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Remembering our veterans

BY JOANNE BARGIONI

Memorial Day honors those who have died while serving in the branches of service of the US military. The holiday is observed on the last Monday in May which was May 25 this year.

At the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery (SMVC) at 83 Stanley Road in Springvale, the annual remembrance of the veterans was conducted by placing flags on each grave of the deceased on May 23.

Ron Rivard, Superintendent of Cemeteries, organized a small group of volunteers to help place the flags on over 1,000 graves. In keeping with the state guidelines

regarding social distancing due to COVID-19, all the volunteers kept at least six feet apart while placing the flags.

The volunteers met at the SMVC administration building at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, and were given instructions by Rivard and his wife, Rita, before placing the flags. Boxes of flags were issued and volunteers were reminded not to let the flag touch the ground at any time. Under the direction of Rivard, the flags were placed to the left of the tombstones and 17 inches in front. A spacer was used to ensure consistency in locations.

“It usually takes about 2 hours

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Volunteers Richard Langlois and John Bernier place flags on soldiers' graves while Ron Rivard passes them flags at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI



Suzy Roy, RN tests patients for COVID-19 from their cars in the driveway at Southern Maine Health Care's Saco walk-in clinic. COURTESY PHOTO

Safety protocols for bringing back some health services

Universal masking, screening and testing protocols are already in place as the healthcare system brings back surgeries and other procedures for those patients for whom waiting could have medical consequences.

MaineHealth recently announced enhanced safety measures and set criteria for which patients would be seen as it restores some services in accordance with state guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Our top priority as we start to restore services will be the safety of our patients, care team members and the larger community,” said Joan Boomsma, MD, chief medical officer of MaineHealth. “We will continue with masking and take a number of other steps at our facilities to prevent people from contracting COVID-19.”

Boomsma also said that MaineHealth will use new COVID-19 testing guidance and resources from the Maine CDC to expand surveillance of COVID-19 at its hospitals and among patients

about to undergo procedures as an added means for keeping patients, care team members and the community safe.

The first phase of Gov. Janet Mills' reopening plan has allowed health care providers to begin to bring back services that were cancelled beginning in mid-March as part of pandemic response planning.

This first phase provides an opportunity to address the needs of those patients for whom waiting could negatively impact their health and wellbeing, explained Boomsma. “We will focus on caring for those patients whose pending procedures and office visits were postponed in March, but for whom waiting longer at this time could be clinically significant.”

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Selectmen's meeting

During the selectmen's meeting of May 19 it was announced the town has been notified it will be receiving a 2020 Canopy Grant for the Brothers Beach and the Transfer Station. There was no further information at this time.

Glenn Dochtermann recommended the Brothers Beach be open on Saturday, May 23 only, following state guidelines. A social distancing sign will be put up at the gate. Due to health reasons there will be no port-a-potties set up at the beach for the time being.

A resignation letter was submitted by Cherry Marie Cretien, Library Trustee. The Monthly Safety and Health Audit for Parsons Memorial Library was reviewed with two suggested changes. Are all emergency lights in operating order? And are all fire extinguishers free from obstacles? It was agreed the wording change would not change the meaning of the audit.

During the discussion on the Town Hall re-opening it was announced safety work needs to be done before Town Hall can be re-opened. Plexi-glass shields need to be hung for six desks so documents can be passed through. The opening will be put under pending issues until a decision has been received.

As of May 5, department heads and committee heads were asked that all non-essential spending be put on hold until after the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget is approved. Fred Holt, treasurer, can be queried if there are any questions on what is essential or non-essential.

Br. Raymond Fortin

The most recent issue of The Clarion features Br. Raymond Fortin who is celebrating his 70th anniversary as an educator. The native of Plattsburgh N.Y. completed high school with the Brothers of Christian Instruction in Alfred. Then while pursuing his college education he began teaching at St. Ignatius in Sanford. His



Martha did it Again!

Alfred's favorite senior citizen has done it again. She celebrated her 107th birthday on May 19. There were many cards and flowers and visitors to help her remember the day. Also recognition from the folks across the street – who just happen to be Alfred's Fire Department. There was lots of noise and a parade of fire trucks. Happy Birthday, Martha! She is a retired teacher who lives across the street from the Alfred Fire Department, where once stood the Alfred Elementary School. PHOTO BY ALLISON WILLIAMS

next assignment was in Detroit where became principal of Detroit Cathedral High School.

