

# We Remember Them

*A collection of memories and photos  
celebrating the lives of those we loved and lost.*

November 2020



*Top Row: Betsey Wilson, Mary Ann Lee, Sumner Hopkins*

*Middle Row: Lois Macy, Sylvia Skinner, Judy Sapers*

*Bottom Row: Leo Hill*

In the rising of the sun and its going down,  
*we remember you.*

In the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter,  
*we remember you.*

In the opening of buds and the rebirth of spring,  
*we remember you.*

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,  
*we remember you.*

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,  
*we remember you.*

When we are weary and in need of strength,  
*we remember you.*

When we are lost and sick at heart,  
*we remember you.*

When we have joys we yearn to share,  
*we remember you.*

So long as we live, you too shall live, for you are a part of us,  
*as we remember you.*

*"We Remember You" by Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer*

# Betsey Wilson

*Resident of Rivercrest | July 8, 2020*

## **From her obituary:**

Elizabeth “Betsey” (Johnson) Wilson, age 76, a retired Registered Nurse and longtime Concord resident, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2020 at Rivercrest Rehab & Nursing Center in Concord, following a brief battle with cancer. For 36 years, she was the wife of the late Stanley E. Wilson, Jr. who died in 2005.



Betsey was born in Concord on August 17, 1943, as the daughter of the late Chandler and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson. During her early years, she happily spent much of her time at Great Brook Farm in Carlisle, which was owned by her uncle. After graduating with the class of 1962 from Concord-Carlisle High School, Betsey completed her nursing education at Shepherd-Gill School in Lowell.

A dedicated Nurse and caretaker, Betsey previously worked at the former Maple Haven Nursing Home in Concord, the infant delivery ward at Emerson Hospital in the 1960's, and Reservoir Nursing Home in Waltham. She was also a familiar face to countless students as a Noon Aide for the Thoreau Elementary School in Concord.

An avid outdoors enthusiast, Betsey enjoyed tending to the beautiful flowers and gardens at her home, bird watching at Great Meadows, and serene nature walks with relatives and friends. She was also a member of First Parish in Concord for many years.

She will be forever missed by three sons, Stanley Wilson, III of Austin, TX, Dan Wilson and his wife Diane of Carlisle, MA, and Russell Wilson of Greenville, NH, three grandchildren, Krista Schofield, James Schofield, and Sophie Wilson, her brother, Don Johnson and his wife Patsy of Clarksville, TN, as well as fourteen nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Lars Wilson.

# Mary Ann Lee

*Resident of Newbury Court & Rivercrest | July 18, 2020*

## **From her obituary:**

Mary Ann (Paganelli) Lee passed away on July 18th, 2020 at Rivercrest in Concord, MA. A longtime resident of Concord, she was the daughter of the late Judge Vitale H. Paganelli and the late Mary (Guarnieri) Paganelli. Her beloved husband, Dr. D. William (Bill) Lee, died in 2012.



Mary Ann was born in Yonkers, New York on April 17, 1932 and grew up in nearby Tuckahoe, where she attended Ursuline Academy for Girls in New Rochelle. She attended Trinity College in Washington, DC, where she majored in English. Here she met her future husband at a Sunday afternoon gin-and-juice party when he was stationed as a Marine officer at Quantico. They were married on July 30, 1955, a year after her graduation. Mary Ann was a loving mother to their six children. Their first two children, both girls, were born when the couple lived in Cambridge while Bill completed his doctorate at MIT. The couple moved to Wilmington, DE, where three boys were born while Bill worked at DuPont. The baby of the family, a boy, was born in Concord, MA when Bill joined Arthur D. Little, Inc.

In addition to being a loving mother, Mary Ann believed in giving back to her community and became involved in many volunteer activities. She and Bill served on the Human Rights Council at the former St. Bernard's Catholic church where they co-founded a tutoring service on Saturdays for children from Emmanuel House in Roxbury. A longtime supporter of the arts in Concord, Mary Ann belonged for many years to the Friends of the Concord Orchestra. She also served as a trustee of the Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund. But her greatest commitment was to her work as a volunteer through Emerson Hospital's Auxiliary, of which she served as president. Because of her longtime service to the Auxiliary, she was eventually named a Corporator of the hospital.

After Bill retired in 1989, they traveled widely in Europe, often with friends or adult children. In the 1990s, they began to spend their winters in Taormina, Sicily, where they made new friends of all ages.

