Pete" Peterson; grandchildren Zach, Leah, Jordan, Kayla, Sophia, Gabriela, Ciara, Isabela, Katelynn, and Mason; and great-granddaughters Eva, Ellie, and Ada.

Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation, 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, July 21, at the Westbrook Chapel of Dolby, Blais & Segee, 35 Church Street. To express condolences and to participate in Donna's online tribute, please visit http://www.DolbyBlaisSegee.com



CUMBERLAND – **Terena "Terri" Ishihara**, of Cumberland, passed away July 5, 2022 surrounded by her loved ones after a brief fight with pancreatic cancer.

Terena was born on Oct. 14, 1961 to Mervyn and Mary Lou (Holt) Ishihara in Portland and graduated from Deering High School in 1980. She went on to work for Unum for 38 years where she was a Solutions Offering Director.

Terena had a deep passion for family. That passion showed through unwavering love for her children, her attentiveness to her aging parents, and her excitement to share everything with her siblings. In the modern world, even charity can be selfish,

those who knew Terena understood her actions were not for personal gain or good feelings. They were gestures of kindness and generosity that came at no cost, there was no fine print, no scorekeeping, and she never expected anything in return. It is safe to say, Terena gave more than she ever took.

She had a talent for making meaningful connections with people wherever she went. If you are one of those people, know those connections were real. She had a heart big enough for everyone. Terena was active and enjoyed hiking, running, cycling, being out on the ocean with her children, and a casual glass of wine. A collector of experiences and a proponent of appreciating life. She led by example and served as a constant reminder that it was okay to let your hair down and have a little fun.

Terena is survived by her two children, Kealoha and Troy Higgins; two brothers and their wives, David and Leslie Ishihara, and Stephen and Karen Ishihara; her father, Mervyn Ishihara; her sister-in-law, Donna Ishihara; many nieces and nephews; and countless friends.

She was predeceased by her mother, Mary-Lou Ishihara; brother, Kevin Ishihara; and niece, Allyson Ishihara.

A celebration of life will be held in Terena's honor from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, at the Dara Bistro; 371 Tuttle Rd., Cumberland. It is open to the public. Feel free to bring a favorite photo to share on a memory display.

To share a memory of Terri or to leave the family an online condolence, please visit http://www.athutchins.com.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, Terena wished for donations to be made to

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society.



THE VILLAGES, Fla. – **Blanche Wilson** was born in Portland, Maine and was a spirited 103 years old when she passed away in The Villages, Fla. She had been a lifelong resident of Maine, working and retiring from Unum, prior to moving to Florida in her 90's.

Blanche adapted well to change and made new friends easily wherever she lived. She enjoyed bridge, golf, dancing and shopping.

She is loved by many people, especially her nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Blanche was predeceased by her parents, Walter and Ella; her husband, Charles "Bob" Wilson; a longtime dear friend, Clifford Leighton; her sisters, Arlene, Marion, Eleanor, Joan, and a brother, Walter Jr.



SACO – After nearly 79 years of kindness, love, and devotion to her loved ones, **Doris Rita Lafortune** of Saco passed away peacefully at her home on August 5, 2022, with her family at her side.

Doris was born on Shevenell's Court in Biddeford on November 6, 1943, the daughter of Rosaire and Diana (Sicard) Laliberte. She was one of 6 children and was schooled in the St. Joseph's school system, graduating from high school in 1962. She was a favorite neighborhood babysitter during her school years.

She was a woman of deep faith, quiet dignity, and unlimited love for her family and friends.

She was also passionate about continuous learning and constantly improving herself.

Her husband frequently called her his "Butterfly" going through stages of development.

Never one to call attention to herself, she nevertheless left a positive imprint on those she met.

She married Raymond Lafortune of Biddeford on August 14, 1965 in St. Joseph's Church in Biddeford. Her favorite song was You're My Best Friend, sung by Don Williams. This song personified what Doris and her husband meant to each other:

You're my bread when I'm hungry,
You're my shelter from troubled winds
You're my anchor in life's ocean
But most of all you're my best friend
When I need hope and inspiration
You're always strong when I'm tired and weak
I could search this whole world over
You'd still be everything that I need

She was most recently a communicant of Most Holy Trinity Church in Saco.

She carried her high school choir singing talents through life and was at different times a choir member at St Joseph's, Notre Dame, and St Andre's churches. She was also a choir member for Christmas services at Most Holy Trinity Church.

Upon high school graduation, she apprenticed in a local beauty salon. She practiced hair styling for 28 years, with the last 15 years providing a service to the elderly and homebound in the local community. She leant a compassionate ear to her clients. Her fluency in French made her especially welcome in many homes. She was always ready to help friends and family get their children groomed for school or ready for special events in their lives. One could always rely on Doris caring for others.

At age 50, she decided to make a life change, so she enrolled in the Portland Adult Education Program and earned a Secretary Certificate. With those skills, she became an employee of Unum, where she worked in Customer Support for 10 years. Her outstanding work ethic led her to become one of Unum's first tele-workers.

