

# We Remember Them

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

March 2022



*First Row, from top: Robert Brack, William Colleran, Janet Johnson, Donald MacKenzie,  
Joan Nordell, George Wiltsee, Helena Riney*

*Second Row: Marion Thompson, Raymond Miller, Lucy Angelico, Gertrude Cutler,  
Donald Stevenson, Eleanor Wilson, Jerry Rardin*

*Third Row: Elizabeth Weiss, Wayne Clemens, Ha Kyung Cho-Kim, Ellen Simorellis,  
Elizabeth LeBaron, Sara Sharp, Susan Bliss*

*Fourth Row: Barbara Nelson, Beatrice Page, Laura Ells, Sally Cross, Claire Pearmain,  
Judith Campbell, Arvin Smith*

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*



# Robert Brack

*Resident of Newbury Court | September 8, 2021*

## **From his obituary:**

Robert Barker Brack, also known to many as Captain Bob and Grampa-Bobo, 83, of Concord, formerly of Natick, died suddenly on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Bob was born in Newton on July 11, 1938 as the son of the late Robert and Evelyn (Barker) Brack. After graduating from Natick High School in 1956, Bob continued his education at UMass Amherst where he earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1960 and later completed his Master of Education at Northeastern University.



He married his high school sweetheart, the late Joan Haskell Brack, in June of 1960. Bob and Joan lived in Natick and had three children Virginia, Kenneth, and William. Tragically, Joan died in 1999 from ovarian cancer. Bob married his second wife, Janet Bailey in 2001. Bob leaves behind his three children: his daughter, Virginia Brack, her husband Clay Block, and their children, Maxwell Block and his wife Nicole Dayhoff and Samuel Block; and his two sons, Kenneth Brack, his wife Denise, their children, the late Michael Brack, Christopher Brack and his wife Megan, and Amanda Brack and her husband Andrew Lowrey; and William Brack, his wife Jessica Ladd, and their children, Benjamin and Isabel Brack. He was the adopted father of Eric Cooper and his daughter Kiara Mundy. Bob also leaves behind his second wife, Janet, and her two children; David Rossini, his wife Molly Chafetz, their children Eliza and Gabriel; and Katherine Dennis, her husband Joshua, and their children Thomas and Miles Dennis. He leaves his brother, Harold "Skip" Brack and his wife Judith Bradshaw-Brown, and his sister, Beverly Droz and her husband Thomas, as well as several nieces and nephews. Bob was also the brother-in-law of Steve Haskell, stepbrother-in-law of William Thompson and stepsister-in-law Lisa Pearson.

In 1960, Bob joined the family business, Barker Steel Company, as the third generation following his father Robert and his grandfather, Harold Barker, who founded the company in 1920. Bob left the steel business briefly in 1963 to teach material science for one year at Wentworth Institute of Technology, before returning to Barker Steel in 1964 to stay. Bob became CEO of the company in 1976 and under his leadership Barker Steel grew from a small one-shop company in Watertown, Massachusetts to having 17 locations in 11 states and more than 600 employees at its peak. Bob was shocked, but very proud when his son Bill joined

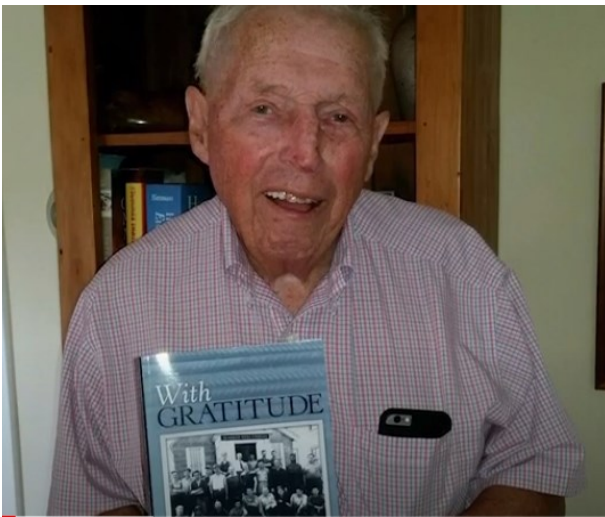
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Barker Steel in 1995 representing the fourth generation of family in the business. Under Bob's leadership, Barker Steel became one of the largest independent reinforcing steel fabricators in the United States and furnished reinforcing steel for concrete construction throughout New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Barker Steel fabricated reinforcing steel for thousands of projects large and small, both public and private. Barker Steel fabricated the majority of the reinforcing steel for the "Big Dig" – the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel (CA/T) project and helped rebuild New York City after 9/11, including furnishing the reinforcing steel for several of the World Trade projects and the Freedom Tower. Bob sold Barker Steel to Nucor/Harris Rebar in 2007 and he "formally" retired in 2012, never letting go of his lifelong passion for the rebar business. Through his compassionate leadership and caring ethos, Bob touched the lives of thousands of families over his 50-year career at Barker Steel.

Bob was a "lifelong member" of the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) serving as treasurer, executive board member and president of both the CRSI and the CRSI Education & Research Foundation. In 2012, Bob was awarded the first ever CRSI Distinguished Service Award which was prompted by Bob's career-long dedication to both the reinforced concrete industry and the CRSI. Bob also remained engaged with his alma mater, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, serving on the Civil and Environmental Engineering Advisory Committee and supporting the establishment of the Robert Brack Structural Testing Facility at Tilson, among other roles and activities.



Bob was passionate about actively engaging in and supporting the communities he lived in. While residing in Natick, Bob was a member of Eliot Church (including serving as church moderator), and actively served on the board of several local charities, including the Natick Community Organic Farm, Natick Service Council, and Foundation for MetroWest. Bob coached his sons in farm league baseball and later coached them in spring soccer and helped start the Natick Soccer Club in the mid-1970s. He enjoyed singing in the Eliot Church choir with his late wife Joan.

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Bob also had an enduring love for and connection with Machiasport, Maine, where he and Joan bought property fronting Machias Bay. "Little Respite," a cottage built in 1981, became a treasured place of renewal for themselves and their family. In later years Bob worked closely with Maine Coast Heritage Trust in establishing a contiguous preserve to help protect the area's natural and archaeological resources.



After the tragic loss of his first wife Joan in 1999, Bob and his children Jinny, Ken, and Bill created the Joan H. Brack Charitable Foundation, with a focus to support ovarian cancer research and local community charities. Over the ensuing twenty years, Bob and the foundation provided support for numerous charities including the Dana Farber Cancer Institute; the Jimmy Fund Golf Program via the Joan H. Brack Charitable Golf Tournament; the Joan H. Brack Learning Center, a component of the South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) in Framingham; MetroWest Legal Services; Jewish Family Services of MetroWest; and Hope Floats Healing and Wellness Center, founded and run by his daughter-in-law Denise and his son Ken.



After moving to Concord in 2000 and marrying Janet in 2001, he joined First Parish with Janet and actively participated in many of the social justice and governance committees of that community as well as supporting additional local charities, including Family Promise MetroWest and Open Table. Bob was passionate about Open Table because it was started by The Women's Parish Association at First Parish and addressed the critical problem of hunger in the MetroWest region. Janet was President of the Women's Parish Association. Most recently Bob was a resident at Newbury Court in Concord where he



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had already made many friends and dinner companions.

Bob was always most at home on the sea, especially on Buzzards Bay. He was an avid sailor, sailing his 19-foot Corinthian, Embarker, for 54 years with his family and friends and participating in the Marion to Bermuda sailboat race several times. Bob loved swimming in Wareham (Parkwood Beach) and later Mattapoisett and was known for his world class freestyle backstroke. He enjoyed puzzles of all types, especially jigsaw and Sudoku. Perhaps most of all, Bob loved his grandchildren. He was their number one cheerleader, particularly in soccer, and was known for driving hours to see a game. He was very fond of having ice cream with them in the summer –in fact he was very fond of ice cream in general. Bob loved music of all genres, especially dramatic classical music such as Beethoven, Brahms, Mahler and Wagner. Bob was an avid runner and regularly participated in the annual Mattapoisett Road Race together with his children and grandchildren until 2013 when his grandchildren started beating his time and he retired his bib with a grin.



# William Colleran

*Resident of Newbury Court & Rivercrest | September 10, 2021*

## **From his obituary:**

On Friday, September 10, William (Bill) E. Colleran Jr. passed away of natural causes at Rivercrest in Concord. He was 91. Born and raised in Medford, MA he was the son of the late William E. Colleran and Margaret (Kiley) Colleran.



As a youth, Bill was an active member of the St. Joseph's Parish CYO, both as a member of the band where he played the clarinet and as a player on the basketball team. His team won many city and CYO tournaments and he loved to reminisce about them all. He attended Medford High School, where at the age of 17 he was a 1947 graduate and a proud member of the Mustang's basketball team.

Following his graduation from high school, Bill worked as a bookkeeper for a local business before his enrollment at Northeastern University where he studied accounting. He was a member of the Huskies basketball team and forged a lifelong connection with the program as an avid supporter of it and the university. He completed his degree in 1953.

A United States Army Veteran, he served as a member of the First Armored Division during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge from the Army in 1955, Bill attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst where he earned his MBA, leading to the start of his professional career, where he was employed by the Government Accounting Office as an auditor.

In 1960, Bill married Phyllis (Comperchio) Colleran. The two had a 61-year romance where they initially lived in Peabody before settling down in Concord, MA where they raised their family.

Bill served in various positions as a government contractor, working for companies such as Raytheon as a comptroller in both Bedford and Wayland, General Dynamics, Helio Equipment Corporation and Barry Controls. He also served as the Town Accountant of Concord for a period during the 1970's

He was an avid supporter of his children, spending countless hours working with them on school- work as well as any and all activities they participated in. If there

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was an event they were at, he was always there. In addition to the Northeastern Huskies, Bill was a fan of all the Boston sports teams but especially the Boston Celtics.

He was an active member of the Concord Minuteman, taking part in many parades during annual commemorative celebrations such as Patriots Day and the Bicentennial in 1975. Additionally, he was a member of the St. Bernard's Knights of Columbus Council 287, where he spent many hours with his friends during charitable events and watching sports. Bill was a prolific pool player, having honed his game at the Medford Square Café as a youth and later in the confines of the Concord Knights.

Later in life he and Phyllis moved to Sun City Center, FL, where the two were active in the community as well as at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Bill served as the Grand Knight of Council 7282, was active in investment clubs and gathered with friends to play cards and watch sports. In late 2015, the two returned to Concord to be near their children, moving to Newbury Court in Concord in 2018.

He will be remembered for his story telling, his intellect, his devout faith and his ever-present belly laugh.

He is survived by his loving wife Phyllis Colleran of Concord, his two daughters, Maryanne Bowe of Westwood and Elisabeth Sannicandro of Concord as well as his son William E. Colleran III also of Concord. He leaves behind a sister Doris Ingegneri of Dover as well as a legacy of eight grandchildren.

# Janet Johnson

*Resident of Newbury Court | September 14, 2021*



## **From her obituary:**

Janet C Johnson, a resident of Concord, MA since 2001 died September 14, 2021 at Emerson Hospital. She was born September 28, 1934 in Bronx, NY, the oldest daughter of the late Carl Christianson and Ella Johnson Christianson. In 1954 Janet married Rev Dr Lowell B Johnson from Minnesota who died November 1999.

Janet attained a Master of Education then did post graduate work in Early Childhood. She taught high school and was a nursery school teacher-director. She and her family hosted physically and mentally challenged persons as well as exchange students in their home.

Janet was active in the United Methodist Church which her husband served then remained active at the Sudbury Methodist Church when she moved to Concord. She enjoyed serving on several committees at Newbury Court in Concord.

Travel to many countries became a passion for Janet in the later years of her marriage and after Lowell died.

Janet is survived by four children including Cynthia and her husband John Wortham of Newton, MA who have three sons Benjamin, Andrew, and David. Son Randall married Nicole Banks and they live in Albuquerque, NM. Son Kent Johnson and Deborah (White) Johnson of East Greenbush, NY have three children Chelsea, Ryan, and Cody. Daughter Lynn lives in Alameda, CA with her husband Kevin Minney and daughter Mabel. Janet is survived by a sister and brother as well as numerous relatives and friends.

## **From her daughter, Lynn Minney:**

I am proud to be the youngest daughter of Janet Christianson Johnson. My Mom was kind and generous. My Mom wanted the best for everyone. My Mom loved to read. My Mom loved to learn. My Mom believed in social justice. My Mom had a strong sense of service. I miss her laugh. I miss calling her on the phone. I miss bragging to her about my child, her youngest granddaughter. I miss having to repeat myself louder because she misunderstood me. I miss Newbury Court. She was at home living at Newbury Court. I miss the friends she shared with me when



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I came from California to stay with her. I miss playing Rummikub. I miss the friendly servers in the dining chapel who knew her so well. It was understood that we would order everything we were entitled to at each meal! My adult friendship with Mom blossomed while she was living at Newbury Court. I am so grateful for the love and care she received there. I know she is happy on the other side of the veil. I love her and many, many, years from now, I know I will see her again.