In 1996, Mary Ann and Bill purchased a rambling summer cottage on Great Diamond Island in Casco Bay, Maine. The summer home served as gathering place for their growing family. Here their grandchildren experienced the no-frills freedom of an island summer, surrounded by their loving and caring grandparents, aunts, and uncles. Their love of Maine was such that Mary Ann and Bill moved to Saco in 2003 and



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lived there until declining health led them to return to Concord in 2011, where Mary Ann lived at Newbury Court for several years after Bill's death.

Mary Ann had many gifts: her love of making friends, both at home and abroad; her incredible hospitality; and her abilities as a community leader. Her reputation for hospitality was well-known. Holiday parties at the Lee home often included family friends, visitors to the area, and extended family. There was always a good reason to throw a party, according to Mary Ann. She had a quiet side as well. An avid reader who could often be found curled up with a book in hand, she especially loved the works of Jane Austen and the humor of P. G. Wodehouse. Mary Ann's Catholic faith was a deep and integral part of her life; she embraced change within the Catholic Church and constantly sought enriching liturgy for herself and her family. Mary Ann's greatest gift, however, was her skill as a mother. Her six children grew up grounded in a mother's love. This love radiated outwards to all the people whose lives she touched. Mary Ann's children will be always grateful for the unalterable gift of a safe and happy childhood.



*Mary Ann (right) and friend Augusta Baum enjoy dinner at the 2014 Clambake.*

Mary Ann is survived by her six children and their spouses: Kate Lee-DuBon and Anthony DuBon of Lincoln, MA; Jane Lee and Drew Anderson of Portland, ME; William Lee and Mary Freed of Washington, DC; Christopher and Patricia Lee of Duxbury, MA; Michael and Stephanie Lee of Barrington, RI; and Peter and Patricia Lee of Acton, MA. She is also survived by her seventeen grandchildren: Patrick (Amanda) Padden of Dedham, MA; Caroline (Harley) Waters of South Portland, ME; Timothy (Meg) Padden of Fairfield, CT; Charlotte (Aaron) Lefland of Hamden, CT; Colin Anderson of Washington, DC; Austin (Emily Nash) Anderson of Boston; Emma Jane Anderson of Portland, ME; Marianne Anderson of Chicago; Natalie Anderson of Portland, ME; Nanelle and Isabella Lee of Washington, DC; Aiden and Will Lee of Duxbury; Nicholas (Kathryn) Lee of Boston; Bowen Lee of Worcester; and Julia and Anna Lee of Acton; as well as her four great-grandchildren, Otis and Levon Waters, Benjamin Padden, and Riley June Padden. She is also survived by her brother, Dr. Vitale H. Paganelli and his wife Fran of Glens Falls, New York, and her sister-in-law, Wanda G. Paganelli of Fincastle, VA, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

# Leland "Sumner" Hopkins II

*Resident of Newbury Court & The Gardens | August 6, 2020*

## From his obituary:

Leland "Sumner" Hopkins II, a beloved family man, community volunteer, mentor, and friend passed away peacefully at The Gardens at Newbury Court in Concord, MA on August 6, 2020 following a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 88 years old.



Sumner was born on February 17, 1932 in Redfield, South Dakota, the only child of Leland S. Hopkins and Inez Mallery Hopkins. In many ways, Sumner experienced the quintessential Midwestern American upbringing. He had fond childhood memories from his father's bakery in Redfield where he enjoyed catching donuts as they fell from the machine. His dog 'Wags' was known to travel to the school gates in time for dismissal to walk him home. Throughout, Sumner's parents instilled in him fundamental values which guided the way. These included the importance of hard work, the value of an education, the need to give back, and the satisfaction inherent in earning ones way in life.

The family eventually relocated to Glendale, California. It was there where Sumner began charting his course of great achievement. He attended Glendale High School and graduated in 1950. During his senior year, he was recognized with the National Exchange Club (NEC) Unity for Service Award. This provided him the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. to visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

offices and meet with J. Edgar Hoover. From there, Sumner attended Yale University on a Naval ROTC scholarship. His passion and enthusiasm for his alma mater endured after graduating as a member of the Class of 1954. It wasn't uncommon to hear him spontaneously break out with the refrain: "Bulldog, bulldog, bow-wow-wow, Eli Yale!"