In 1960 he transferred to Plattsburgh and began 50 years of ministry there with a stint in Japan and two years in Tanzania. In October 1995 he was inducted into the Seton Catholic High School Wall of Acclaim. In retirement he has continued as an active volunteer, driving people to appointments, maintaining campus grounds, and continuing to have a very positive attitude, seeing the good in everyone.

The Pandemic on Shaker Hill

In Alfred, York County Shelter has established strict guidelines for the campus to protect staff and clients. Because of concern for the elderly members of the Brothers community the shutdown limits incoming and outgoing visits. The kitchen staff, always donned with masks takes serious measures in receiving food and preparing meals. The chapel is off limits.

Having their own chaplain in residence they enjoy daily mass. The residences get daily sanitizing. Nurse Abigail Brown continues her weekly visits; temperatures are taken daily

Losing Henry

It was the scariest thing that ever happened to me, even scarier than being lost on Lake Champlain in the middle of the night. My father and mother had decided to go trout fishing on a Sunday afternoon so we gathered all our boots and gear and headed out, using the flower delivery truck which was the only thing large enough for gear and family. I recall that it wasn't a long ride but a really beautiful stream. I usually preferred exploring to fishing but this time the stream was so beautiful I had no desire to go wandering. The water spilled over the boulders making it too noisy for conversation. Our parents headed upstream while my younger brother and I stayed within sight of each other.

We were in New Ipswich, New Hampshire. The stream included huge worn boulders just asking for exploration. I never had much hope for catching a fish but it was a beautiful afternoon so who cared?

By then I had accepted the fact that I would probably never have a sister. I was stuck with two little brothers instead. I well remember the morning my grandmother came into my bedroom announcing I had another little brother. She seemed very pleased but all

I could say was "I wish it was a girl!"

This was the era in which you were never told that another sibling was arriving. I'm sure some kids were more savvy than I was and had figured it out. I liked babies, sure, especially girl babies. I wished on a lot of stars, but no more babies arrived. My brothers and I could play together fairly amicably but a girl would be nice I thought. I learned that a little brother could break your toys, rip your books, and hated to be left out of anything. Anything at all!

The fact that they had completely opposite personalities probably had something to do with their differences. Yet they went into the same line of work. And neither one wanted to be a florist unlike their uncles and their cousins. But then, neither did my husband. He wanted to be a farmer, and was a farmer for many years. Now that he is retired he is mostly a grower – of veggies and flower seedlings which he sells down by the road. Next year he plans to try pansies. He has been remarkably successful with his veggies and seedlings. Pansies will be a different venture.

When they were in the service one brother drove a tank, the other jumped out of airplanes. In a picture taken by a street vendor in Germany, they look so young and handsome and now I cannot find that picture. It must be among my mother's photo albums.

To get back to my story – I had continued fishing without success when my mother suddenly

SHAPLEIGH

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Scholarship recipients

The Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society has announced the recipients of this year's Scholarship awards. They all live in Shapleigh and graduated this year from Massabesic High School. Each student will receive \$200 and wrote an essay about growing up in rural Maine. Congratulations to the following recipients: Amie Giles, Robert Chessie, Candace Lee, Lauren Heathcote and Savannah Wakita. The society is located at 122 Emery Mills Road.

Community Days cancelled

The Shapleigh Community Days, an annual event held on the Shapleigh Commons in late July, has been cancelled for 2020. This event was in need of volunteers before the pandemic, and will likely need volunteers again next year in 2021. Watch the town website or follow them on Facebook at "Shapleigh Community Day."

General assistance

General assistance for Shapleigh residents is by appointment only. If you are in need of assistance call the Town Administrator at 636-2843 ext 0, during regular office hours. The General Assistance Hotline after hours is 207-432-7390.

appeared. Had I seen Henry? Of course not. Wasn't he with her? No, he wasn't. Why hadn't I kept an eye on him? (Her question, not mine.) She had looked upstream and downstream. But no Henry. There were pools deep enough to drown a small child. She was going to get help, to get a search party started if necessary.

Suddenly the very thought of my small brother slipping into one of the pools filled me with panic. He might be very pesky but this was my brother! She left for the parking area and I got down on my knees to do some heavy praying.

It wasn't more than four or five minutes later that she returned. She had found Henry, sitting on the truck running board waiting for us all to return! He couldn't find us so was waiting for us there.

What a scare! That ended the fishing for that day. He must have passed us fishing along the stream. The noise of the water would drown out any shouting. It really was a beautiful stream but my parents decided to leave. They didn't want to tempt fate with another scare.