*Janet became an active and important part of the Newbury Court community after moving in in 2001. She features prominently in many photos from celebrations over the years—from Fourth of July gatherings to choir rehearsals and Chamberlin Apartment get-togethers!*





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*Janet always loved a good costume. She participated in our annual Halloween party, and was also a participant in Chapel dramas.*

*Passionate about multiculturalism and cultural fluency, Janet started the Heritage Fair at Newbury Court. Staff and residents alike represented their heritages, and Janet was proud to share about her family's native Sweden!*





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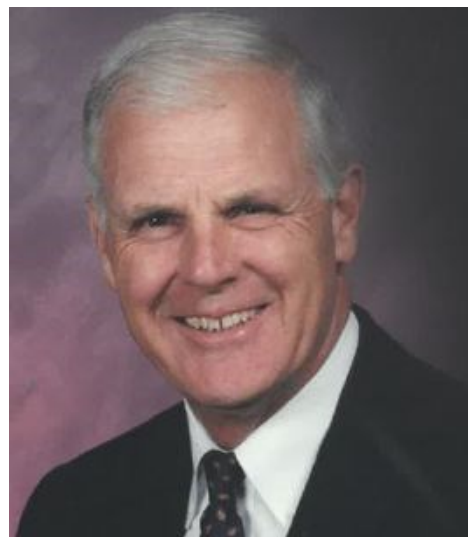


# Donald MacKenzie

*Resident of Newbury Court & Rivercrest | September 24, 2021*

## **From his obituary:**

Donald MacKenzie III, known to friends and business associates as “Don,” “Poppi” to his grandkids, and “Mr. Moderator” to Acton residents, was born in Portland Maine on September 23, 1936. He died on September 24, 2021, one day after his 85th birthday, at the Rivercrest Nursing Home, part of Newbury Court in Concord, where he and Pat moved after 52 years in Acton. His parents were Donald MacKenzie II and Catherine Braithwaite MacKenzie, both deceased. He has a younger brother, Neil, of Oldsmar, Florida.



He was married for 61 years to the former Patricia Pennal, whom he met at Needham High School, and then both attended Brown University. Don majored in political Science, which was a life-long interest of his. In 1992 he was awarded the Distinguished Career Award from Needham H.S., one of 10 alumni receiving this honor.

When he was 15 years old, he survived radical new open-heart surgery at Children’s Hospital by the pioneer of pediatric cardiac surgery, Dr. Robert Gross.

After Brown he worked briefly for Mobil Oil Co., and then joined New England Tel, which began his career with the Telephone industry. He was Managing Director, Business, then AT&T in marketing and regulatory departments; he held senior management positions at several Bell system companies and was Chairman and CEO of NYNEX Information Resources. When the Iron Curtain went down, he traveled to Prague in the Czech Republic and started the Yellow Pages there, serving as Chairman of Mediatel Co. During his last two years before retirement, he was president of The Telephone Pioneers of America, the volunteer association of the Bell system which donated over 4 million hours of volunteer time annually. He loved this job and the opportunity to meet many of the 900,000 volunteers nation-wide. After retirement, he began a Charitable Foundation Fund, raising money to help Pioneers answer the call of those in need. Over \$1.2 million have been distributed to volunteers projects in the US and Canada.

Don was a believer in community service and was on boards of many institutions: Boston Urban Ministries, which interacted with and mentored former and present

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gang members; Acton Library foundation, The Discovery Museum, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, Emerson Hospital, Newbury Court for 12 years, and others.

His true love was being Moderator of the town of Acton for 40 years, making him the longest serving Moderator in the town's history and one of the longest in the state. He was known for his calm demeanor, good sense of civility and order, and probably most important, his keen sense of humor, which often diffused contentious situations. He consistently refused a raise in his \$20 a night session saying it would take away one of his best lines! He also was president of the Mass Moderators Association.



Don was an avid tennis player and golfer, enjoyed the Concord Country Club and when he was president, presided over restoration of the beautiful Donald Ross course.

Above all, Don had that wonderful smile. He was loyal, fair and balanced, honest, a true gentleman, inclusive, kind, generous to all with his time and focus, very funny and able to tell wonderful stories in authentic accents, and devoted to his family and friends, who miss him terribly.

He leaves his wife, Pat; son Brad, his wife Kristen and son Christopher; daughter Kristen, husband Sam, children Graham and Clara; brother Neil, wife Nancy, daughters Donna and Lisa and their families.





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*Below: A portion of a George A. Dennett  
Distinguished Career Awards Program pamphlet  
from Don's alma mater, Needham High School.*



### **Donald MacKenzie**

*President, Chief Executive Officer,  
and Chairman, NYNEX Information  
Resources, Inc.*

**Class 1954**

In his senior year at Needham High School, Donald MacKenzie served as Class Vice-President and as a Home Room Officer. He joined the Audio-Visual Club and the Senior Prom Committee, played on the varsity basketball team, and acted in the senior play (The Man Who Came to Dinner). He also distinguished himself by making the Scholastic Honor Roll at graduation. During his junior year, which was his first year at Needham High School, he was a member of the varsity basketball team and the Junior Prom Committee and was a participant in the Boys' Gym Meet.

Following his years at Needham High School, Mr. MacKenzie attended Brown University, where he graduated with distinction in 1958, attaining a degree in political science. While at Brown he played basketball and was president of his freshman dormitory.

After graduating from Brown University, Mr. MacKenzie spent three years as a salesman for Mobil Oil. He then moved to New England Telephone, where he spent most of his time in sales and marketing. He spent some time as a plant manager for American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T), but returned to New England Telephone where he was eventually promoted to Managing Director of Business Services. He moved to the NYNEX Corporation when it was formed, as a consequence of the AT&T 1984

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divestiture. Mr. MacKenzie is currently President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of NYNEX Information Resources Company, a billion dollar multinational firm whose best known product is the NYNEX Yellow Pages. Additionally, he is also the Chairman of three other companies - Mediatel Corporation, A Prague, Czechoslovakia, publishing company; United Publishing Company of Los Angeles; and NYNEX Information Technology Company of New York. He also serves as chairman of the Yellow Pages Publishers' Association, an international trade association headquartered in Troy, Michigan.

Mr. MacKenzie is president-elect of the Telephone Pioneers of America, an 800,000-member association of telephone company employees who donate annually twenty-nine million hours of work to charitable causes. He is also the elected Town Moderator of Acton, a position he has held since 1977, and has recently become the president of the Massachusetts Moderators' Association. In addition he has been a corporator of Emerson Hospital in Concord since 1984. He is a past chairman of the Town of Acton Personnel Committee and Collective Bargaining Committee. His hobbies include golf, tennis, and skiing.

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*Below: A press release from volunteer network, Pioneers, sharing the news that the charitable fund that Don founded would be renamed in his honor.*

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **PIONEERS, A VOLUNTEER NETWORK, RENAMES CHARITABLE FUND TO HONOR PIONEER**

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO. JANUARY 22, 2021 The Pioneers Board of Directors and Executive Director, Charlene Hill, today announced the renaming of the TelecomPioneers Charitable Foundation Fund to the Pioneers Don MacKenzie Charitable Foundation Fund in honor of the former President of the Telephone Pioneers of America and Pioneers advocate, Donald MacKenzie.

The Pioneers Don MacKenzie Charitable Foundation Fund (Foundation) provides grants for educational and charitable community service projects that make a significant impact in local communities and generate substantial recognition for the Pioneers. The annual Foundation grant awards are determined by the prior year's investment earnings.

MacKenzie was the founder and visionary of the Pioneers Foundation. He served as CEO of the Pioneers Foundation, which funded The Telecom Pioneers Charitable Foundation Fund. The fund grew over the years with the intent and purpose to help Pioneers answer the call of those in need. Since the inception of the fund, over \$1.2 million have been distributed to aid community volunteer projects across the United States and Canada.

During his career, MacKenzie worked for New England Telephone and then AT&T in their marketing and regulatory

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departments. He also held senior management positions at several Bell system companies and was chairman and CEO of the NYNEX Information Resources Company. MacKenzie joined Pioneers, where he served in several leadership roles for many years, including President of the Telephone Pioneers of America (dba, Pioneers, a volunteer network) from 1994-95.

Former co-board member and friend Hal Burlingame fondly recalls MacKenzie's passion and commitment to Pioneers.

"When Don got you on the line to get deeply involved with Pioneers, you could never say no," Burlingame said.

MacKenzie's vision and legacy continues to improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. In 2020, the fund distributed \$102,346.00 to Pioneer projects.

Pioneers is a network of volunteers in Canada and the US who effect immediate, tangible change in local communities. Our network of volunteers donates over four million hours of volunteer time annually. Founded in 1911, Pioneers focus their efforts in five major areas: helping military families, protecting the environment, education, life enrichment and health and human services.

For more information, contact us via email at [info@pioneersvolunteer.org](mailto:info@pioneersvolunteer.org).

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*Above left: Every year Don rang the bell at Roach Brothers in Acton. He loved these activities.*

*Above right: Don was Santa at his daughter Kristin's toy store, Mud Puddle Toys in Marblehead, for many years.*

*Below: Don was a member of the NEDA board and always an attendee of the Annual Meeting.*

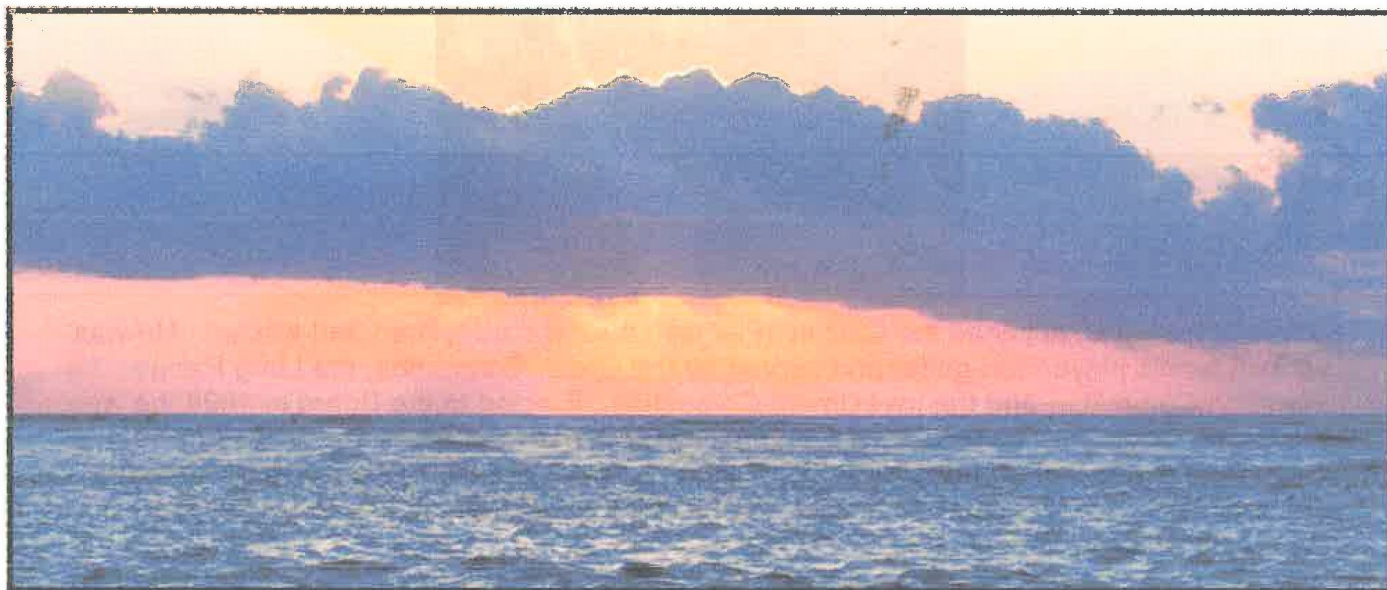




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*Below: A copy of the notice to the Concord Country Club community sharing news of Don's passing.*



## Concord Country Club Member Passing

September 27, 2021

Dear Members,

We are very sorry to inform you that a dear longtime member and former President of Concord Country Club - **Donald "Don" MacKenzie, III** died on Friday, September 24th at the age of 85.

Don and his wife Pat joined the Club in 1992 with their children, Brad and Kristen. He was an avid tennis player and golfer and served on the Green Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee and the Investment Committee. Elected to the Board in 1998, he was the Green Governor, the Investment Committee Governor, the Treasurer, Vice President and served as President from 2002-2004. As President, Don oversaw the renovation of the golf course, capital improvements to the fieldhouse/pool/tennis and the installation of the waste water treatment plant.

Visiting hours at the Acton Funeral Home (470 Mass. Ave, Acton) will be held from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Thursday, September 30th. Plans to celebrate Don's life will be announced later. [Click here to read the obituary.](#)

The CCC flag has been lowered to honor Don's memory and we send our most sincere condolences to Pat and the MacKenzie family.

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*Below: A copy of a resolution from the Massachusetts General Court honoring Don's 40 year service as Acton Town Moderator.*





# Joan Nordell

*Resident of Newbury Court | October 2, 2021*

## **From her obituary:**

A testament to the enduring friendships Joan Nordell developed as a long time supporter of the arts in the Boston area, she was surrounded by friends and colleagues during the last days of her life, including a distinguished artist, patrons of a classical music society, and a well known jazz musician serenading her with his saxophone.



Joan Projansky Nordell passed away peacefully on October 2 at Newbury Court in Concord, MA where she resided for the past eight years. Her husband of 62 years, H. Roderick Nordell, died in 2017. She was born in Rochester, NY on November 23, 1927 to Henri and Bessie Projanksy. Joan was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Sonia and Lew Johnson of Medina, WA.

She cultivated many special friendships at Newbury Court, where she was known for her acts of kindness. Joan also opened her home of 50 years in Cambridge, MA to students from around the country and world, many of whom became devoted friends. She hosted first class jam sessions for jazz musicians in her house. Her husband played drums.

After graduating from Radcliffe College, she spent much of her career in development, fundraising for the Harvard University libraries. She took a personal interest in rare books and created her own collection of livre d'artistes (book art). The walls of her apartment were covered with art collected over a lifetime, most of the purchases in support of new and up and coming artists.

Joan also served on the board of numerous art and music institutions, including Emmanuel Music and the Boston Athenaeum. The Joan Nordell Fellowship Fund at Houghton Library was started in her honor and has already sponsored 47 scholars in a wide range of studies.

Joan is survived by three children, Eric (married to Anne), John (married to Betsy) and Elizabeth (married to Rudy) along with four grandchildren, Ella, Meredith, Popo and Andrew. She went out of her way to support her children and grandchildren in the diverse endeavors they have pursued.