*Sumner and wife Marian*



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From 1954 to 1957, Sumner served as an active duty engineering officer on the naval destroyer, the U.S.S. McGowan. His service in the Navy remained one of his proudest accomplishments. He would go on to attend Harvard Business School, graduating in 1962, and embark on a thirty plus year career in investment banking. Over time, Sumner became a CFA

Charterholder and spent his entire career with BayBanks. He held multiple positions including heading the company's investment department and later rose to be President of BayBanks Brokerage Services, Inc.



Sumner was a resident of Concord, MA since 1962 and served on the town's Finance and Natural Resources Committees. He belonged to the Concord Country Club for nearly fifty years and was the Club's President from 1979 to 1981. He was a long time member of the Trinitarian Congregational Church in Concord. Upon retirement in 1995, he spent over twenty years living half of the year at the Harbour Ridge Club in Palm City, FL, where he volunteered as Treasurer of the HOA. It was there that he scored his one and only hole-in-one. In his free time, Sumner played golf, squash, and tennis. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and travelling the world with the love of his life, Marian.

Sumner is preceded in death by his parents Leland S. and Inez Mallery Hopkins. He is survived by his wife of nearly 63 years, Marian Weary Hopkins; his three daughters Sarah Martin (Peter), Martha Cornett (Michael), Rebecca Mahoney (Timothy); grandchildren, Joey Martin, Hannah Martin, Mallery Grimm (Darin), Chris Cornett, Katie Mahoney, and Patrick Mahoney.



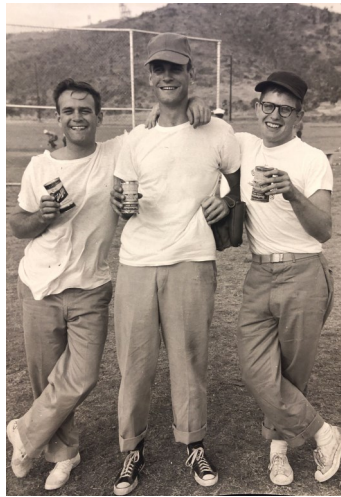
***Above:*** Sumner enjoying the annual Clambake in 2014.

***Far left:*** Marian and Sumner dressed up for the 2016 Halloween festivities.

***Near left:*** Halloween 2014 saw Marian and Sumner as members of the Star Trek crew!

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*Above, left: Sumner aboard the U.S.S. McGowan; Above, middle: Sumner (standing on the right) and friends after a baseball game; Above, right: Sumner (seated in the front row, far left) and fellow recipients of the National Exchange Club (NEC) Unity for Service Award, including another future Newbury Court resident: Wayne Grant (back row, second from left)*



*Above, left: Sumner worked at BayBanks for the entirety of his career; Above, middle: Sumner and beloved wife Marian; Above, right: Sumner and Marian (middle) and daughters Sarah, Martha, and Becky and their families*  
*Left: Sumner and Marian*



# Lois Macy

*Resident of The Gardens | September 9, 2020*

## **From her obituary:**

Lois Ann (Goldsbury) Macy, a longtime Concord resident, passed away peacefully on September 9, 2020 in Concord. She was 93-years old. Lois was the wife of the late Thomas White Macy, Jr., with whom she shared a 52-year marriage.



Born in Lynn, MA in 1927 to John and Inez (Jameson) Goldsbury, Lois was an only child who grew up in Lynn and Lynnfield, MA. Lois was a graduate of Wakefield High School, earned a B.A. in Political Science at Mount Holyoke College, did graduate work at the University of Vermont, and worked at GE Riverworks in Lynn, MA.

Lois was active in her community throughout her life. She was a Girl Scout as a young girl, a camp counselor, and later Assistant Scoutmaster. At the Trinitarian Congregational Church in Concord she served on the diaconate and multiple committees. Lois spent many years at the TriCon Gift Shop in Concord's historic Wright's Tavern, which was run by the women of the church with proceeds donated to various charities. As a member of the Concord Women's Club, revenues from her hand knitted sweaters, hats, and mittens helped fund scholarships for local high schoolers.

Lois was proud of her New England heritage and loved spending time in rural Warwick, MA, home of her ancestors. There she enjoyed outdoor activities, gatherings with family and friends, and attending the Congregational church.

Lois was an avid swimmer, doing laps with friends well into her 80's. Like her father, she loved to garden, as well as grow and preserve fruits and vegetables.