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VETERANS

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to place all the flags on the graves. We normally have about 24 volunteers, but this year we have only half that number," said Rivard.

Nonetheless, the group set off with enthusiasm and began the daunting task. In a special moment, Susan Marcoux, one of the volunteers, along with her family, placed a flag on her uncle's grave, Arthur J. Martel, Army SP4, who served in Vietnam.

The placing of flags which is a tradition at the SMVC, began with Rivard in 2011. "The Cemetery opened in 2010," said Rivard, "but the first celebrated Memorial Day was in 2011."

He goes on to say there are a total of 1,500 veterans buried here. Some are buried in the niche wall which can hold up to four remains in a row and, therefore, will have only one flag placed in front of each row. Husbands and wives may also share the same stone and flag.

The flags will be removed in a week and, if in good condition, will be reused next year. The flags are given to Rivard by the State.

Rivard noticed over the years that visitors to the cemetery will leave a coin on the stone of the deceased they are visiting and that some of the stones will have multiple coins. Rivard states that there is meaning behind these coins. Historically the coins "were left on gravesite by Pagans in a 'Rite of Passage Ritual' that, according to their belief, showed love to the deceased and to pay their way to the other side," said Rivard. Today it has evolved into a military honor that lets family members know their loved one had been visited. Leaving a penny is symbolic of showing the family that a visit was made, leaving a nickel represented they trained at boot camp with the soldier, leaving a dime meant they served with that veteran, and leaving a quarter meant they were with the soldier when they died.

Although this is a very thoughtful memento, Rivard pointed out that this is not allowed by the National and State Cemetery Policy in the Veterans Cemetery. No items are permitted on the stones for a few reasons. One reason is it will stain the stone, and another is as the ground maintenance uses weed hackers, etc. to maintain the gravesites, a coin dropped on the ground could be a projectile and hurt one of the workers.

Now and then, Rivard and his wife will take the coins off the stones and place them in a receptacle. When it is full, they donate the money to homeless veterans agencies. Rivard asks that if people would like to leave coins, to consider donating to one of the veterans agencies instead.

AT RIGHT: Susan Marcoux and family place a flag, in honor of Memorial Day, at her uncle's gravesite at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale. PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI



MAINE HEALTH

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Boomsma said decisions about which procedures and office visits to undertake will be made by clinicians, taking into account each patient's particular needs. Boomsma said providers will reach out to those patients who should have their procedure or appointment rescheduled. Additionally, she said patients with new or worsening symptoms should contact their provider.

MaineHealth continues to maintain readiness in the event of a surge in patients with COVID-19, and as such is not completely resuming normal operations. In addition to limiting the number of procedures and appointments to be rescheduled,

MaineHealth organizations will be maintaining capacity and readiness for COVID-19 patients.

"Our guiding principle is to maintain the highest level of patient, care team and community safety in accordance with federal, state and local guidance for controlling the spread of COVID-19," said Boomsma.

For those patients whose office visits are not deemed time-sensitive and therefore have not been rescheduled, Boomsma said telehealth visits remain a safe and effective means for receiving care. Since the start of the outbreak, MaineHealth providers have had more than 16,000 telehealth appointments with their patients.

For those who do come in, MaineHealth has issued the following guidelines to assure that

care will be delivered as safely as possible during this time:

- Social distancing measures and masking will continue at all MaineHealth facilities.
- All patients who are scheduled for inpatient or outpatient surgical procedures will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Separate respiratory care centers for the care of COVID-19 patients will continue to be maintained.
- Non-COVID-19 care areas will be established wherever possible and will be staffed with dedicated care team members.
- Patients will be tested preoperatively if their recovery could be affected by a progression of asymptomatic infection.
- All care team members will

be screened daily for symptoms of COVID-19 and kept from the workplace for testing and quarantine if they show signs of infection.

All patients admitted to MaineHealth hospitals, whether they exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or not, will be tested for the virus. (This will greatly reduce the chances of transmission from asymptomatic patients and lessen the chance that patients will have post-surgical complications from COVID-19.)

- Testing for COVID-19 will

also be offered to more patients who exhibit symptoms of an infection, even some who do not have underlying health conditions or are not a health care or other essential worker.

"Our priority continues to be the safety of our patients, care team members and communities, and the precautions we've put into place during this phased return of services should provide our patients with assurance that they can get the care they need safely with minimal risk," said Boomsma.