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### **From her daughter, Elizabeth:**

Always Mom  
Development Officer  
Beloved Wife  
Artist/Dancer/Musician  
Hostess with the Mostess  
Dutiful daughter  
Favorite Mother-in-Law  
Book lover  
Loyal Grandma  
Green Thumb  
Fantastic Friend  
Thankful Daughter-in-law  
Admiring Sister  
Beauty  
Collector  
Witty Sister-in-Law  
Sparkling Godmom  
Chef  
Inspiring Aunt  
Visionary  
Ta-Da!



Mom's indomitable, generous, dignified, enthusiastic, persistent, playful, intellectual, concerned, demanding, artistic, critical, compassionate, resilient, comforting, spontaneous, supportive, curious, fun and loving spirit endowed her with the remarkable ability to grow anything, grow anyone. She found out what people, plants and organizations liked, needed, wanted; and offered sunshine, water, support, possibilities and some good sh...compost. She curated common roots, encouraged open-mindedness - allowing connections to be made and horizons to be broadened.

On this day of remembering, mom would not have forgotten a thing - mom would be tickled for the honor, but would not want any fuss or sadness. She would want to know how the inmates are doing and hope that you are well. She would be a buzz with the Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson confirmation hearing - isn't she wonderful?! Isn't she brilliant?! She would seek out the experts among you to try



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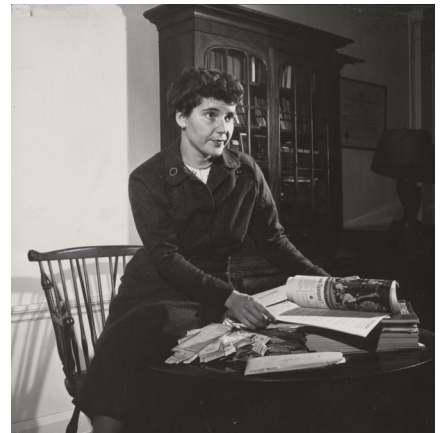
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to understand the endgame of the egregious invasion on her parents homeland, while simultaneously bringing all she had gleaned from her news sources to the conversation; probingly and with curiosity - with a side of the devil's advocate. She would remark on the dappled light, the smashing color of a blouse, tie or flowers - and oh, how well everyone looked.

On behalf of our family, I thank you for the friendship, care, camaraderie and love you have shown our mom - and us, too. Please know that her heart is full with you, as is ours. With hugs and kisses to all of you, Love Always! Love More! Have Fun! Ta-Da!

### **From *The Harvard Library Bulletin*, in memoriam:**

The staff of Houghton Library was saddened to learn that Joan Nordell of Concord, formerly of Cambridge, passed away on Saturday, October 2, 2021. With Joan's death, both Houghton Library and Harvard Library have lost one of their most loyal supporters.



An alumna of Radcliffe College, Joan received an AB in 1949 and graduated from its Management Training Program in 1950, the same year she became Radcliffe's Director of Publicity. Joan joined Harvard Library to provide administrative support during the construction of Pusey Library in the early 1970s, beginning an association that would last for the next 25 years. In her role as Assistant to the Director for External Affairs in the Harvard University Library, Joan revitalized the Friends of the Harvard College Library, enlarging its membership, maintaining its calendar, and hosting memorable library events on its behalf. Her work with donors, in Cambridge and elsewhere, led to the creation of numerous named book endowments in use today throughout the library. With uncommon grace and tact, Joan deftly managed major capital campaigns to benefit Houghton Library as it celebrated its 40th (1982) and 50th (1992) anniversaries; for the latter, she was named External Affairs Officer for Houghton Library.

In 1981 Joan and her husband, H. Roderick Nordell (1925–2017), an executive editor and longtime jazz and theater critic for the *Christian Science Monitor*, endowed the Nordell Family Book Fund for use at the Harvard Fine Arts Library. In her honor, library benefactor Melvin R. Seiden, Harvard Class of 1952,

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established the Joan and Roderick Nordell Fund (1990) to support new acquisitions in the Harvard Theatre Collection. Her devoted friends endowed the Joan Nordell Fellowship Fund (1991) to provide financial support to scholars in all disciplines conducting research at Houghton. To date, the library has hosted 47 Nordell fellows, many of whom Joan greeted warmly in person to learn more about their projects.



After her retirement in 1993, Joan remained a vital presence in the life of the library. In 1996 she curated “The New Storytellers,” a landmark exhibition of one-of-a-kind artists’ books held in Boston-area libraries and museums. In 2006, she published an article in *Harvard Library Bulletin* that traced her effort to locate the ten privately printed copies of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s 1865 translation of

Dante’s *Inferno*. Joan and Rod regularly attended library-sponsored lectures, concerts, and exhibition openings, and looked forward to seeing old friends and—as importantly—making new ones. For many of us, it will be difficult to imagine a Harvard Library event without seeing Joan seated in the front row.

### **From Emmanuel Music:**

Joan Nordell was President of Emmanuel Music from 2003 to 2010, leading the organization through times of unprecedented challenge and change. Joan was a force of nature indefatigable in her energetic devotion to doing whatever it took to bring Emmanuel Music to new successes. Everyone who worked with Joan knew that she was unflagging and unstoppable.

She always expected others to show the same drive to make changes happen quickly, and of course no one could keep up with her. But Joan never stopped pushing for change, never left a stone unturned or a small detail overlooked, and left Emmanuel Music stronger and better. Everyone in the organization felt the power of Joan’s energy and her unwavering commitment to the mission, the work, and the people of Emmanuel Music.



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Under Joan's leadership, Emmanuel Music became a more mature and solid organization. She expanded and professionalized the board and created the first committees: Finance, Marketing, Nominating, and Community Connections (outreach). Joan also presided over the transition from long-time Executive Director Lenny Matczynski to the hiring of Pat Krol, an exceptional leader over 15 years until this past August 2021. Joan's list of personal contacts was extraordinary, and she brought many new people into the audience and among the ensemble's significant donors. Joan respected and strengthened the relationship between Emmanuel Music and Emmanuel Church, steering it through troubled waters that few today could imagine. With each change from old ways and long-time personnel, Joan treasured and retained the best of Emmanuel Music's traditions as she helped the organization grow and stabilize.



No transition was more fraught than that after the death of founder Craig Smith in November 2007. When John Harbison stepped in for almost three years as Acting Artistic Director, Joan, Pat, and newly hired Priest-in-Charge, Pam Werntz, led a complex and difficult process to find a successor able to lead this unique and venerable organization. Joan formed a committee with stakeholders representing Emmanuel Music, Emmanuel Church, and the musicians, which painstakingly created a job description that encompassed all those perspectives and needs. Although some feared that Emmanuel Music could not continue and thrive without its founder, Joan, John, Pat, and Pam kept the faith. Joan's calm determination boosted the confidence of all. And she was right: the process ended with the successful hiring of Ryan Turner, now in his 12th season.

From the outset, Joan helped Emmanuel Music reach new artistic heights, thanks to being a tough and pragmatic foil to Craig Smith's visionary dreamer. In 2006, when Craig passionately wanted to perform the three Handel operas based on Ariosto's *Orlando Furioso*, he was proposing a pie-in-the-sky project with a cost sufficiently astronomical to make the board uncomfortable. But Joan understood what the project meant to Craig and to the organization, and so Craig's vision became her mission. She rallied the board and the donors and gave the go-ahead only after raising enough money to be certain that the rest would follow. Performed to acclaim in the spring of 2007, just months before Craig's death, these operas became the crowning achievement of his career.

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John Harbison, now Principal Guest Conductor, captures the essence of Joan's style and her legacy: "Her manner of following through had a tough realistic tone which ultimately brought everyone, including the Music Directors, to a realization that we still had new levels to reach." Our achievements today rest on the foundation Joan established.

Kate Kush

Former President, Board of Directors (2010-2016)





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# George Wiltsee

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## **From his obituary:**

George A. Wiltsee, age 98, of Newbury Court, Concord, MA, passed away October 3, 2021. He was survived by his wife of thirty-five years, Jean Baird; his sons George Jr., and Christopher; stepchildren Katherine Duffy, Beth Holechek, Kevin Haney, and Sanda Twaalfhoven; three grandsons; three great-grandchildren; six step-granchildren and four step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Anne Tepas Wiltsee, his daughter Elizabeth, and his sister, Joan (Wiltsee) Lloyd.

Mr. Wiltsee was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, the son of Raymond B. and Margaret A. Wiltsee. He was educated in the public schools of Portsmouth. He was president of his freshman class, managing editor of the school newspaper, president of the French Club and the Latin Club, elected to the National Honor Society, and was first in his class academically. Mr. Wiltsee was first in a state-wide chemistry exam and was awarded the Bausch and Lomb honorary science award. Mr. Wiltsee was admitted to Yale University in 1940, where he studied industrial administration. A resident of Berkeley College, he was also a member of York Hall fraternity (treasurer), manager of crew, and elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma XI, and Tau Beta Pi honorary societies. As a result of WWII, his class was accelerated and he was awarded his B.S., with honors, in June 1943.

Mr. Wiltsee was drafted into the U.S. Army in July 1943 and sent for training as intelligence sergeant in a newly formed anti-aircraft battalion. The battalion passed its proficiency tests in March 1944, and at that point the war had progressed to the point that infantry was more in demand than anti-aircraft, so the entire battalion was transferred to Texas for infantry basic training. After completing the training, Mr. Wiltsee was sent to specialized schools for infantry intelligence work. In December 1944, he was sent to Europe where he became intelligence sergeant of the First Battalion, 346th Regiment, 87th Division, part of Patton's Third Army, at that time in Luxembourg. The division participated in the Battle of the Bulge, the assault crossing of the Rhine, and the march across Germany, finding itself on the border of Czechoslovakia at the time of the German surrender.

In March 1946, Mr. Wiltsee was discharged from the Army, and entered the MBA program at Harvard Business School. He received his MBA in November 1947 and joined the Procter & Gamble company in the manufacturing headquarters in



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Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1952 after five years of training at headquarters and in the Cincinnati factories in P&G's complex industrial engineering program, he was transferred to Manila, Philippines, to establish the industrial engineering function in what was at that time P&G's largest overseas factory. After its completion, he became operations manager of the factory, and in 1961 he was transferred to Geneva, Switzerland to join a small group engaged in managing P&G business in developing countries mostly in Africa and the Middle East, where he oversaw manufacturing partners in such countries as Greece, Iran, Libya, Morocco, and Portugal. In 1964, he moved to Caracas, Venezuela to become director of manufacturing and product development of P&G Venezuela.

In 1968, Mr. Wiltsee resigned from P&G and joined the administrative staff of the Harvard Business School. Over the next 23 years he was primarily involved with the development and operation of the school's rapidly growing stable of executive education programs, as well as alumni affairs and corporate relations. He retired from HBS in 1991. During the last few years of his HBS career, and continuing long into his retirement, he and Jean traveled extensively, visiting businesses in Europe and the Far East, visiting their daughters and the growing families in England and The Netherlands, and enjoying trips sponsored by Harvard, Yale, and Stanford's alumni all over the world. In 1992, and again in 1994, they were asked by the International Executive Service Corps to go to Russia to advise management centers in transitioning from "socialist economics" to "market economics."

Throughout his adult life, he enjoyed golf, and calculated that he played 69 different courses, 23 of them outside the USA. Mr. Wiltsee was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Concord. He was also a member of the Harvard Club in Concord, the Harvard Club of New York City, Harvard and Yale clubs in Tucson, AZ, and the Holland Society of New York. He was a longtime corporator of Emerson Hospital and for 13 years volunteered in "transport" at the hospital. A member of the board of the New England Deaconess Association, he resigned from the board when he and Jean became residents of Newbury Court in 2001, to avoid a conflict of interest.

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**From an interview with Dick Krug, Director of Veteran Services for the town of Concord, as part of a 1998 book entitled “Memories of World War II”:**

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, I was in my second year of college. It had not occurred to me to join ROTC in my first year, so I, like most of my classmates, began to apply for various alternatives to the draft. (One of my friends joined the Marines right after Christmas and was killed in Guadalcanal in 1942.) My eyes were not up to the standards of the Navy or the Air Force, and I ended up volunteering for the draft in the spring of 1943. Because we had gone to school through the summer of 1942, by May of 1943 I had completed the first half of senior year, and Yale said that was enough — I would get my degree.

I entered the Army in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, across from Cincinnati and was soon shipped to Camp Haan, near Riverside, California, to be a member of a new anti-aircraft battalion that was being formed. We spent that summer, fall, and winter training there and in Camp Irwin, out in the desert near Barstow. It was good duty, because we could get into Los Angeles on weekends; in addition to which, it had been decided that I would be assigned the position of Intelligence Sergeant, and that meant that I didn't have to work KP and latrine cleanup.

In the spring of 1944, when we had finished our training, and the battalion had been qualified for duty, the Army decided that it did not need any more anti-aircraft. We were all shipped to a miserable little camp in Texas, on the Oklahoma border, to be converted to infantry. This meant that we had to learn to be real soldiers, and it was hard work — plus it was hot in the summer in Texas, the chiggers were fierce, and Dallas sure wasn't Los Angeles. At the end of our training, we were sent to Ford Ord, California, near Monterey, to be shipped to the Pacific Theatre.

In our first week at Fort Ord, we did a training exercise in the hills, and I came down with a severe case of poison oak. It was so bad that I had to spend three weeks in the base hospital. While I was in the hospital, my group was shipped out. When I returned to duty, the powers that be looked at my Military Occupational Specialty, i.e., the job I had qualified for, and opined that I was an Intelligence Sergeant in the anti-aircraft, but in the infantry, and that I needed further training. So I was sent to Fort McClellan, South Carolina, near Spartanburg, where the intelligence school did take me in after a few weeks. That training lasted about six weeks and was mostly map reading, as I remember it. Now I was prepared to go!



