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Clementine Southworth, an eighth-grader at Lancaster Elementary School, speaks to more than 200 area residents who turned out Saturday for a March For Our Lives event she organized to advocate for common sense gun control. (Photo by Robert Blechl)

## Gun Control March Draws Hundreds

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**Mass. Rejects Northern Pass Power Plan**

The state of Massachusetts on Wednesday rejected the embattled Northern Pass Transmission line, which last year had bid into its Clean Energy RFP.

The decision comes after NPT won the entire bid in January, only to have its permit application in the Granite State rejected a week later, on Feb. 1, by the N.H. Site Evaluation Committee, which, after two days of deliberating, concluded NPT did not meet its burden of proving it would not unduly interfere with the economic development of the region in New Hampshire.

In a statement issued Wednesday by the Mass. Department of Energy Resources, "The Electric Distributions Companies have terminated the conditional selection of the Northern Pass Hydro project. The EDCs are in the process of concluding contract negotiations with the New England Clean Energy Connect 100% Hydro project and intend to execute agreements with NECEC Hydro for submittal to the Department of Public Utilities, assuming negotiations are concluded successfully."

The \$950 million NECEC, proposed by Avangrid, would run through Maine, with much of it on existing utility corridors.

In a statement, Judy Reardon, spokesperson for the NPT opposition group Protect The Granite State, said, "Today's decision by Massachusetts to terminate its prior selection of Northern Pass for that state's Clean Energy RFP is yet another gut punch to a dying project. After eight years, enough is enough. It is long past time for New Hampshire to move on from Northern Pass."

In a statement, representatives of Eversource Energy, parent company of Northern Pass, said, "We understand today's decision by the Electric Distribution Companies to terminate the conditional selection of the Northern Pass Transmission hydro proposal, given the status of the New Hampshire permitting process. Despite recent delays, we continue to believe that Northern Pass is the best project for the region and New Hampshire, and we intend to pursue all options for making it a reality."

Eversource called the SEC's decision a "delay" and said "we will continue to urge its members to fully evaluate the required statutory criteria, as well as thoroughly consider all of the conditions that could provide the basis for granting approval."

On Feb. 1, SEC members said NPT did not meet its burden of showing it would not have adverse impacts on municipal development projects, tourism and property values.

Under law, the SEC is allowed to discontinue deliberations if a project does not meet any one of the four criteria it reviews (an applicant must satisfy all four) in deciding whether or not to grant a project a certificate of site and facility.

The SEC will soon consider a request by Eversource for it to resume deliberations on NPT.

If that request is denied, Eversource can appeal to the N.H. Supreme Court, a process that would likely take a year or more before oral arguments are heard and the court issues a decision.

The SEC is expected to issue a written order on its permit denial by the end of this month.

**Littleton Deals With Sewage Overflow On Meadow**

LITTLETON — The town recently dealt with a second sewage overflow on Meadow Street, this one at the 99 restaurant, though it wasn't as extensive as the overflow a month before at Shaw's supermarket.

"People will say how did we get to this point and why was there another one," Department of Public Works Superintendent Joseph DePalma said during an update on the incident at Monday's Board of Selectmen's meeting. "Some of these things are inevitable when we have a vibrant town."

That said, the town is trying to stay ahead and be proactive in addressing and preventing sewer problems, he said.

"We are trying to move away from these things and get businesses to a point where they don't happen," said DePalma.

The overflow at the 99 occurred March 16, the Friday before the big St. Patrick's Day weekend that brought many people to area restaurants, including 99.

The restaurant, which sits in front of Shaw's on Meadow Street, had to close Friday night, but was able to be opened late Saturday morning after the sewage spill, which did not leak beyond the parking lot and did not enter local waterways or the nearby Ammonoosuc River, was cleaned up.

"They moved on it quickly and contained it," Milton Bratz, town health officer, said Tuesday. "There wasn't a whole lot to begin with."

Bratz, who oversaw the cleanup, said the cause of the overflow was the pipe becoming jammed with an object.

The restaurant hired a contractor to fix it. Littleton police helped with traffic, and a portion of the restaurant parking lot impacted by the overflow was closed with orange cones.

"There was no impact to the environment," said DePalma.

Of the response, he said, "It was a positive from 99. They were receptive to our demands. It didn't get near the stage of the other overflow."

The 99, like Shaw's, is on a gravity-fed sewer system connected to the town's main sewer line.

Since the Feb. 9 overflow at Shaw's that town officials said spilled thousands of gallons of raw sewage - some of which entered the Ammonoosuc River - the overflow area at Shaw's has been cleaned up and the store's sewer pipes repaired, and DePalma said that repair was inspected by both himself and the N.H. Department of Environmental Services.