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A post office in small town America

The Newfield Post Office at 68 Elm Street has had a long line of postmasters, clerks, and officers-in-charge, who have taken care of the community's needs for about 50 years, more or less.

It's a small post office with 257 residents who receive their mail in post office boxes. There is no rural delivery and there is only one clerk on duty, which is usually the case for small towns. It takes about an hour to box the mail, and then, the clerk is kept busy selling postage, money orders, postage for packages, forwarding mail and doing the paperwork. For the size, there are a lot of people coming in, which makes the hours go by fast.

It is open just 4 hours per day from 8-10 a.m. and from 2:45-4:45 p.m. Larger offices may have a rural carrier or two, depending on the size of the town. Rural post offices still survive and are needed in small town America. Clerks like John Scott, who is a postal support employee, PSE in postal terms, works in place of a postmaster.

Locals look forward to the interaction with the clerks and to hear a morning "hello." For some of them, it may be the only person that they speak to all day, so it's



Newfield Post Office on Elm Street. PHOTO BY KERRY DEANGELIS

important for them. People talk about the weather, their pets, and all sorts of things, to make friendly conversation.

According to historian Ruth Ayers, the building has been there since early 1971 when it was built on Willowbrook Museum's property, by Harold Tuttle. It was rented to the postal service; and has operated as a post office since that time. It was built as a replica of an old post office and to fit in with the museum.

The first postmaster was Jacqueline Thorne, who was installed in 1972, but now there is a clerk at the office and the postmaster is at the Limerick Post Office.

It was just a few years ago, that Dave Roy was the postmaster, and I worked down there during the

time, and enjoyed the daily routine. Usually I only worked on Saturday mornings, but once in a while, he would go to another post office to fill in, so I got more hours.

Roy was there for 6 years and retired as postmaster in 2006. Currently, the office is under the Limerick postmaster Michelle Bowlie, who also oversees West Newfield and East Parsonsfield.

Historical society annual plant sale is Saturday

Newfield Historical Society will hold a No Contact Plant Sale on Saturday, May 30, in front of the Newfield Town Office at 637 Water Street., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables will be set up there on Friday, May 29. Donations of perennials can be dropped off that day and Saturday morning.

Prices will not be marked on plants, so customers should name their own price. These donations should be put in the library drop box. To stay safe, wear a face mask and stay 6 feet away from others.

Quilt raffle at library

Newfield Library is having their annual Quilt Raffle, in spite of the COVID-19 virus, that forces the library to remain closed at this time. The quilt measures 44" x 55" and comes with a matching pillow case, for storage. They will be selling tickets by no contact and they are \$1 each or six for \$5; 12 \$10. and 26 for \$20. Please place money in a sealed envelope with your name and telephone number on it and leave it in the book drop. The winner will be announced on September 2. For more information call 809-7014.



A hand made quilt is being raffled at the Newfield Library. Tickets are on sale now. COURTESY PHOTO

Town hall open by appointment

The Newfield Town Office will be open to the public by appointment only. Call 793-4348 to set up an appointment for the following days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 to 11:45 a.m. and 1 to 4:45 p.m.; and the first Saturday of the month from 9 to 11:45 a.m.

Spring clean up

I would like to give a big thanks to Dori and Kayla for the clean up that they did on Onamor Drive and Maplewood. They picked up 11 bags of trash, mostly beer cans, and took them to the dump. A large sewer pipe and large tarp were also

found on a piece of property.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes go to the following people: Chad Humphrey, Stephen Vachon, Irma Berry, Emilie Hubbard, Ada Burbank, and Allen Moulton.

Happy anniversary!

Happy anniversary to Katrina and Andrew Wiggin.

BRIEFS

Sanford library to offer curbside service

The Goodall Memorial Library will offer curbside service starting Tuesday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This service will continue on Tuesdays until further notice.

Patrons may place holds online or by calling the library any time during the week, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but no later than Monday at noon for Tuesday pick up. There is a

limit of 5 holds per card.

Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., pull up to the Elm Street entrance and give us a call. We'll deliver the items you've requested to your vehicle. Starting June 2 the book drop will be open Tuesday through Thursday of every week for returning library materials.

For more info visit www.lbgoodall.org or call 324-4714. The library is located at 952 Main Street in Sanford.



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Obituaries



Raymond K. Agar

Raymond K. Agar, 91, of North Berwick, died peacefully in Kittery with his loving wife of 64 years by his side on May 15, 2020.