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I was shipped to Fort Meade, Maryland, then on to England. We landed in Cardiff, took a train to Portsmouth, England, then a small Polish ship to Le Havre. From there, a train consisting of box cars took us to Nancy, then to Metz. After two days in a fort in Metz, a truck came and took me to a little village in Luxemburg not far from the town of Wasserbillig, on the Moselle across from the German city of Trier — a lovely place that Jean and I have visited several times in the past few years. I got out of that truck in the middle of the night and found that I was now in the Intelligence NCO of the First Battalion, 346th Infantry Regiment, 87th Division, assigned to Patton's 3rd Army, with a squad of four to five guys. It was early January, 1945, and the Battle of the Bulge was in its final stages.

For a few days we maintained an observation post in a big church in Wasserbillig. Then we moved by truck up through the town of Wiltz, Luxemburg, from which according to some legend my family gets its name, and then mostly by foot through Houffalize, Bastogne, and on to St. 1 2 Vith, where the Bulge has begun and where it now ended. A few miles east of St. Vith we ran up against German border fortifications known as the Siegfried Line. There we sat for about three weeks getting shot at until we moved through the Line and onto the Rhine. Our division crossed the Moselle upstream from Coblenz, liberated the city after some difficult fighting, (and also liberated some good Moselle wine), and on March twenty-sixth we crossed the Rhine in landing craft at Boppard, south of Coblenz. We have been back to Boppard quite a few times now — it is a nice city, and on the river bank there is a viewing platform called the "Lorelei Blick," as the legendary Lorelei is just a short distance up river from there. Needless to say, on that morning of the twenty-sixth, with all the noise, the smoke generators, and some shelling, we were not aware of what are now important tourists' sites.

From our time near Wasserbillig until after we crossed the Rhine, we were almost continuously in contact with the enemy, and this was the toughest time of the War for me. My squad and I found ourselves looking straight down the barrel of a German tank one day, and fortunately he missed. My closest call came when we were moving out one night and one of our vehicles hit a mine within a few feet of me. I was blown some distance, lost my rifle and helmet, and had a hell of a headache for a few days but was luckier than some of my buddies who were closer to the mine. Generally during this period our squad set up observation posts whenever we could, we did some scouting, and we helped the long-range artillery observers identify targets. This all subjected us to frequent mortar and artillery fire, and one of my squad was right next to me one day when he was hit in the chest,

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but I was never really hurt. (I always said that as long as I didn't get seriously hurt, I wouldn't have missed it for the world).

After we crossed the Rhine, it was a matter of chasing the Germans each day until finally we were almost at the Czech border, and on May eighth that war ended. About ten thousand Germans came into our battalion area that day under surrender, and we took care of them as best we could. Some of them were hurt, and I worked for a few days with a German officer to get them settled in a building with bunks. The rest of the prisoners were corralled in a large field. Very shortly we received orders to move west, as the province we had taken was to be turned over to the Russians under terms of the Yalta agreement. I don't know what ever happened to those prisoners. If they were turned over to the Russians, they probably came to a bad end.



Then we received orders to ship back to the States for home leave en route to becoming part of the invasion for Japan. (It is interesting to recall that the embarkation camp near Le Havre was called Camp Lucky Strike. It was assumed that most of us smoked, which I did not, and in fact in the time that we were in the line we received a pack of cigarettes everyday, and there were cigarettes in the K-rations.)

The Japanese surrendered while I was on home leave. We reported back to our division in Fort Benning, Georgia, and the division was deactivated. I didn't have enough points to be discharged yet, and I was sent to Fort Devens where I was stationed for about six months. That gave me an opportunity to visit the Harvard Business School one day, where I learned that they had room for me in the next class. So in March, 1946, I was discharged from the Army, and in June I started the MBA program, and the rest of my life.

### **From a 2018 article for Emerson Hospital:**

As a volunteer at Emerson, George Wiltsee transported patients to all corners of the hospital. "When I reached 2,000 hours of volunteer work, they took my picture," he says with a laugh. "Volunteering is worthwhile. I think a lot of Emerson, and it was good exercise." The couple has served as corporators since



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the 1980s.

When George's transport assignment took him to the sixth floor, he often took note

of room 615, named for Mr. Wiltsee and his wife, Jean. The couple established a gift annuity with Emerson that helped refurbish room 615.

As a result, they receive guaranteed, lifetime income while supporting Emerson. "It's a smart thing to do," says Mr. Wiltsee about their planned gift.



"For example, a stock that has appreciated in value but is not producing any yield can be a lovely way to give to Emerson. You avoid paying a capital gains tax on the stock while you get an income tax deduction on the gift"

It was Mrs. Wiltsee who provided the original connection with Emerson. "I've always been interested in hospitals; medicine is fascinating to me," she says. "I know that Emerson is a very good hospital. It has a wonderful, welcoming attitude."

Once her husband began joining Mrs. Wiltsee at corporator meetings, his interest in the hospital grew, and he was soon nominated to become a corporator. "I think Emerson has fine management and fine doctors," he says. "In recent years, the hospital has increased its level of skill and capability."

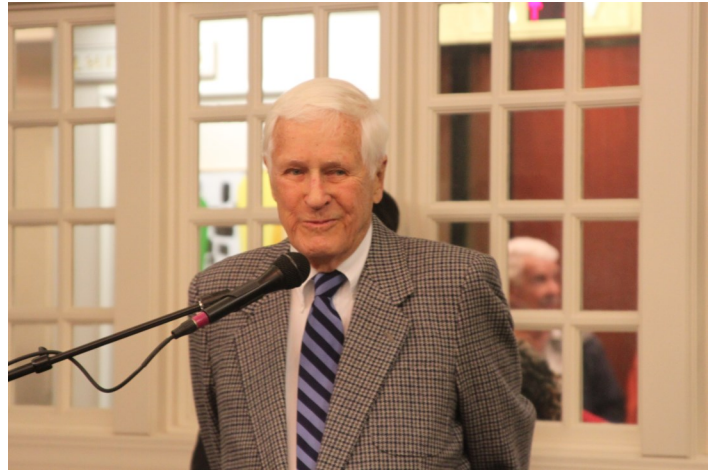
Mr. Wiltsee retired in 1991, after having enjoyed two totally different careers. After 21 years with Procter & Gamble — most of them spent overseas — he took a position at his alma mater, Harvard Business School, where he helped run its prestigious Executive Education Programs. "My work included developing new programs for senior health care executives," he notes.

As residents of Newbury Court in Concord, the couple appreciate the proximity of Emerson. "They've got good folks over there at Emerson," says Mr. Wiltsee. "It's wonderful to have the hospital nearby and we are pleased to support it."

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*George was a member of the NEDA board before moving to Newbury Court. He and his beloved wife Jean were active members of our community, and George's voice and financial wisdom were crucial in helping Newbury Court navigate the expansion of its property in the early 2000s.*





# Helena Riney

*Resident of Newbury Court & The Gardens | October 10, 2021*

## **From her obituary:**

Beloved mother, grandmother, and aunt. Helena (Saunders) Riney of Concord, Massachusetts, died peacefully on Sunday, October 10, 2021, at the age of 92 with family by her side.

For over 50 years she was the loving wife of William Edward Riney until his death in 2001.



Helena was born to Albert L. Saunders and Mary (Carroll) Saunders in North Andover, Massachusetts. The youngest of four children, she was a 1946 graduate of North Andover High School, attending Boston University for just one year. Financially unable to continue college, she attended the St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing, graduating with her R.N. degree in the spring of 1950. Following a brief time caring for newborns at Boston City Hospital, she wed William E. Riney (Bill) on November 25, 1950 and paused her nursing career.

Together, Helena and Bill raised seven children in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, in a busy and boisterous home. Helena was the calm in the storm, radiating serenity amid the chaos of a large family. She was smart, highly organized, and energetic, with incredible stamina. Seemingly effortlessly, she juggled all the moving parts of a nine-member household, sometimes augmented by an additional teenager in need of refuge. And through it all, she was unfailingly patient, loving, and fair.

Helena loved to learn and experience new things. She learned to play tennis at age 40, developing a new passion. At age 44 she returned to work in the health care field and for 12 years was responsible for Housekeeping and Infection Control at Tewksbury State Hospital. While working full time, Helena went back to college at night, earning her long-denied bachelor's degree in psychology from New England College at the age of 55. And at age 60, free of the constraints of working and raising children, she embarked on a global traveling spree spanning 20 years and six continents.

Anyone who knew Helena will remember her for her open and generous heart, her interest in each person with whom she spoke, the laughter and kindness in her green eyes, and her words of wisdom. She was a wonderful daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was very much loved by all and will be greatly missed by her children and grandchildren.

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Helena is survived by her four daughters, Anne F. Riney and her husband Myles Schumer of New York City, Susan Riney Miller and her husband Thomas Miller of Concord, MA, Catherine E. Riney and her husband Daniel Gallagher of Tyngsboro, MA, and Margaret R. Beaulieu and her husband Richard of Palmetto, FL; her three sons, Michael E. Riney and his wife Nancy of Sarasota, FL, James D. Riney and his wife Loretta Berardinelli of Venice, FL, and Kevin R. Riney and his wife Joyce of Kingston, NH; five loving grandchildren, Erin, Megan, and Patrick Riney and Benjamin and Samuel Miller; and four nieces and nephews.



*Helena enjoying an annual clambake with Newbury Court neighbors and friends.*



# Marion Thompson

*Resident of Newbury Court | October 16, 2021*

## From her obituary:

Marion Josephine Thompson, of Newbury Court, Concord, died peacefully on October 16, 2021, following a brief illness.

She was born February 14, 1921 in Conneaut, Ohio, the daughter of Italian and Finnish parents. Her childhood years were spent in Fairview Park, Ohio, where she graduated from high school in 1939. During the Depression she worked several jobs in order to attend Dyke Business College at night. She was married in October of 1944, to Lieutenant Eugene Dietrich, in Biloxi, Mississippi. Shortly after their wedding, he was killed when his plane was shot down during the war.



Given her interest in exploring the world, as a young widow she chose to spend two years with the occupation forces in Japan under General MacArthur. She traveled widely in the Far East during those years. Eventually she joined the U.S. State Department as a secretary, with a first post in Paris. Next she landed in Ankara, Turkey, where she met her second husband, Malcolm Thompson, a foreign service diplomat. They were married in September 1957 on the island of Capri. Their daughter Cynthia was born in 1961. During nearly twenty years in Turkey, Marion and Malcolm traveled extensively in the Middle East. As a diplomat's wife, her duties included event planning and frequent entertaining of local dignitaries. She excelled at this, but she was most proud of her role as a teacher of English to local Turkish residents. After multiple posts abroad, Malcolm and Marion retired to Fairhaven Hill, Concord. They enjoyed their time together on Fairhaven Hill, while still indulging their passion for extensive travel in the U.S. and abroad.

Marion was an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Church and the Concord Garden Club, and was involved with organizations to support housing for the elderly. She lost her husband Malcolm in 1998. Her remaining years were spent as an enthusiastic resident of the Newbury Court community in Concord, Massachusetts; she was on both the Green Committee and the Newbury Court Staff Scholarship Fund Committee. Marion was known for her great interest in local, national, and world politics. She was an avid reader of both fiction and nonfiction, and loved a good discussion on any topic.

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She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Knauss of Concord, and grandsons Andrew and Christopher Knauss, both of Denver, Colorado. Marion will be deeply missed by her family, multiple nieces and nephews, and her friends.

*Marion held the title of being the resident who lived at Newbury Court the longest. The pictures that follow show Marion's steady involvement over the years, including during the campus' many transitions to become what it is today.*





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# Raymond Miller

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## **From his obituary:**

Raymond F. Miller, Jr., of Concord, passed away peacefully, on October 17, 2021, three days before his 88th birthday. He was the beloved and devoted husband of Margot (Bourgeois) Miller, with whom he shared 65 years of loving marriage.

He was born in Lowell as the second child of Raymond and Dorothy (Flynn) Miller. He attended local schools and graduated from Keith Academy, now Lowell Catholic High School, where he was a benefactor for many years. Mr. Miller graduated from Tufts University in 1955 where he was a member of the Navy ROTC. He was commissioned as a Navy Ensign, and served in the western pacific as an Officer aboard the USS Walter B. Cobb. Upon his return, he married Margot Bourgeois and they returned to California while he completed his Naval tour of duty before serving in the Navy Reserve for four years.

Mr. Miller began a career in banking while earning his MBA from Northeastern University. He joined State Street Boston Corporation as a trainee, ascending to Senior Lending Officer, followed by President of Union National Bank in Lowell. In 1979, he became Director and Executive Vice President of the Prince Corporation and later served as President of Commonwealth Federal Savings Bank. During his business career he was a twenty-eight year Director of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Chair of the Finance Committee for several years. He was also a Director of the Pellon Corporation and the Massachusetts Development Corporation, where he served as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

He held lifelong interests in education, health care and the Catholic Church. He served as Trustee and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at The Fenn School in Concord, as well as a Trustee of Bentley University, where he served as Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee. Upon retirement, he studied for ten years at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology and continued an academic program at Harvard Divinity School. He was also a student at and director of the Concord Conservatory of Music for many years. At Holy Family Parish, he was a CCD teacher when his children were young and served as a Eucharistic Minister for the home bound and nursing home residents. A passionate and avid golfer, he cherished a 50 year membership at Concord Country Club and enjoyed being a member of The Hickory Shafts.



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In addition to his wife, he will be forever missed by his loving children, JJ Lanigan and husband Brian, Julie Clay and husband Peter, Lisa Moser and husband Rick, Christopher Miller and wife Kim, Martha Caporale, and Jonathan Miller and wife Rawlings. He was the proud grandfather of Megan, Molly and husband George, PJ and fiancé Carleen, Emma, Jack, Aly and fiancé Mike, Lucy and husband Paul, Will, Kyle and wife Ally, Robyn, Jake, Luke, Dylan, Owen and Nate, as well as two great grandchildren, Teddy and Oliver, and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Dorothy Schechter.