In addition, an alarm system has now been installed that can be heard by store staff inside Shaw's in the event there is another overflow, he said.

Frozen pipes that broke were the cause of the Shaw's overflow, said town officials.

DES has not yet released its report on the Shaw's incident and it is still undetermined exactly how many gallons of sewage spilled out and if the company will face any penalties and fines.



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In solidarity with marchers in the nation's capital and in states across the nation, a long line of March For Our Lives participants walked through downtown Lancaster on Saturday. (Photo by Robert Blechl)

# LANCASTER: Hundreds Turn Out For Gun Control At March For Our Lives

BY ROBERT BLECHL  
Staff Writer

LANCASTER — To show solidarity with the participants in the main March For Our Lives at the nation's capital, a group of local students organized a march in Lancaster on Saturday that drew more than 200 area residents.

"I got super-inspired by it and wanted to show support here," lead organizer Clementine Southworth, an eighth-grade student at Lancaster Elementary School, said just before the Lancaster marchers set out.

The goal is to make schools safer through common sense gun control that could include a number of measures, such as raising the age to purchase all guns to 21, she said.

"I want communities to be safer and I want people to feel safe in our communities," said Clementine. "I feel safe in my community and school, but want to support others and I don't know their circumstances."

The marches that took place across the nation on Saturday come after the Feb. 14 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., by a 19-year-old former student accused of killing 14 students and three faculty members.

Stoneman Douglas students organized the march in Washington, D.C., which involved an estimated 200,000 people.

An upward of 1,000 other marches took place in cities and communities across the country, including in New Hampshire, in Concord and Nashua.

Marches, too, were held in other countries.

After the Stoneman Douglas shooting, Parkland students and students across the nation organized to make schools safer and demand elected officials support increased gun control legislation, marking the first such concerted effort after a school shooting.

Addressing the Lancaster participants through a megaphone in the moments before their walk along Main Street, Clementine said the march is not anti-gun or anti-Second Amendment.

"This is for pro-responsible gun control instead of anti-anything," she said.

The Lancaster marchers carried signs reading "ban assault weapons now, it's common sense," "protect kids, not guns," "students demand action," "kids lives more precious than guns," "fear has no place in our schools," "what do you hunt with an AR-15?" and "I'm with the kids and common sense gun laws."

The demonstration also drew a small group of counter-marchers supporting gun rights and holding signs reading "guns are not the problem," "2A protects 1A," and "shall not be infringed."

In addition to the young students leading it, Saturday's march drew many adults, among them Donna Tully, of Littleton.

"I feel honored to be here because it's in the footsteps of those in Washington, D.C.," she said.

Tully called the youth marchers and organizers "courageous" and "well-spoken."

"I think their generation will be defined by this

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# Community Mourns Loss Of Littleton Chevy, Autosaver Co-Founder

**BY ROBERT BLECHL**  
Staff Writer

Friends and community members are mourning the loss of Ronney Lyster, co-owner of Littleton Chevrolet and The Autosaver Group, who helped build a business that today employs more than 500 people and whose generosity helped improve communities.

Lyster died unexpectedly of natural causes at his home in Bethlehem on Sunday. He was 63.

“He will sorely be missed by many,” Duane Coute, general manager of Littleton Chevrolet and a friend of Lyster’s for more than 30 years, said Monday. “He was selfless, caring, and would do anything for anybody. He was willing to give people chances and would look at a person in a different way than somebody else would.”

Philanthropy was important for Lyster, and giving publicly, through his business, and privately, as a resident, went hand in hand for him, said Coute.

Coute spent much of Monday fielding emails and text messages about Lyster.

“The biggest thing everyone is writing about is this community has a lost a great person, and it’s not just our community, but many communities,” he said.

Darcie McCann, director of the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce, said, “Ronney was that rare individual who was a business giant on both sides of the river. He was extremely well-respected, was very friendly, and felt a deep commitment to improving the economic vitality in northern New Hampshire and the Northeast Kingdom. He will be incredibly missed.”

Chad Stearns, branch manager of Mascoma Savings Bank in Littleton and former executive director of the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce, called him one of the “most generous people I’ve ever met.”

“Numerous times I came to Ronney with a need to help out with an event or program and he always came through, in the clutch,” said Stearns. “He was very community-oriented.”

Lyster, who spent his summers growing up in Bethlehem at the Midacre Farm his grandfather had owned, moved to Bethlehem permanently not long after attending the University of New Hampshire. In the early 1980s, he entered the automobile business.

“He loved to tell the story of how he was a logger and got his chainsaw stuck and left everything there and decided to do something else, and decided to sell cars,” said Coute.