She loved to read books and news articles, driven by her desire to increase her knowledge of the world around her.

She was the matriarch of her family, playing a highly-valued role in the lives of her husband, children, and grandchildren. Her home was the hub for family celebrations, and her cooking talents were many. Christmas was her favorite holiday and she loved to shop for and give gifts to family and friends. She would spend countless hours finding the perfect gifts and cards for each.

Maintaining family traditions was very important to her. She was happiest when her kids and grandkids were at her home for holidays.

When her children and grandchildren left for college, there was no distance too far for her and her husband to drive for a visit.

She followed the extracurricular sport and music activities of her children and then her grandchildren. The last several years, she was a regular in the bleachers of Thornton Academy and the Biddeford Ice

Arena. When her illness led to wheelchair mobility and oxygen tanks, she still attended games. The grandchildren could also always expect a question on how well they were doing in school.

She had many cherished friends, including high school and Unum friends who, until her ill health, she met for get-together dinners.

Doris and her husband enjoyed traveling with their children, always with a purpose to show them a world beyond their home. One of her favorite early family trips was traveling to California and Mexico. She later enjoyed trips to Hawaii, California, Oregon, and many trips to Disney World with her children and grandchildren. Her favorite was a trip to the West Coast, coinciding with her 50th wedding anniversary, accompanied by her husband, children, and grandchildren to Disneyland, and culminating with attendance at a grandchild's baptism in Portland, Oregon.

Her love of travel was not solely with family, as she and her husband went on yearly bus trips with friends to Canada, as well as a memorable trip to Branson, Missouri.

Over the last year, progressing illness immobilized this very active woman. Once again, this Butterfly transitioned to enjoying the freedom of birds, especially hummingbirds and cardinals, from her windows and porch.

Doris was predeceased by her parents; her brothers Raymond of South Portland; Roger of Saco; and sister Joanne of Saco, who she cared for until her passing.

She is survived by her loving husband, Raymond; her son Kevin and his wife Carla of Saco; her daughter Karen and her husband Robert Parenteau of Saco; and her son Keith and his wife Felicite Lamb of Portland, Oregon; and grandchildren Alexander, Rose, Noah, Jacob, Caleb, Calvin, and Elliot; her brother Norman and wife Fran, and sister Connie Wentworth.

Visiting Hours will be from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at Cote Funeral Home Chapel, Saco. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Thursday, August 11, 2022, at St. Joseph Church, Biddeford. Burial will follow in Laurel Hill Cemetery in Saco.

To view Doris' memorial page or leave and online condolence, please visit http://www.cotefuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that people donate to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, http://www.Pulminaryfibrosis.org



NEW GLOUCESTER – **Cliff Andrews** passed away with his loving family by his side on Tuesday Aug. 16 at the age of 75. Cliff was the eldest son of Oscar (deceased) and Mary Andrews.

Cliff was a graduate of Oxford Hills High School class of 1965 where he was an active musician and skier. He attended the University of Maine where he graduated with a degree in Economics and spent the first 30 years of his career with Unum. Not one for sitting still, Cliff opted for a very short stint in retirement before taking on a 10-year role at Planson International in New Gloucester.

During his 46 years in New Gloucester, he was actively involved on the Parks and Recreation, Capital Improvement, Environmental, Cable TV, and Cemetery Committees. A proud accomplishment was being instrumental in the planning and build of the New Gloucester Recreation Land (now Rowe Complex) complete with new tennis courts and ballfields, supporting his passion for facilitating youth athletic facilities and programs.

His greatest joy in life was raising his daughters, selfless acts of kindness, seeing and spending time with his granddaughters, attending auctions and yard sales, golfing, camping, fishing, and puttering constantly on home improvement projects.

Cliff is survived by his wife Tina with whom he celebrated 56 years of marriage in July; his two wonderful daughters, Tami Andrews of Rumford, and Sara Spugnardi and husband, Mike of Scarborough. He was "Papa" to Libby and Edie Spugnardi with whom he shared so much love and affection. He is also survived by his mother, Mary Andrews (South Paris); his sister, Jeanie Brown and husband, Alvin (Rangeley), brother, David Andrews and wife, Judy (Sanford), brother, Tom and wife, Vicky (Casco), sister-in-law, Billie Damon and husband, Harold (South Paris); as well as many kind and generous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Clifford at The Inn at Fogg Farm (adjacent to Spring Meadows golf course Gray) on Wednesday Aug, 31. Doors open at 1 p.m. with an informal ceremony to take place around 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to the New Gloucester Recreation Committee, an organization that Cliff spent many years with coaching his girls' T-ball and softball teams and supporting youth athletics in New Gloucester.

Town of New Gloucester, 385 Intervale Rd., New Gloucester, ME 04260 Attn: Rec Dept Senior Programs

OR Attn: Rec Dept Scholarship Program.