# Lucy Angelico

*Resident of Newbury Court & The Gardens | October 19, 2021*

## From her obituary:

Lucy S. Angelico, 101, of Concord, MA formerly of Worcester, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at The Gardens Memory Care Assisted Living at Newbury Court in Concord, MA.

Lucy was born in Worcester, one of five children to the late Sicilian Immigrants, Joseph and Antonia (Cila) Angelico. She was a graduate of Commerce High School, Class of 1938. Lucy worked as accounts receivable and payable supervisor in the billing department of Norton Company for 40 years before her retirement. She was a longtime member of Blessed Sacrament Church in Worcester before moving to Concord 8 years ago. Lucy was a very active parishioner who was a member of the churches Women's Guild and volunteered at the craft fair and many other church functions.

Lucy was an avid golfer who attended Green Hill Golf Course. She also enjoyed bowling, traveling, basket weaving and was a great cook. Lucy's family was most important to her. She cared for her parents for many years and even though she didn't have children, she thought of her nieces and nephews as her own.

Lucy is survived by several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews as well as great great nieces and nephews. Lucy is predeceased by three brothers, Luigi Angelico, Vincent "Jimmy Ace" Angelico and C. Paul Angelico; a sister, Carmella "Milly" Bertone.





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*“Auntie Lu,” as she was known by both family and The Gardens staff, was a beloved part of The Gardens community for many years. She brought laughter, song, and a great love of her Italian heritage!*



# Gertrude “Gertie” Cutler

*Resident of Newbury Court & Rivercrest | October 22, 2021*

## From her obituary:

Gertrude Ford “Gertie” Cutler passed away on October 22, 2021 at the age of 90 in her hometown of Concord, Mass. She was a caring (but no-nonsense) mother, grandmother and friend.



She was born in Chicago in 1931 to Burdette and Lillian Ford. She spent her early years in Grosse Pointe, Michigan and then went on to graduate from Wellesley College in 1952 with a B.A. in Economics and was very athletic, competing in both field hockey and basketball. After graduation she embarked on a two month trip through Europe where she met her future husband Sam. They married in December 1952, settled in Concord, and were together for 54 years until his death in 2006.

Gertie was a trailblazer in every sense of the word. While raising four children, she started a successful local retail business with a friend, was the first woman president of the Concord Country Club, served on the board of the Middlesex Savings Bank and was the President of the Women’s Golf Association of Massachusetts. She loved travel and the outdoors and was completely at home camping, sailing, hiking or canoeing on Martha’s Vineyard or anywhere else. At one point, she and her late husband Sam Cutler led her children on a two-month camping expedition across all of Europe, exposing/dragging them to as much history and culture as possible. In her seventies, she took her grandson Sam on a 5-day wilderness canoe trip in Northern Minnesota. She was also an accomplished paddle tennis player and was known for “the Gertie” - an at-net drop shot on a severe angle. But her true passion was golf, which she continued to play until well into her 80s. She won the women’s championship at the Concord Country Club 15 times (5 more than her closest competitor – her daughter Sue) and was an expert on the Rules of Golf, serving as an on-course official at national USWGA tournaments.

She is survived by her four children – Mike Cutler (Laura), Andy Cutler (Liz), Marty Fuller (Whit) and Susie Beyer (Steve), her 10 grandchildren – Sam, Sasha and Max Cutler, Maggie and Ian Cutler, Curt and Madeline Fuller and Jessie, Angie and Tina Beyer, and her great grandson - Teddy Cutler.



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*Resident of Newbury Court & Rivercrest | October 22, 2021*



**From a 2018 Past President's Dinner at Concord Country Club:**

*Left to right: Greg Ferguson, Ken Grinnell, Rob Schofield, Tom McNamara, Bob Loverud, Gertie Cutler, Rob Ayres, Chandler Woodland, Wade Staniar, Don MacKenzie, David Walther and Nick Kondon*



*Above left: Gertie enjoying a summer gathering with Newbury Court friends.*

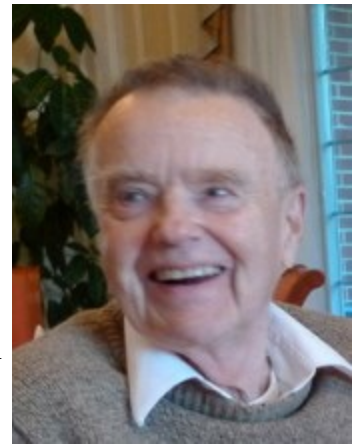
*Above right: Gertie led the Staff Appreciation efforts for Rivercrest for many years. In this photo she joins the committee and some Rivercrest Activities staff at the holiday gathering.*

# Donald Stevenson

*Resident of Newbury Court | October 31, 2021*

## **From his obituary:**

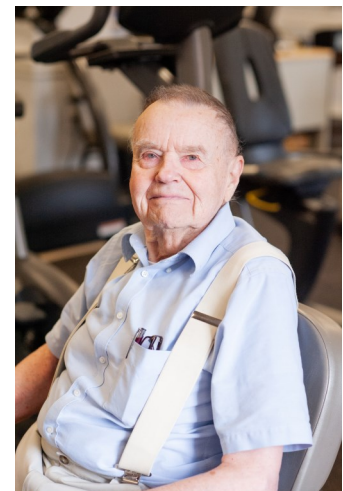
Donald T. Stevenson, of Concord, died at his home in Newbury Court on October 31, 2021. He died in his sleep, with all his children nearby. All those close to him agree he was the most honest, steady and trustworthy person they knew.



His wife of 73 years, Marjory, died in October 2019. They were both deeply loved by their 3 children and 4 grandchildren and 2 in-laws.

## **From Sarah Schultz, Fitness Coordinator at Newbury Court, upon Don's retirement from Fitness Training at Newbury Court:**

Don Stevenson and his wife Marjorie moved into Newbury Court 2 days after it opened in December of 1994. We are indebted with gratitude for his 26 years of Volunteer service within the Fitness community here. Don and Marjorie had been involved in some strength training programs before their move and Don, the retired physicist, knew that it would be important for their quality of life to continue with their exercise routines. At that time there was no fitness director on staff and the fitness facility was not what it is today. Don found great pleasure in assisting his fellow residents with their own routines and educating them of the benefits of strength training. When the new Fitness Center came to be, he became a Certified Personal Trainer and spent many hours a week teaching the machines at Open Gym Class times as well as doing new resident orientation to the equipment at the center. Over the years he grew quite the following. His class participants were always greeted by his genuine kind smile as he put them through their paces. When asked about his time volunteering in the Fitness Center he stated with that big smile, "It was A LOT of fun!"





## Donald Stevenson (page 2)

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*Don and Marjorie were longtime and active members of the Newbury Court community!*



## Donald Stevenson (page 3)

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*Don was an avid photographer, and can be credited with capturing many Newbury Court events and residents on film over the years—some of those pictures are the ones you see in this book!*

*He was also known to take some breathtaking photos of the nature that surrounds our campus. The one below is a beautiful example of his skilled handiwork.*



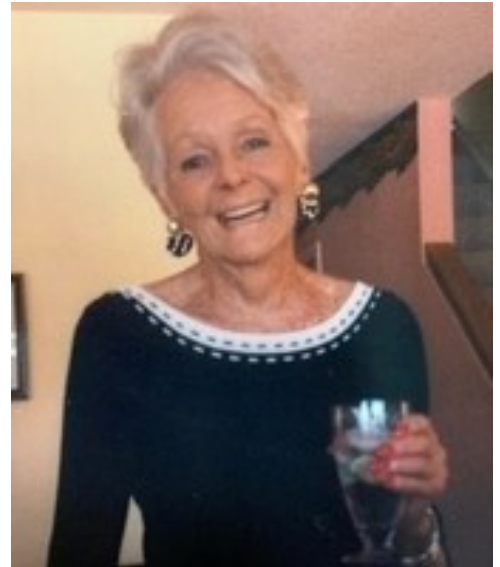


# Eleanor Wilson

*Resident of Newbury Court & Gardens | November 8, 2021*

## **From her obituary:**

Eleanor (Maroney) Wilson, age 93, of Concord, MA, passed on November 8, 2021. She is survived by her four children: Suellen and Jeffrey Wheeler of Concord, MA, Geoffrey and Sandra Wilson of Leland, NC, Eric and Madelene Wilson of Concord, MA, and F. James Wilson of Santa Monica, CA. Eleanor was blessed with 11 grandchildren who she loved dearly: Jay, Tucker and Katie Wheeler, Jonathan, Matthew and Trevor Wilson, Westley, Blake and Carter Wilson, Jack and Harry Wilson. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 32 years, Fredric James Wilson, Jr. her brother Fredrick B. Maroney and her sister Elizabeth A. Maroney (Betty).



Eleanor was born in Passaic, New Jersey September 3, 1928, after graduating from Passaic High School she attended Drake School of Business. Working at Seventeen Magazine, Eleanor met her future husband Fredric, and they were married in Bronxville, NY, May 22nd, 1954. They moved to Old Greenwich, CT, where they spent 31 years raising their family. Eleanor moved to Naples, FL, in 1990 before moving to Concord, MA in 2015 to be close to her family again.

Eleanor was an active volunteer with the Catholic Pro-Christo organization and the Greenwich Junior League. She was the founder and owner of New Leaf Associates, a premier estate sale and auction business in Greenwich, CT.

# The Rev. Jared "Jerry" Rardin

*Resident of Newbury Court | November 17, 2021*

## From his obituary:

Rev. Jared "Jerry" J Rardin, age 84, died on November 17, 2021, at his home in Concord, Massachusetts, from complications of Parkinson's Disease.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1937, the oldest of four children of Ruth and Jed Rardin; after his father died and his mother remarried, he became the oldest of nine. In 1955 he graduated from Shaker Heights High School, where he had met Sue Lowry who would go on to become his wife of 62 years. He graduated from Williams College in 1959, and from Union Theological Seminary in 1963, before beginning his 44 years in Philadelphia. He spent five years as pastor of Grace Methodist Church in West Oak Lane. He built a lifelong relationship with the First United Methodist Church of Germantown, and joined the staff of the Samaritan Counseling Center. Though he was a peacemaker at heart, he did not shy away from a little "good trouble." He participated in the Turnaround Tuesday march in Selma, Alabama, and later joined a blockade of transport of napalm during the Vietnam war.

Throughout his career as pastor, pastoral counselor, father, and friend, he served as colleague, mentor, consultant, advisor, finder of harmony, punster, woodworker, and folk philosopher. Among his family's favorite quotes: "take your anxieties, and nudge them toward curiosity," and, "the Universe knows how to take care of you." As someone has said, he was able to "turn a maze into a labyrinth." He was widely beloved.

In 2007, he and Sue left Philadelphia and retired to Concord, where he resumed some of his pastoral counseling, consulting, and woodworking activities. In addition to Sue, he is survived by Jed and Laurie Rardin, Paul Rardin and Sandy Crump, Charley Rardin and Jane Sharp, and grandchildren Brynne, Marta, Gavin, Miles, and Sawyer.





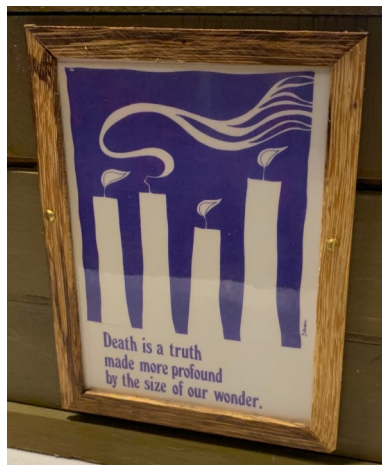
## The Rev. Jared “Jerry” Rardin (page 2)

*Resident of Newbury Court | November 17, 2021*

### **From his family, which was read at our All Campus Memorial Service:**

Fifteen years ago, Jerry Rardin and his wife Sue left their long-time home in Philadelphia to move to Newbury Court. Jerry left behind a career in parish ministry and pastoral counseling, and brought with him a new diagnosis of Parkinson’s Disease; but he and Sue quickly became part of the fabric of this community, helping to found-- and become the first leaders of -- Newbury Court’s Diversity and Inclusion Group.

For many of their new friends here, each interaction with Jerry, while peppered with puns and wordplay, wound up feeling more like a blessing, of which he was both celebrant, and beneficiary. As a craftsman and woodworker, Jerry worked in tangible metaphor, some examples of which you see right here in Duvall Chapel. The star of David that he made from white oak, which lives at the back of the chapel served as the crypt and foundation of the cathedral of his faith; this candle holder we use today for the memorial service he made to hold up the memory of each member of this Newbury community; and on the back of it he posted the quote “Death is a truth made more profound by the size of our wonder.” Now this candle shines for Jerry himself. Dad, we will always love you – but we are letting you go.