Lyster did not shy away from hard work, and entered the business by joining the team at Wayne Ford, in St. Johnsbury, now the location of Twin State Ford. At Wayne Ford, he worked his way up to general manager.



Ronney Lyster

Ten years later, in 1992, he partnered with Wayne Regnault (owner of Wayne Ford), Abel Toll, and Roger Haines to purchase, at auction, the dealership that would become Littleton Chevrolet.

Lyster and Toll went on to form The Autosaver Group, which today has 12 and soon to be 13 dealerships in New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York.

In addition to Littleton Chevrolet Buick, they include Crosstown Motors and Autosaver Imports, in Littleton; Newport Chevrolet Buick GMC and Northpoint Auto, in Newport, Vt.; Quality Mitsubishi, in St. Johnsbury; and Capital City Kia in Montpelier.

“He and Abel had a plan that has been very suc-

cessful,” said Coute. “They found businesses that were under-performing and bought them when they went up for sale. They have a platform of knowing how to turn them around. Ronney was very good at that.”

Lyster believed in giving back, and as a businessman and community member, donated to schools, towns, churches, nonprofits, and other organizations, Coute said.

“He was also very committed to Bethlehem and to making Bethlehem a better place for everybody,” said Coute.

That commitment was no less deep at his dealerships.

“One of his biggest attributes was he really and truly cared about everyone on the team, all of the people who worked for us,” said Toll, who knew Lyster for four decades.

Lyster, he said, had a keen business sense, could read people well, and was detail-oriented.

“In our partnership, I had more of the 30,000-foot view and he was the nuts-and-bolts guy,” said Toll.

That partnership involved hands-on management through which they spent many hours at their dealerships, he said. Lyster didn’t direct operations

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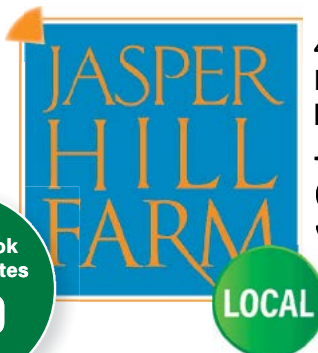
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### Balsams Redevelopment: BFA Delays Vote For Bond Loan Recommendation

A critical vote on the proposed \$28 million state-guaranteed bond loan being requested as part of the total \$170 million Balsams redevelopment had been planned for Monday, but was delayed after the board of the N.H. Business Finance Authority said it needed more information.

“The BFA did not vote on the project, although we had intended to,” said BFA Executive Director James Key-Wallace. “Following a meeting with the developer last week, we decided to keep the item on the table as we get some more information and consult with the attorney general.”

Balsams project spokesman Scott Tranchemontagne said, “They need a little more information from the bank and that information exchange is happening this week. We respect the process - they are doing their diligence.”

It was undetermined this week when the BFA vote on the Balsams will occur.

If ultimately approved and funded, the redevelopment of the Balsams Grand Resort in Dixville Notch would be the largest economic development project in Coos County, and it is expected to employ more than 1,000 people by about 2024 as the ski area, resort, and recreational facilities expand.

Groundbreaking on the big construction was expected to take place next month or in May, but has been pushed back to early to mid-summer, though that projection is dependent on the project securing all its financing and the N.H. Executive Council ultimately approving the \$28 million bond loan.

If approved, the bond, which needs to be in place before the project can complete the rest of its proposed financing, would be purchased by the bank's chief lender, Service Credit Union, which would make the loan to the Balsams and pay it back through property taxes on Balsams condominium sales.

The state guarantee would potentially leave New Hampshire on the hook for paying the \$28 million should the development not be completed and the project falter.

The loan, though, would be in first place, meaning the state would be in first position to recoup any money, and could do so through liquidation of assets on the property.

The vote by the BFA, which is reviewing the project's financial viability as well as its potential for job creation, is to recommend or not recom-

mend a state guarantee for the \$28 million bond, which would be in first place for the state to recoup money if the development for some reason did not go through.

Construction for Phase 1, expected to take 12 to 18 months, involves renovations to the Dix and Hampshire houses, build a 400-room Lake Gloriette House hotel as well as an open-air marketplace and Nordic baths and spa.

The plan is also to expand the Wilderness Ski Area.

### Littleton: “Manic” Man First Case Of Bath Salts

A man who Littleton police said was in a “manic” state, and who destroyed a holding cell security camera at the police station and had to be hit with a Taser twice, is suspected of being high on bath salts.

It is the first such case Littleton police have seen, and one that has them concerned the drug has made an entry into the area.

Antwan Whitlock, 32, of Vauxhall, N.J., who is suspected of having more than 30 capsules of the drug packaged for sale, is charged with a Class B felony count of possessing synthetic cathinones, commonly known as bath salts, with the intent to sell.