*Lois celebrating the Fourth of July, 2015*

Lois was a dedicated reader of history and biography, was active in several hereditary organizations, and was devoted to assisting others with genealogical research.

Lois is survived by her daughter Virginia, of Concord, and her son Thomas, of Acton, as well as her grandchildren Kristin and Thomas, of Acton.

It is with great love that we remember our mother and grandmother.

# Sylvia Skinner

*Resident of Newbury Court | October 13, 2020*

## **From her obituary:**

Sylvia Henderson Skinner died on Tuesday October 13, 2020, in Concord, MA, after a brief illness. She was 93 years old.

Sylvia was previously married to Judge Walter Jay Skinner who predeceased her in 2005 after nearly 55 years of marriage. Recently, she was again married to Judge Levin H. Campbell, a fellow resident in Newbury Court, a retirement community in Concord, Massachusetts, where both were living. She was the daughter of Howard and Sarah (Whitman) Henderson and stepdaughter of Lenore Turner Henderson. She was predeceased by her siblings Helen (Honey) McIlwraith, Russell Henderson, and Carol Ganzel.



She was the mother of Sally of Salem, MA; Stephen and his wife Patty Aicher of Montclair, NJ; Jonathan and his wife Martha McLafferty of Hanover, NH; and Tom and his partner Brian Payea of Provincetown, MA. She was the grandmother of Owen Skinner and his wife Eva-Marie Schneeberger, Chris Skinner, Lucy Skinner, Sam Skinner and Anna Skinner. She also leaves Levin Campbell's children and grandchildren, her many nieces and nephews and their children, and her extended cousins.

Born in Cincinnati, OH, Sylvia grew up in Bronxville, NY. Along with her mother, grandmother, and many other family members, she was a proud graduate of Smith College, from which she graduated with high honors. She later earned her Master of Social Work from what is now the Columbia University School of Social Work. She lived in Scituate MA and Newton MA where she and Jay raised their four children. She started working at the South Shore Mental Health Center in Quincy, MA, in 1960 and later worked as Chief Clinical Social Worker at the Cambridge (MA) Guidance Center. Working with a colleague, she co-developed a board game called "Changing Families" to enable children in families with divorced parents to better understand the pain and confusion they may be feeling. She retired in 1992 and in 1996 she and Jay moved to Concord MA, where she volunteered for many years at the Coting School for students with special needs.



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She was an avid photographer and painter and enjoyed many activities including camping, swimming, sailing, and spending summers in North Haven, ME. She appreciated how meeting new people from different backgrounds expanded one's perspective and she was always ready to explore a new walk in the woods. She was devoted to her immediate and extended family and enjoyed organizing and participating in numerous family gatherings.



*Some of Sylvia's beautiful artwork that has graced Newbury Court's art auctions over the years. Family and New England scenes were frequently Sylvia's muses!*



# Judith “Judy” Sapers

*Resident of Newbury Court | November 1, 2020*

## **From her obituary:**

Judith Thompson Sapers died of interstitial lung disease on November 1. A writer, editor, fierce tennis player, maker of delectable pastry and a devoted board member of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), she was 87.

Born in Boston in 1933, she grew up in Ipswich and attended the Winsor School before graduating with a B.A. in English from Bryn Mawr College in 1954. After college she apprenticed as a teacher at the Shady Hill School, before taking a job in a law office in downtown Boston, where she met her husband, Carl Martin Sapers, who was then beginning his career as a lawyer at Hill & Barlow. They married in 1959.



They spent the first four years of their marriage on Beacon Hill, then moved to Brookline, where they brought up their three children, Jonathan, Rachel and Benjamin. Having grown up in a publishing family, she began a career as a freelance writer and editor.

In 1980, she joined the headquarters staff of the Barney Frank campaign, starting out as a jack of all trades, accompanying the candidate and organizing events, and later becoming the co-chair of his finance committee.

A lifelong contributor to LDF, she was elected to the organization’s board in 1992 and later was a member of the board review committee, the board visioning session and the strategic planning committee. During her tenure she provided valued support and encouragement to five of the organization’s director-counsels; at the time of her death she was a board member emeritus.

She was deeply fond of St. Andrews, a town in New Brunswick, Canada, where she spent summers as a teenager. In 1994, she and her husband bought a turn-of-the-century shingled house looking out onto Passamaquoddy Bay, where they held an annual Fourth of July party for family and friends, extending the definition of summer to include May and June and September and October.