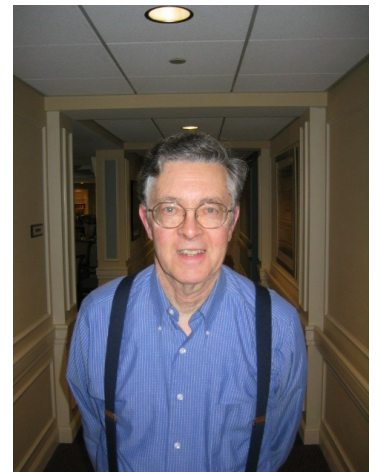




# The Rev. Jared “Jerry” Rardin (page 3)

Resident of Newbury Court | November 17, 2021

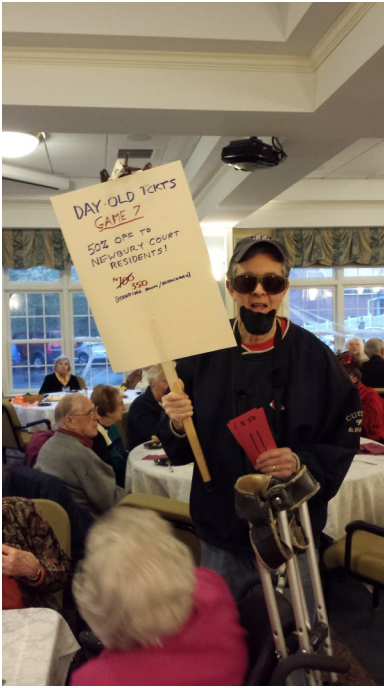
*Jerry was an active and beloved part of the Newbury Court community. He was an easy and natural leader with a healthy sense of humor. Pictures from over the years show him in Newbury Court marketing materials, at our holiday and annual meeting gatherings, and, of course, our annual Halloween parties. His costumes never disappointed.*





# The Rev. Jared "Jerry" Rardin (page 4)

*Resident of Newbury Court | November 17, 2021*



# Elizabeth Weiss

*Resident of Newbury Court | December 8, 2021*

## **From her obituary:**

Elizabeth Ann Sexton Weiss passed away on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at the age of 90. She was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, David Weiss, and her children Maureen Weiss (Brian Driscoll) of New York City and Kerry Weiss-Pena (Gustavo Pena) of Boston, her granddaughter Lila Elizabeth Driscoll, and her step-children Deanne (Weiss) Etsekson and Mark Weiss of Seattle.



Elizabeth was born to John and Mildred Sexton and raised in Saratoga Springs, New York. She graduated from the Albright Art Academy of the University of Buffalo in 1953 and received an M.S. in art education from Columbia University Teachers' College in 1963. She also studied Japanese art and art history at Sophia University, Tokyo.

Elizabeth was an inveterate globetrotter – roaming everywhere from Baghdad, to Bhutan and Brazil – and spent several years living in France and Germany. A long-time resident of Westfield, she was also a beloved art teacher to decades of children, retiring from the South Mountain Elementary School in New Jersey. She was also a talented artist with several exhibits to her name, including one in August 1965 where she met her husband David who told her "he liked her style" – the beginning of a long conversation that never stopped. Elizabeth was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother, thoughtful friend, superb hostess, legendary baker, and knitter of coveted family sweaters and mittens. Elizabeth approached life with enthusiasm and infinite grace, bringing her innate style and beauty to everything she touched. She will be dearly missed.



# Wayne Clemens

*Resident of Newbury Court | December 12, 2021*

## **From his obituary:**

Wayne K. Clemens, 88, of Concord, Massachusetts, died Sunday, Dec 12, 2021. He was the beloved and devoted husband of Barbara W. Clemens.

Wayne was born on January 1, 1933, in Evanston, IL. the son of A. Wayne and Grace Kirk Clemens. Wayne's mother passed away when he was seven, and his father moved the family, Wayne and his twin baby brothers, John and David, to California. Wayne was raised by his father and step-mother, Francise Batterton Clemens. He graduated from Hoover High School in Glendale CA, where, during his senior year, he was recognized with the National Exchange Club 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 1950 to 1954, Wayne attended UCLA on a Naval ROTC scholarship. He was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He was an active duty officer in the Navy Supply Corps, serving on the USS Ulvert M. Moore, a destroyer escort, from 1954 -1957. From there, he went on to earn an MBA from Stanford Business School, where he graduated in the top ten percent of his class. He had a successful career in Sales and Marketing, starting with sales for IBM and including Vice President of Sales and Marketing for WrightLine Corporation. After leaving the corporate world, he enjoyed his teaching positions at Boston College and Framingham State. He loved meeting young people and learning about their lives.

When he retired, Wayne founded the Retired Men's Association (RMA) of Boston/MetroWest. The RMA is a non-partisan, not for profit, non-sectarian organization encouraging fellowship and volunteerism among men who, after their careers, want to stay active and involved with other men in a similar stage of life. The organization first met in 1988, with a group of 18 charter members and has grown to a group of more than 200.

Wayne loved the outdoors and enjoyed skiing, hiking and water skiing with his family, often at their house at Lake Sunapee. At age 56, he hiked Tukerman's Ravine and took a trip to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway with his sons. He always had a spirit of adventure and enjoyed travelling. He toured Germany with



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his family of five in a Volkswagen van with a loose agenda and no set destination for each night. He and Barbara also took the family on an adventure to Zermatt, Switzerland to ski.

A fantastic and fearless cook, Wayne brought home recipes and the occasional ingredients from his business travels. He was famous for his sauerbraten, savory German pancakes and “Parmesan eggs”, and he once smuggled white asparagus in an antique clock that he brought home from Stuttgart. He also made the world’s best blueberry buttermilk pancakes, preferably with freshly picked local blueberries from the bushes at Lake Sunapee.

Wayne is predeceased by his brother John K. Clemens. Besides Barbara, his wife of 67 years, he is survived by his brother, David K. Clemens of Irvine, CA, sister-in-law Karyl Clemens of Oneonta, NY, son Robert W. Clemens and his wife Shelley Clemens of Columbia, MD, daughter Sandra Clemens Scott and her husband Paul Reilly of Northboro, MA, and son James W. Clemens and his wife Karen Clemens of Moultonboro, NH, as well as five grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.





# The Rev. Dr. Ha Kyung Cho-Kim

*Resident of Newbury Court | December 15, 2021*

## **From her obituary:**

Ha Kyung Cho-Kim, passed peacefully into the loving arms of the Lord on December 15, 2021. She was born in Korea on September 22, 1938. She is preceded in death by her husband Kyu Ha Kim and mother Rev. Uhn Shin Kim. Ha Kyung is survived by her daughter, Mary Kim-Garrity of Boston, son Eugene Kim (Jodie Kim) of Pittsburgh, brother Sung Ho Chun (Hyerim), grandchildren: Tyler, Madison, Grant, Tanner and Luke, and nephews Daniel and Jonathon.



Ha Kyung had a passion for learning and helping those in need. In fact, she truly dedicated her life to those two things. She graduated from Ewha University School of Pharmacy in Korea. In 1961 she came to the United States. She earned a PhD in Pharmacology from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. She was a clinical researcher at the University of Ohio, then she owned and operated her own pharmacy. She also was an Associate Research Professor at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School. Pittsburgh had become her home where she and late husband, Kyu Ha, raised their family.

Ha Kyung received a calling from the Lord and decided to attend Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. After receiving a Master's Degree of Divinity and a Doctorate Degree of Ministry, she was an ordained Minister serving the United Methodist Church. She served as an Associate Pastor at Dutihl Methodist Church in Cranberry, PA and as pastor at Christ Community Church in McKees Rocks, PA. Later she would serve as a pastor in Bloomington, IN. Then she was invited to be the Resourcing Director of the New England Conference of the UMC. In 2004, she served the loving congregation of Leominster United Methodist Church as pastor until her retirement.

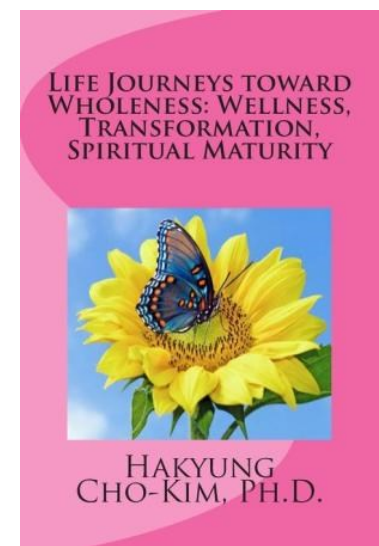
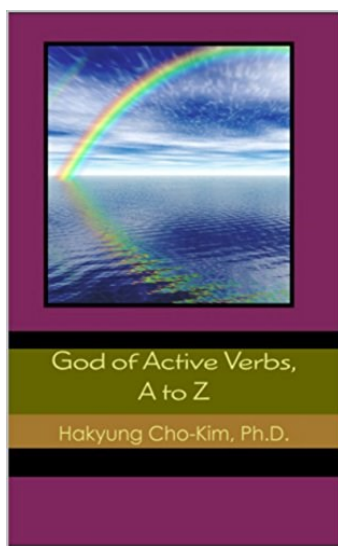
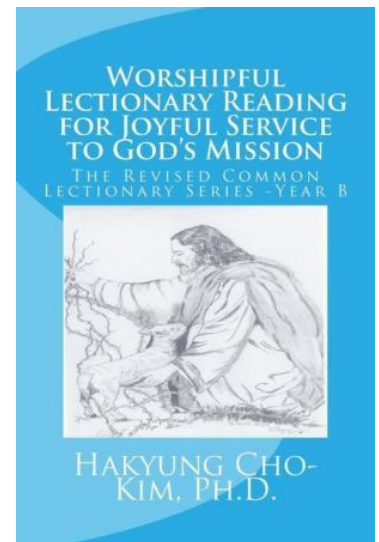
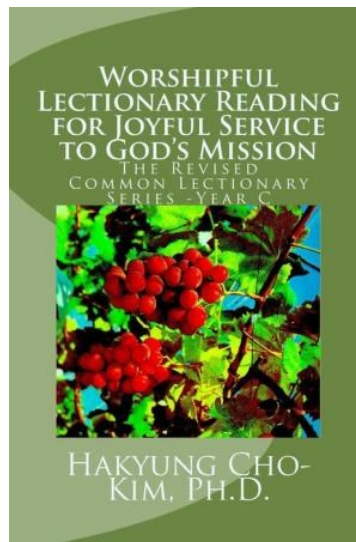
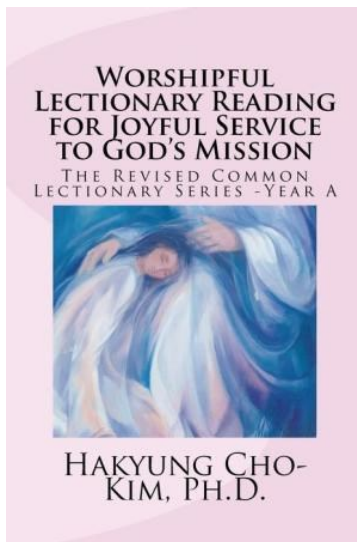
Growing up in Korea during the Korean War with her mother brought many challenges and hardships. These life experiences and lessons learned molded her as a strong person and inspired her to mentor others, especially women. She authored many spiritual books: God of Active Verbs A to Z, and Life's Journeys Toward Wholeness: Wellness, Transformation, Spiritual Maturity. She is also a kidney transplant recipient (special thanks to Judy Brideau) and a cancer survivor.

# The Rev. Dr. Ha Kyung Cho-Kim (page 2)

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*Cho-Kim's published books are below. At the time of her death, she was working on a sixth book. The hope is that it will be published posthumously.*





# The Rev. Dr. Ha Kyung Cho-Kim (page 3)

Resident of Newbury Court | December 15, 2021

*Cho-Kim shared her life story with Janet Johnson as part of the We Are All Immigrants project.*

## Hakyung Cho-Kim

I was born in Pyongyang, Korea, to Wan Cho (my father) and Uhn-Shin Kim (my mother). We moved to Shanghai, China, in the early 1940s where my father abandoned us when I was four years old. When my mother and I returned to Korea in 1945 we discovered that the country had been divided by the US and the USSR and our hometown was now the capital city of North Korea.

When the Communist government there began to confiscate personal property, my mother and I attempted to escape to South Korea in 1948. We were caught, but were able to buy our freedom using my mother's valuables. We were guided to the border and lived with our relatives in Seoul. I was able to attend elementary school where kind and compassionate teachers encouraged me. I especially enjoyed singing in the school choir.



**MOTHER AND DAUGHTER**  
**Hakyung Cho-Kim and Uhn-Shin**  
**Kim in Seoul, Korea, 1961.**

My mother remarried, but our family life changed drastically during the Korean War that began in 1950. Several members of my extended family died in a bombing by US planes. My mother was incarcerated by North Korean Intelligence, but later released just to have to flee again. This time we clung to the top of a freight car for nearly 200 miles to get to Daegu on Christmas Eve, 1950, where I was able to attend school.

In 1953 we were allowed to return to Seoul. The only housing available was a partially bombed house belonging to my aunt. I began school there as a ninth grader. After I completed high school, I attended Ewha Women's University in Seoul where I graduated with a BS in Pharmacy in 1961. At this point my English was pretty fluent since I started learning the language in high school and continued studying it in college by reading *Time* magazine.

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My plan was to come to the US to obtain an advanced degree in pharmacy and to become a professor in Korea. However, there were many difficulties along the way. My fiancé, Kyuha Kim, had come to the US in March of 1961. He was a 5<sup>th</sup> degree black belt in judo and was the Korean National Judo Champion as well as an instructor with the Korean Air Force Academy. An American army captain saw a business opportunity in Kyuha's abilities and invited him to Oklahoma City to become a martial arts instructor.

I came to the US in November 1961 to join Kyuha. We were married in Oklahoma City in the chapel of Good Samaritan Hospital with a few of his martial arts students as guests and no family able to be present.

We started our life together in a studio apartment without a TV or a car and just my husband's modest income. Soon we realized that I was pregnant. With this happy news we were faced with the harsh reality that we had no health insurance. One of my husband's private students was the Oklahoma State Attorney General, but the only suggestion he had for us was that I should go back to Korea to have the child. Later, I found out that his actions were motivated by racism. He did not want our child to be born in this country and thus become a legal citizen of the USA.

I went back to Korea when I was eight months pregnant. My husband had to remain in Oklahoma City to fulfill his contract. My mother could barely recognize me when I landed, I was so swollen from the pregnancy. My daughter, Mary, was born on August 31, 1962. I nearly lost my life giving birth and my recovery was an amazing gift from God. My mother offered to raise the baby so I could return to the US to complete my pharmacy studies in Pittsburgh. Mary was able to join us when she was almost five years old. Our son, Eugene, was born in 1966.