Raymond K. Agar

Raymond was born on April 28, 1929 in Holden Massachusetts, the son of Charles and Mabel (Solin) Agar.

In 1952, Ray enlisted in the U.S. Marines and received the National Defense Service Medal; Korean Service Medal; United Nations Service Medal and the Navy Occupation Service Medal. After servicing his country, Ray was honorably discharged in 1954.

Ray's love for engineering resulted in a 30-year career as one of the lead engineers at Pratt and Whitney. He held a variety of positions including traveling for aviation mishaps as well as designing world class aircraft engines. His calm demeanor and knowledge brought out the very best in his team. Some of his responsibilities included government contracts and assuring that the maintenance and aircrafts were flight ready. Traveling for his job was a big part of Ray's life.

Ray was an amazing person who cared deeply about his family. He enjoyed people and could strike up a conversation with most anyone. Ray loved all kinds of good music. He played basketball, was an avid hiker and loved traveling. Like any true engineer, Ray enjoyed tinkering with gadgets.

Ray possessed a strong moral compass and believed in "doing the right thing." This was self-evident in his character and actions.

After retirement, Ray and his wife Clara traveled extensively together to Europe, Switzerland, and Ireland. Ray hiked the Appalachian Trail. On his "Bucket List" was to hike the Pacific Crest Trail.

Ray is lovingly survived by his wife Clara (O'Neill) Agar of North Berwick; two daughters Colleen Peterson and her husband

Chuck of West Hartford CT and Maureen Agar of Putney VT.; one son Keith Agar and his wife Catherine of Farmington NY and four grand-children Kirsten, Holly, Erin, and Janie; and several nieces and nephews.

A Graveside Service will be held later with military honors at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale. Ray's service will be private and by invitation.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Ray's memory to a charity of your choice.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com.

Constance "Connie" Gauthier Newman

Constance "Connie" Gauthier Newman of Acton, died after a very short illness, in her home on May 20, 2020, surrounded by her loving children.



Constance Gauthier Newman

Connie was born in Sanford, the daughter of Theodore C Gauthier and Elsie Mae Hersom Gauthier, on July 10, 1931.

Connie, who loved school, graduated from Sanford High School then earned her BS from Nason College in 1955. Professionally, Connie began as an office assistant to Dr. Armand S. Lincourt in Sanford, Maine. She moved on to become a medical technician first at Goodall Hospital, Sanford, then on to Massachusetts General Hospital, Lowell General Hospital, and finishing her career at the place of her birth, Goodall Hospital.

Connie married Francis A. Newman in 1956 and together they raised four children. She is predeceased by Francis, who passed away in 2008; her parents, Elsie and Ted; her sister, Lucille and baby brother, Theodore Jr.

Connie is survived by two daughters, Amanda Scott and husband David of Shapleigh; Jill

Newman of Santa Rosa, California; and two sons, John Newman and life partner Constance Thibodeau of Sanford, and James Newman and wife Rose Sharlene of Norwich, Connecticut. She also leaves six grandchildren, Shane, Cassie, Erica, Justin, Tony, and James Jr.; several great grandchildren, cousins, nieces and a nephew; and a very affectionate 10 year old feline, Toots.

Connie was an intelligent, expressive, fun-loving, independent, and progressive woman. She had great concern for the planet and love for all animals. She rescued many cats over her lifetime, feral, stray and shelter kitties, and regularly gave to rescue and wildlife organizations. She loved music, and gave the gift of music to her children by filling the home with jazz, big bands, classical, blues, folk, soul and rock. She also loved reading, particularly authors Updike and Irving, among many. She instilled a love of both music and reading in her children. And Connie loved talking with people, especially about current politics. She was an active presence on Twitter, favoring tweets about politics and animals which she shared via text with her children. She had several hundred twitter followers, a fact which, at 88, both surprised and amused her.

Connie; a mother, grandmother, friend, activist, and feline custodian, will be deeply missed.

Special thanks to Hospice of Southern Maine for their unwavering support.

Burial will be in Oakdale Cemetery, Sanford.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com.

It is Connie's wish that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to HART of Cumberland, Kennebunk Animal Shelter, Friends of Feral Felines, Marlee Second Chance, or the charity of your choice.

Anne Anastopoulos

Anne Marie (Cleary) Anastopoulos 79, known lovingly to so many as Yaya, of North Waterboro was received into the glory of Heaven on Thursday May 21, 2020.