# Judith “Judy” Sapers

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She was a treasured member of the St. Andrews Community Tennis Association (playing well into her seventies), known for the “Judy Sapers lob” – a looping shot that would disappear into the bright blue Canadian sky, confounding opponents. Her pies, made with local rhubarb and blueberries and according to local recipes, were magnificent. She loved to read and did so until the end of her life and always had an opinion on the latest novels and non-fiction, especially about civil rights. Before she died, she proudly cast her last vote for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.



She was a loyal friend and a great listener; she was wise, thoughtful and emotionally astute.

She leaves behind her son Jonathan and his wife, Cristine, her daughter, Rachel, five grandchildren, her brother Nicholas Thompson and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her brother Daniel in 2012, her husband in 2018 and her son Benjamin in 2020.

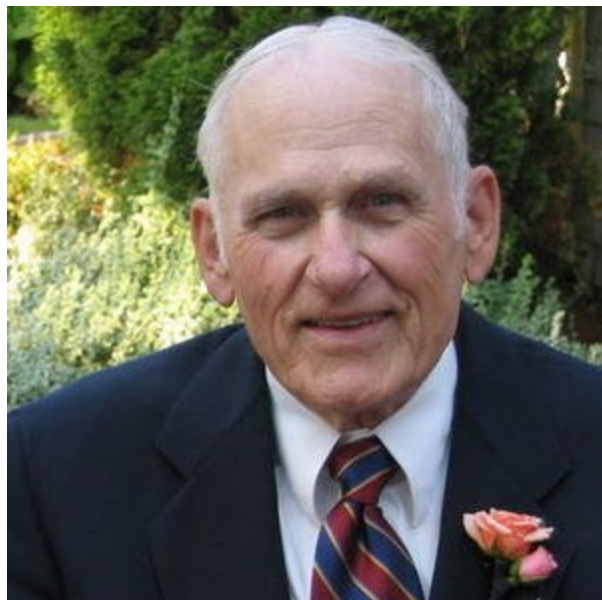
# Leo Hill

*Resident of Rivercrest | November 10, 2020*

## **From his obituary:**

After a lifetime of service to God, his country and family Leo Hill found life's rest on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. He died at The Rivercrest Rehab & Nursing at Newbury Court in Concord. He was 92.

Born on December 18, 1927 in Waltham he was a son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Brooks) Hill. Raised in Waltham he was a graduate of Saint Charles High School and then honorably served in the United States Navy during World War II. Upon return from the war Leo studied at Boston College where he earned both his Bachelor and Master's degrees. He remained a very proud alum of his alma mater.



He married Kathleen M. O'Connor on September 8, 1951 in St. Charles Borromeo Church. They made Waltham their home for many years. They later divided their time between Centerville, MA and Sun City, Florida. He was a dedicated husband who took wonderful care of Kathleen in her later and challenged years until her death on September 12, 2017. *Kathleen and Leo together, at left.*

Leo's career in education, which spanned four decades, began as a sixth grade teacher at the former Warren School in 1951 as the only male at that point to have taught in Waltham Public Schools. He quickly rose up the administrative ranks and served as assistant principal at Warren and Warrendale elementary schools. He then became principal of Ezra Fitch and the former Chanucey Newhall Elementary Schools from 1955 to 1969. He returned as principal at Warrendale School (Fitzgerald School) in 1970 and enjoyed retirement in December 1988.

Leo loved working with his hands and enjoyed helping others with their projects. He enjoyed a round of golf and camping excursions. While in the Navy he was a Radio operator which transitioned into a hobby of Ham Radio with a call sign of Jolly Old Indian (K1/JOI) for many years.

In addition to his wife, Kathleen, he was predeceased by his son, Leo Jr., his brothers, Joseph, Paul and Edward Hill.



# Leo Hill

*Resident of Rivercrest*

He leaves his children, Kathleen McInnis (Chuck) of Framingham, Michael Hill (Christine Develis-Hill) of Wayland, Thomas Hill (Marie) of The Villages, FL, Elizabeth Tobin (Sean) of Wayland, David Hill (Jeanne) of Medfield, Leo Hill III (Renee) of Acton and Douglas Hill (James Moritz) of New York City; also survived by 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.





**This collection is intended to be a living memorial.**

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