I was fortunate to receive full scholarships for all of my college education. I reached my educational goal when I received a PhD in Pharmacology from the University of Pittsburgh on December 1969. I had already earned a BS in Pharmacy and an MS in Medicinal Chemistry from Pittsburgh's Duquesne University. I was able to do considerable cancer research on botanical plants and was the owner/pharmacist in pharmacies in Bethel Park and Pittsburgh, PA. Despite this professional success, I felt a strong call to the ministry, and in 1983 I entered the Pittsburgh Theological



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Seminary. In 1986 I was the first Asian woman to be ordained by the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church.



## **THREE GENERATIONS**

**From left, Hakyung Cho-Kim, her mother Uhn-Shin Kim, and her daughter Mary Kim Garrity in 1991.**

I have served churches as laity and clergy for more than 50 years - in Western Pennsylvania, Southern Indiana, and the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church. Since my retirement from parish ministry in 2010, I have published five devotional books, and I continue to be involved as Adult Formation Director at Sudbury Methodist Church. I moved to Newbury Court in March 2018.

When I entered the ministry, I found that the many challenges I faced in life helped me to focus on the spiritual disciplines and strive to live a life that is grounded in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

***Hakyung Cho-Kim***  
*Resident, August 2019*  
*Edited by Janet Johnson*



# Ellen Simorellis

*Resident of Newbury Court & The Gardens | December 27, 2021*

## From her obituary:

Ellen (Papulis) Simorellis, 79, formerly of Tyngsboro and Chelmsford, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 27, 2021, at Rivercrest Wellness and Rehabilitation Center, Concord, Massachusetts.



Ellen was born in Medford, Massachusetts on February 23, 1942, and was the daughter of the late Angelo and Areti (Kanelas) Papulis.

Ellen was raised in Dracut, Massachusetts, and lived with her parents and her twin sister, Antoinette, and her brother, Peter John. She graduated from Lowell University with a degree in education. Ellen spent the next 40 years sharing her knowledge and guidance as a second grade school teacher. From an early age, Ellen had a passion for glamour and beauty. She spent much time and interest on the latest fashion trends and culture. She loved animals, children, and traveling. Ellen always knew just what to say and do to make the people around her smile.

Ellen is survived by her daughters, Victoria Gorgeatt and her husband William Gorgeatt of Londonderry, NH, and Dr. Alana Simorellis Flores and her husband Miguel Flores of Acton, MA. She is also survived by her fiancé, George Eliopoulos, her siblings, Antoinette Eliopoulos and Peter John Papulis and his wife Sujitra Papulis; her former husband, Christos Simorellis; her three grandchildren, William Gorgeatt, Sophia Flores, and Felix Flores; as well as her beloved nieces and nephews.





# Elizabeth LeBaron

*Resident of Newbury Court | December 28, 2021*

## **From her obituary:**

Elizabeth “Liz” Johnson LeBaron, 89, of Wayland and Sudbury, died peacefully on December 28, 2021, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, New York. A loving mother of four, Liz was a lifelong teacher and learner. Born in Boston, Massachusetts on August 26, 1932, Liz was the daughter of Margaret Ingraham and George Blake Johnson. She attended Framingham High School and graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1953. That same year she married Ken LeBaron, and then joined him in Bremerhaven, Germany, where he was stationed for two years with the Army Dental Corps. Upon their return to the US (along with their infant daughter) in 1954, they settled in Wayland, Massachusetts, where they raised their four children.



Ever active in her community, Liz was an avid Membership Chair of the League of Women Voters. She was a passionate religious education director for the First Parish Church in Wayland for six years, which spurred her return to school. Liz received an M.Ed. from Framingham State College. In 1976, she became a special needs and reading teacher at the Wayland Middle School. Liz was a driving force and mentor to many.

A pioneer in the project-based learning movement, Liz wrote curricula for several programs, and in 1988 was nominated for Conservation Teacher of the Year by the Mass. Audubon Society for her development of an annual WMS bike trip to Cape Cod. She was a Horace Mann Teacher in 1989 and obtained numerous grants and developed programs for ESL and multicultural initiatives in Wayland. As leader of Thoreau house, she took great pride in her annual bicycle excursion with students to Walden Pond which she led every year until her retirement in 2001.

Liz was a lifelong choir member of the First Parish in Wayland. She loved both music and nature and supported many conservation organizations. She enjoyed many happy years with her family at Squam Lake in New Hampshire, hiking and skiing the White Mountains, swimming, canoeing, and sailing; loves she passed on to future generations.

## Elizabeth LeBaron (page 2)

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Liz maintained a friendship with her college classmates with whom she reconnected at her 45th reunion, thereafter enjoying 20 years of shared trips with the group. She spent whatever spare time she had reading, taking notes, and sharing her pride in her children and their families.



She is survived by three daughters; Carol LeBaron and her husband Dan of Elizabethton, Tennessee; Barbara Kendall and her husband Brad of Dover Plains, New York; Dorothy Johnson and her husband Thomas of Concord, New Hampshire; her son James LeBaron and his wife Pamela, of Moultonborough, New Hampshire, grandchildren Kenneth, Michael and Emily Woofenden, Travis and Stephen Kendall, Jennifer and Benjamin Helm, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. Liz was predeceased by her husband Kenneth and her brother George of Fairfield, Connecticut.



# Sara Sharp

*Resident of Rivercrest | January 7, 2022*

## **From her obituary:**

Sara (Colegrove) Sharp, 80, a resident of Newbury Court in Concord, formerly of Arlington, MA and Indianapolis, IN, died peacefully in her sleep at Rivercrest Nursing & Rehab Center in Concord on January 7, 2022. She was the beloved wife of John D. Sharp, with whom she shared 55 years of marriage.



She was born on August 5, 1941, as the daughter of the late Andrew Colegrove, Jane (Lathrop) Kinney and stepdaughter of the late Thomas Weir. Sara was raised in Mystic, CT, and graduated from Williams Memorial Institute. She completed an undergraduate degree in home economics from the University of Connecticut, before earning a Master of Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley. Having been diagnosed with Diabetes as a young teenager, Sara focused her graduate degree with a specialty on food and nutrition. She managed the disease carefully and with grace throughout her life. Her time at UC Berkeley also introduced her to John, her husband and soul mate. The couple wed on June 18, 1966 in her hometown of Mystic.

Sara enjoyed raising a family as a devoted and nurturing mother. She took special pride in actively participating in her sons' lives, particularly volunteering at their school and assisting them on various projects. Her interest in family history led to extensive genealogy research over the years. Sara was also a former member of the Professional Society of Public Health Workers, American Dietetic Association, and a longtime supporter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

In addition to her husband, she will be greatly missed by two loving sons, Clifford Sharp of Arlington and Kenneth Sharp and his wife Susan of Haverhill, three grandchildren, Andrew, Daniel and Nathan Sharp, her sister, Suzanne Gally of Concord, along with several nephews and their children.

# Barbara Nelson

*Former Resident of Newbury Court | January 21, 2022*

Barbara Nelson passed away on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at home in Long Island, NY. Barbara had been a Newbury Court resident from 2009-2021, and had moved back to her summer home to be closer to family during COVID. As her family reflected, she led a rich, full life of 92 years and passed away in her sleep—a beautiful, fitting end which brings a lot of comfort to all who knew and loved her.



Barbara was a loving wife to Larry (who predeceased her in 2009) and mother to five children: Karen, Diana, John, Jim, and Kristin. In her earlier years, Barbara had been a docent at The Met which allowed her to lean into her love of art and art history. She also took up sketching as a personal hobby.





# Susan Bliss

*Resident of Newbury Court & Rivercrest | January 22, 2022*

## From her obituary:

Bliss, Susan H. (Harvey) died peacefully in Lincoln, MA on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. She was born in Ashbury, England on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1947. She attended the Saint Catherine's Convent School in Twickenham. Following her graduation, she began working as a lab technician at the Ashford Hospital. She soon moved to London and started working for the London Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Disease. In 1974 Susan moved to the United States. Initially settling in Pittsburgh, Susan later moved to the suburbs of Boston, Massachusetts in the 1980s and began dating Michael Bliss. In 1983 they married in England and settled in Natick, MA where they purchased a beautiful historic Victorian home. They had two children together, Nicholas, and Christopher Bliss, and a step-son Austin Bliss. While living in Massachusetts, Susan worked in the Pathology Lab at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.



Susan was an avid gardener, chef, and outdoor enthusiast; she could often be found in her kitchen or tending to one of her many gardens. She enjoyed the outdoors, and spent several weeks a year camping, hiking, and kayaking on Cape Cod with her family. She is remembered as an individual who was strong, stoic, and intelligent who lightened up the room with her smile. Her life was complicated by an early diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease in her 40s. However, her strong spirit kept her moving for a great many years after the diagnosis.

In 2009 Susan and Michael downsized to a home in Lexington, MA. While her health had declined, she continued to pursue her passions and welcomed the addition of her new grandchildren which she adored every moment with. In 2016 Susan and Michael moved to Newbury Court in Concord, MA where she developed a close group of friends among the residents and continued to enjoy some of her favorite activities such as swimming and Tai Chi.



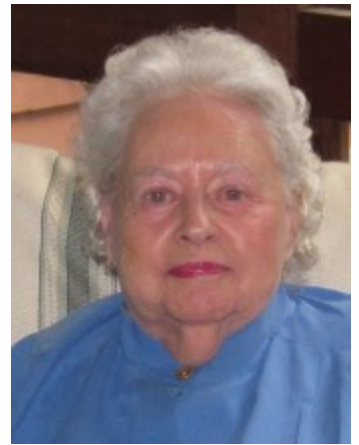
Susan will be remembered as a strong and loving woman, with an unrivaled passion for life. She will be sorely missed by her children Nicholas and Christopher, her stepson Austin, their spouses; Leah Bliss, Lisa Bliss, and Gary Van Deurse, her brother Christopher Harvey and wife Carol Harvey and many nieces, cousins, friends, step-relatives, and non-relatives that can be readily named.

# Beatrice Page

*Resident of Newbury Court & The Gardens | January 30, 2022*

## From her obituary:

Beatrice R. Page passed away peacefully on January 30, 2022. A life-long resident of Massachusetts, she attended Miss Mills School and Pittsfield High School. She was a graduate of the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston. Bea worked at Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill as a Secretary to the Head of School.



Bea lived in Lincoln, MA from 1952 to 2013, when she moved to Concord. She was a member of the Lincoln Garden Club, Assistant Leader of the Lincoln 4-H Horse Club, Member and a two-term Chairman of the Middlesex County Horse Advisory Committee. Bea served as a Trustee of Holderness School in New Hampshire. She was a member of the Emerson Hospital Auxiliary for 25 years. Beatrice served the town of Lincoln in a variety of capacities; Historic District Committee, League of Women Voters, Dancing School Committee, Lincoln Players and as an election poll checker. Bea was a volunteer for the Lincoln Old Town Hall Exchange from its beginning in 1963 through 2000, sometimes serving as the Volunteer Coordinator.

Bea enjoyed reading, movies, horseback riding, skiing, Boston Symphony Orchestra, the theater and ballet, dancing to and listening to jazz music, traveling, and, above all, her family.

Beatrice is predeceased by her husbands, John C. Haartz, Jr and Milton S. Page, her brother, Kenneth L. Ritchie. She is survived by her three children and their spouses, including Eric and Denise Haartz, as well as her grand-daughter Deborah Haartz.



# Laura Ells

*Resident of Rivercrest | January 31, 2022*

## From her obituary:

With her sons watching over her, Laura ("Laurie") Richards Ells peacefully passed away on Monday, January 31, 2022, at Rivercrest Nursing Home in Concord, Massachusetts. Born on May 18, 1937, in New York, New York, Laura Elizabeth Richards was the youngest of three children of Edward Lambert Richards, Sr. and Elizabeth Carter Richards.



Laurie was raised in Rye, New York with her brothers, Edward Lambert Richards, Jr. and Ernest Carter Richards. She and her family relished their time sailing on Long Island Sound out of the American Yacht Club aboard the sloop "Cynara" and the yawl "Laurie". They would also enjoy time with extended family at Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire.

Laurie attended Rye Country Day School, where she most enjoyed music, pottery and basketball. In 1959, she graduated from Wellesley College. It was there that a young man named, Stephen Frank Ells, held the door open for her. She and Stephen were married on October 26, 1957. Living first in Lexington, then in the Conantum neighborhood in Concord, they raised three sons; David, Nathaniel, and Jonathan, to whom Laura devoted her time. Laurie remained close with her brothers and other relatives. Together, they enjoyed holidays, reunions, skiing, sailing and camping, from Long Island Sound, Downeast to the Gulf of Maine, across New Hampshire and Vermont, and back again.

A caring soul, Laurie worked in Concord as a home health aide, and advocated for the elderly as a board member of the Timothy Wheeler House in Concord.

An avid lover of music, Laurie carried "musical scales in my mind", a trait she shared with her mother, "Betty." Laurie sang in the choir at First Parish Church in Concord, with the Concord Chorus, and with the "Sweet Adelines." Singing and being with her fellow choir members brought her great joy.

In the early 1990s, Laurie relocated to Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts with her partner, Robert Jermain. Laurie continued singing, joining First Parish Church choir in Manchester, and was a fan of Bob's musical ensembles in which he played the trombone. Laurie and Bob loved traveling the world, and could be found with their paint kits on organized painting vacations.