Anne Anastopoulos

She was born in Peabody Mass on May 12, 1941 to Stephen Albert Cleary and Margaret Grace (O'Shea) Cleary. Anne married the love of her life Peter in 1959 and they made their way through 53 years as best friends and soul mates raising five children together.

In the early 1960's they moved their young family from the city

and settled in North Waterboro. While Peter worked outside the home, Anne took great joy in being a homemaker, a mother to many and an encourager to all.

Over the years, in addition to raising their children, she loved spending time with her younger cousins, and nieces and nephews of the Madden, O'Shea and Morrison families. Summer was a wonderful revolving door of family visiting.

When Peter retired in the 1990's he and Anne would spend the next 20 years enjoying the most fulfilling job of their life; being grandparents. Their biggest fans, they attended every event possible for their grandchildren. Nothing gave them greater joy than building loving relationships with their grandbabies and their friends, all of whom came to know and love them as Yaya and Poulie.

From her Irish heritage, Anne instilled a great love of tea and tea parties in all the grandkids and events at their home became an annual tradition. In addition, the grandkids birthday slumber parties often included a trip to their home for breakfast. A fan favorite was ice cream sundae's at Yaya and Poulies!

Many a meal was enjoyed by family, friends and strangers alike at their giant picnic table; a place where there was always room for one more. Taco Tuesdays, boiled dinner, pot roast and Greek food were often on the menu and the family shared countless Sunday meals together there.

Anne loved the ocean where she would often pray and feel a true closeness to the Lord. She was a beautiful writer who kept many prayer journals, and penned lovely poetry throughout her life. It's impossible to tally the number of those who were among the fortunate recipients of her hand-written cards, notes and letters of encouragement. Her beautiful flowing cursive penmanship was mastered during her early years at Sisters School.

A God given talent was her ability to cook masterpieces from scratch; soups, meals, desserts. She could whip something up from nothing and it always hit the spot. She never told anyone this secret, but she always said a little prayer that the Lord would bless it and help it to provide just what the person receiving it needed.

She and Peter enjoyed spending time together with family on the front screen porch where cherished memories were made.

Anne loved everyone. She looked past race, gender or disability and extended unconditional love to all; especially the broken, outcast or those down on their luck. Her heart and home were open to everyone all the days of her life.

She was a mighty woman of God. As a prayer warrior, she stood in the gap for many through

the power of prayer. Throughout the years she immersed herself in the Bible daily, growing her relationship with the Lord. She loved to pray and worship with song.

A woman of consummate honor and responsibility, she and Peter became the legal guardians of their grandson Christopher after the death of his parents. Christopher became the son of their old age. Best of friends Christopher brought Anne great joy and they spent many hours baking together.

Anne was a huge advocate for grandparent's rights. She and Peter were instrumental, speaking before the Maine Legislature to ensure a bill was passed to make rights to visitation for grandparents' permanent law in Maine.

In this last year of her life Anne faced many health challenges but was so grateful to be at home with her family and they were fortunate to share that precious time with her. She was also blessed to have compassionate care from Hospice of Southern Maine. Much gratitude is extended to the whole team but especially to Julie, Susan, Larry and Lillian.

She was predeceased by a son Paul, beloved husband Peter, her parents and siblings. Surviving is their grandson Christopher, daughter Annette Anastopoulos Owen, husband Forrest (Woody) and their daughter Alexandria (Allie), a son Angelo Anastopoulos, his partner Laura Lee and their family Jack, Ryan and Harper, daughter Stephanie Anastopoulos Guillemette, husband Mark and daughter Jackie all of North Waterboro, daughter Anita Anastopoulos Andrew, her husband Mike of Gorham, grandson Doug Nye of Limerick, granddaughter Andrea Anastopoulos Garland, her husband Matt and family, granddaughter Ariel Anastopoulos Blackwell, her husband Craig and family and their mother Valerie Anastopoulos of Windham. She also leaves behind a brother-in-law Christie Anastos, his wife Deneige of Massachusetts, as well as beloved nieces and nephews throughout the country.

Due to the current pandemic, the family is tentatively planning to have a memorial celebration Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. at Hollis Center Church 388 Hollis Road (Rte. 202) Hollis, ME 04042.

If you would like to send a card, note or your memory of her to the family, you may send it to Anne Anastopoulos, c/o Guillemette, PO Box 15 North Waterboro, ME 04061.

In lieu of flowers help extend Anne's legacy of unconditional love by showing kindness to all those whose paths you cross.



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