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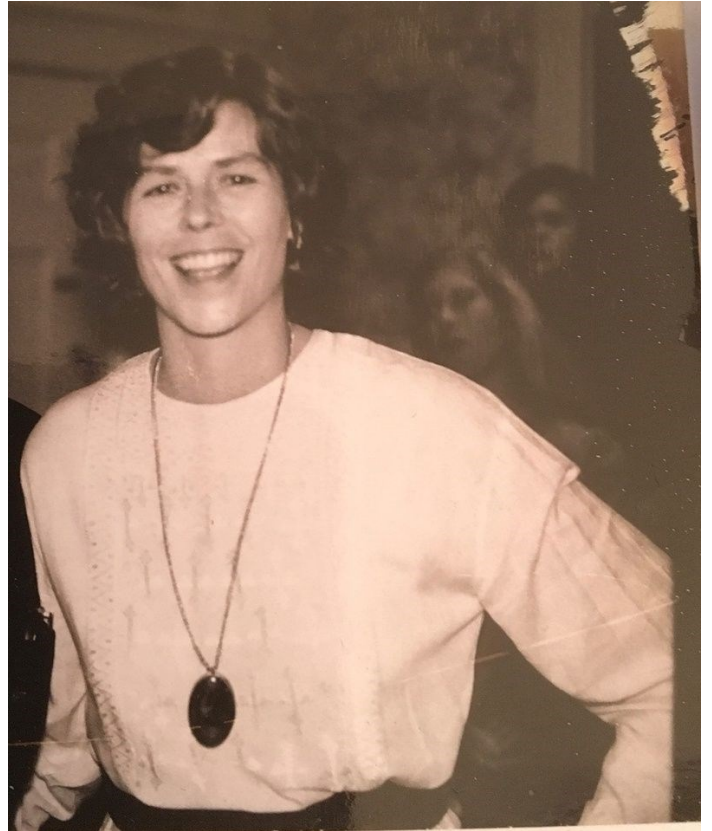
Laurie is survived by her son David Farnsworth Ells of Elliot Maine, Nathaniel Carter Ells and his partner Jennifer Nelson of Springfield, Vermont, her son Jonathan Richards Ells and his spouse Mary Radclyffe Ells of Harvard, Massachusetts; her beloved grandchildren, Emery, Evan, Caroline, and Edward; her sisters-in-law, Mrs. Nancy Richards, Mrs. Paula Gills (Laurie's "Schwester"), Mrs. Sally Wagner; her nieces and nephews Ernest, Edward, Jagjit, Cuyler, and Rachel; her loving cousins Anita and Laura; the family of Robert A. Jermain; friends she cherished in Manchester, Concord and beyond.





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# Sally Cross

*Resident of Newbury Court | February 2, 2022*

## **From her obituary:**

Sally Smith Cross died on February 2 in Concord, MA.

Born in 1929 in New York, the daughter of F. Harold Smith and Pauline V. Curtiss, she rapidly developed a broad affection for any person who traversed her path: her city and country neighbors, her classmates at The Chapin School and Vassar College (1951), and her colleagues in the administration of Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute, which she joined after college. She rejoiced equally in summer hijinks with her family in Washingtonville, NY and the exhilaration of winters filled with classical music, art, and vibrant conversation.



In 1955, through amateur theatrical group The Blue Hill Troupe, she met the very tall and rather reserved banker William R. Cross, Jr. (1917-2002). The wedding of close friends two years later set a romance in motion. They married on June 14, 1958, and soon became parents to three children (Bill born 1959, Polly in 1960 and Fred in 1962). Her long-widowed mother-in-law Julia welcomed the growing family into the brick townhouse to which she had moved four decades earlier, when her husband Bill was a baby.

In 1973, their Bedford, NY weekend house became their principal home, complemented by a Chilmark, MA cottage whose simplicity sweetened Sally's Vineyard joy. For more than twenty years of Bill's battle with Parkinson's, Sally's marriage was her ministry and mission.

In 2006, four years after his death, she moved to Newbury Court in Concord, MA, where she flourished amid new friends and activities she embraced with enthusiasm. She took special delight in travel (best of all with grandchildren) that stretched minds and legs in equal measure. In her later years, an able cadre of loving, wise and faithful aides allowed her to live and die there in dignity, safety and comfort.

Her daughter Pauline C. Reeve and her husband Brock of Concord, and her two sons William R. Cross and his wife Ellen of Manchester, MA and Frederic N. Cross and his wife Jane of Easton, MD, give thanks for this care from all those who assisted her, especially Hilda Mbugua, Fortunate Mbabazi, and Margaret



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Marume who had been a big part of her life for the past year and more. As we mourn, we rejoice also in Sally's long life and devoted passel of pals near and far. Six beloved grandchildren also survive her: Nate Reeve and his wife Caroline of Houston; Adam Reeve of Cambridge; Hannah Reeve and her fiancé Nick Kowalski of New York; Gavin Cross of Shanghai; Ben Cross of Pittsburgh; and Charlie Cross of Charleston. Her grandson Sam Cross, her brother Robert I. Smith and her half-brother F. Harold Smith, Jr. predeceased her.



### **From her daughter Polly:**

As people near and far have been sharing memories of our Mum over the past two weeks, there are themes that come up over and over – her graciousness, her intellect, her bravery, her enthusiasm, her determination – just to name a few. And what really comes shining through is her love. She cared about and was truly interested in each person in her life; she wanted to know your story, your passions, what made you unique and special. This was her hallmark – she simply loved other people, and her relationships inspired her and made her joyful, and gave her strength and stamina and courage even as her days became more difficult. It's clear that she was deeply loved in return, and she – and we – are forever grateful.

I want to say just a few words about this place, Newbury Court, where she lived for the past nearly-16 years. Before moving here, she had spent her adult years as a very active member of a busy community, with her life centered on her family – raising us three kids and, as soon as we were relatively independent, devotedly caring and advocating for our father during his 20 years of living with Parkinson's disease. In 2006, she was a relatively young widow who had never lived outside the state of New York. Moving here was the beginning of a brand new chapter for her – one in which in many ways she was able to be more independent than ever before. Although she missed our father terribly, she embraced her new life with gusto. She traveled the world with friends and grandchildren, she hosted a stream of houseguests on Martha's Vineyard during her summers there, she joined pretty much every committee and participated in every activity she could, and made amazing, dear friends among her fellow residents and the staff here. When she first arrived, she relished playing the younger sister to some of the more senior residents, and as the years went by she gracefully grew into the role of (as one of her friends put it) the "Grand Dame" of Newbury Court. She loved it here, because

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she loved the people in her life here.

Over the past several years, her body started to fail her, but her heart – both literally and metaphorically – never did. Her spirit remained so strong – right up to the end. She was determined, and clear-eyed, and full of love, and that was because of all the incredible people in her life.

You gave her joy, and a sense of purpose, and the tender care she needed to live fully, in comfort, dignity, and happiness.

With thanks and love,

Polly Cross Reeve





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# Claire Pearmain

*Resident of Newbury Court | February 8, 2022*

## From her obituary:

Claire Anne Pearmain age 92 of Newbury Court in Concord and formerly a long-time Lincoln resident passed away on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. She was the wife of the late Wm. Robert Pearmain.

Claire was born in Washington D.C. on June 27, 1929. She grew up in Hingham MA, where she attended Derby and Milton Academies and maintained those early friendships for the rest of her life. She graduated from Wells College earning a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature.

Claire and Robert married on June 14, 1952, and soon settled in Lincoln where together they raised their children. After her children were grown Claire went to Northeastern University and graduated with a master's degree in Social Work with a focus in Geriatrics. She then worked at Metropolitan State Hospital with its chronically mentally ill residents until it closed in 1991. She cared deeply for the patients and helped them to settle in the community.

Bob and Claire were members of the First Parish church in Lincoln for over 65 years. She was active on a number of committees but especially the social concerns committee where she volunteered for such causes as hunger and homelessness. She was also a trustee for Farrington Memorial for many years serving young people with mental disorders.

She is survived by her three children, Elisa Pearmain-Hovestadt of Hudson, MA, Victoria Pearmain-Tingey of Rossville, GA, and William R. Pearmain of Marlborough, MA; her granddaughter Joy Hovestadt of Vermont, and two step-grandchildren, Ashley, and Heather Tingey.



Claire loved to garden, and to walk with Bob in the peaceful woods and fields near her home. She was widely known and appreciated for her kind and loving spirit.

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### **“A Story that Exemplifies the Kindness of Claire Pearmain,” written by Elisa Pearmain with help from Vicki Pearmain**

My Mom went back to school when I was in college and got a Master of Social Work degree. She went to work at the Metropolitan State Hospital in Waltham, MA. Back in those days, the late 70's, people with mental health challenges were often involuntarily committed to those grim state hospital buildings with not much hope of getting out. My mom led groups and did individual therapy for the patients there.



Mom had one client named Joanne (name changed for confidentiality), of whom she was especially fond. Joanne had been forced by her family to give up a baby she had when she was young. In anger Joanne had tried to burn down the family house. She had been committed to Met. State for the rest of her days. Mom felt empathy for the sadness Joanne carried, and the loneliness of having no family.

Then in the late 80's, Governor Weld decided to close the state hospitals and mom's job became helping the residents to find housing and support out in the world. As an older woman with no one to help her, Mom took extra care in getting her settled in the community near by and made sure that she had a support system.

When the hospital closed soon after, my mom retired. But she did not stop caring about Joanne. She continued to check in with her every month or so. My sister Vicki remembers shopping for Joanne with my mom to bring her items of clothing and things that she couldn't get on her own.

Mom knew that Joanne was still grieving the loss of the baby that she had been forced to give up at birth. I don't know exactly how the idea came up, but mom helped Joanne to locate her son who was now an adult and living in California and helped to organize a meeting of the two.

Luckily it went well. This young man wanted to know why his mom had given him up and she wanted to see that he was doing well. They parted ways peacefully and kept up a relationship after that.



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Mom continued to check in with Joanne as her health declined over the years. When Joanne had to go to a nursing home, Mom and Vicki went to her apartment and packed up the things that she would need there. She finally died about 15 years ago. Mom attended the small funeral.

While Joanne did not have the kind of life that we might call happy and fulfilled, the rest of her life was easier, and her heart was made much lighter by reuniting with her son.

That was just one example of the generosity and compassion that Mom, Claire Pearmain, had for those in need. We are grateful that she has passed that value on to her children.



Claire Anne Porter

"There is a delicate, china music box  
which plays two tunes—a whimsical  
aire and a museful concerto."





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# Judith Campbell

*Resident of Rivercrest | February 10, 2022*

## **From her obituary:**

Judith French Campbell, a longtime resident of Cambridge, MA, died peacefully on February 10, 2022, after a long and hard-fought battle with both Parkinson's Disease and Multiple Myeloma.

Born November 14, 1942, Judy was the daughter of the late Henry and Dorothy Campbell and grew up in Watertown, Connecticut. She graduated from Connecticut College and soon thereafter, moved to Cambridge where she spent most of her life. She went on to attain a Master's Degree in Economics from Northeastern University.

During her career, Judy worked for Arthur D. Little, had her own consulting business and ended her working days at Boston Senior Home Care.

Judy is survived by her long-time companion and beloved friend, David Low; her sister, Barbara Bigelow; her nephew Kemp Bigelow and his wife Debbie; her nephew Charlie Bigelow and his wife Elisa; and her beloved grandnieces Lucy, Scarlett and Phoebe. She is also survived by several cousins. She was predeceased by her brother-in-law, Bill Bigelow.

Judy was an intelligent, kind, loving and generous person who will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her. She delighted in brightening someone's day in any way she could.



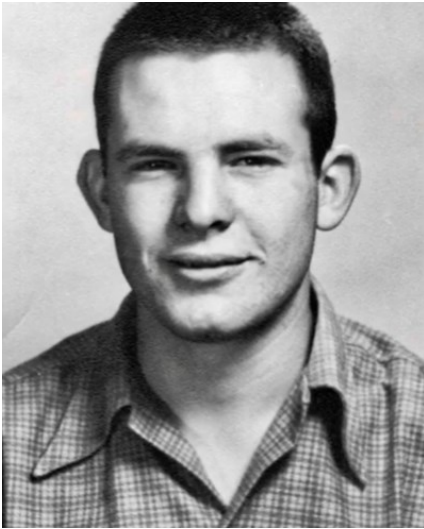
# Arvin Smith

*Resident of Rivercrest | February 13, 2022*

## From his obituary:

Arvin Herley Smith passed away peacefully Sunday morning, February 13, 2022 in Concord, MA at the age of 92.

He was born to Riley Fred and Effie Mae Jones Smith in Donley County, Texas on May 16, 1929. He was raised on a cotton farm in McLean, Texas and was the oldest of nine children. Arvin met the love of his life, Wynona in McLean and was married in Fort Worth, Texas in 1954. They celebrated 67 years of marriage this past summer.



From a young age Arvin was hardworking, intelligent and driven. He graduated from McLean High School in 1948 and attended New Mexico A&M, at the time, on a football scholarship. However, in 1950 after being sidelined with an injury, he joined the Navy. He served during the Korean War and reached the rank of Gun Fire Control Technician while aboard the USS Oberon.

After his service in the Navy, Arvin married Wynona, and then returned to school while working full time to support his growing family. In 1959, he graduated from Texas Christian University with degrees in physics and mathematics.

Arvin and Wynona lived in many different parts of the country during their lives together. Their two favorite homes were in Concord, MA and Colleyville, TX. Arvin never stopped talking about his desire to move back to Texas.



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He was a physicist, a researcher, and a businessman. Arvin was employed at JPL as a physicist and later worked at NASA where he headed a division in the Office of Advanced Research and Technology. In 1970, he took a job at Thermo Electron Corp. where he would become Executive Vice President. After retiring from Thermo in 2000, Arvin remained active in the business world well into his eighties as President and CEO of GlenRose Instruments.



While Arvin was passionate about his career there was nothing he loved more than his family. He enjoyed traveling both internationally and across the country, taking road trips to visit with his siblings, daughters and grandchildren. No matter where life took him, there was nothing Arvin enjoyed more than spending time with his beloved wife.

Arvin was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Wynona L. Smith. The loving brother to Fred, Warren, Sadie, Casper, Larry, Herschel, Helen and James.

Devoted father of Debra Turner and her late husband David Turner of Bradford, NH; Donna Murphy and her late husband Philip Murphy of Boxborough, MA; and Diane Donahue of Millis, MA. Caring Uncle to numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Loving Grandad to his grandchildren Laura, Robyn, Greg, Will, Brian, Destinee and Robert; and his great grandchildren Ethan, Rena, Aiden, and John.





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