He also faces a Class A misdemeanor each of criminal trespass for failing to leave Littleton Regional Hospital as ordered, resisting arrest, and criminal mischief for pulling the security camera from the wall.

“We were very lucky it was contained and we didn't have any injuries to any of our officers,” Littleton Police Prosecutor Natch Greyes said Thursday.

In all, the damage caused to the holding cell - where the wiring of the camera, too, was ripped from the wall and will require an electrician for repair - appears like it will run in the thousands of dollars and could elevate the misdemeanor criminal mischief charge to the felony level, he said.

According to the affidavit for arrest, Littleton Police Det. Scott Powers was called to Littleton Regional Hospital at about 3:40 p.m. for the report of an “unruly patient” who turned out to be Whitlock.

“We had been to the hospital multiple times that same day because Whitlock was being disruptive and believed to be using drugs and having mental health issues,” Powers wrote in the report.

After Whitlock was discharged from the emergency room, the hospital's head of security, Brad Sergeant, requested he be issued a no trespass order barring him from the hospital with the exception of any emergency treatment.

Powers served Whitlock the no trespass order, which he said Whitlock signed, and hospital staff escorted him outside the hospital until his ride arrived.

“While outside, Whitlock was manic and attempting to re-enter the hospital,” said Powers. “Hospital security attempted to escort Whitlock off the property, but he continued to attempt to push past the security and go toward

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# Littleton Women Lead In Business, Politics, Education

BY ROBERT BLECHL  
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LITTLETON — March is Women's History Month, and in Littleton, a group of women in business, politics and education dedicated their lives to improving their community and in the process created legacies that endure today.

For decades, Blanche Meader Eames managed and grew real estate and a movie theater business that is now nearly a century old.

The 20th century also saw several female legislators bring a strong North Country voice to the New Hampshire Statehouse, among them Kay Ward, a state representative from Littleton, and Greta Poulsen and Eda Caswell Martin, who served in the N.H. Senate, with Martin the first woman from Littleton to serve in the state Senate.

Two beloved teachers, too, made a strong impact on education and on their students, and their names carry on in the community today - Daisy Bronson, who has the middle school named after her, and Mildred Lakeway, the elementary school.

## Business Leader

Eames was raising two young boys when, in 1951, her husband, Littleton businessman and

former state senator John B. Eames, died suddenly.

At that time, she knew little of his business that included several cinemas, including the Jax Jr. movie theater, real estate holdings such as Thayer's Inn, and an oil company.

"Her background was in nursing and she was thrust into it," said her grandson, Jack Eames.

For his grandmother, it was a trial by fire as she assumed all management duties, including running the cinema and cleaning the apartments she was renting, and getting the company out of debt.

"She had to liquidate some assets to save others," he said.

By doing so, she saved the family house on Partridge Lake and developed a business that today still provides apartment and commercial rentals for community members.

For four decades, Meader Eames managed the Jax Jr. Cinemas, greeting its customers regularly.

"She was there seven days a week, always with a smile on her face, and did whatever it took," said Jack Eames.

She also took care of other properties, including the Kilburn Apartments on Cottage Street.

Jack Eames said he learned the value of hard work from his grandmother.

"When you run a business, you do everything" he said. "It's all about maintaining good product, value and customer service."

Meader Eames, who in 1988 was named Littleton Citizen of the Year, was also recognized beyond her community.

A 1980 piece in the Real Estate Investment Journal states, "Her story is one of perseverance, spunk and personal involvement."

In the early 1990s, her sons, Jere and John, who took over the family business, consulted her on their plan to purchase the then-derelect and shuttered Mt. Washington Hotel. It proved a solid investment and breathed new life into the grand hotel.

Meader Eames died in May 2000, at the age of 87.

Jack Eames is the third generation running Eames Realty Co., established in 1926, and the Interstate Amusement Co., established in 1920, which operates under the name Jax Jr. Cinemas.

"We now have a fourth generation coming up and they are interested in continuing," he said.

## Political Leaders

Kathleen "Kay" Ward served 20 years as a Republican state representative from Littleton.

She didn't get there right away - she ran for the

office three times before being elected, a lesson in perseverance.

Ward chaired the House Ways and Means Committee and, at a separate time, the then-powerful Regulated Revenue Committee, which had authority over New Hampshire's user taxes that accounted for the bulk of all state funds.

As a statehouse floor leader, she had the responsibility of bringing significant legislation up for debate.

"She was politically fearless and tough, but extremely caring," said her son, Brien Ward. "She was part of a generation of women who were trailblazers. Before, it had been a male-dominated Legislature."

Kay Ward was a state representative in the 1980s when John Sununu was governor.

"Her big legislative achievement that she did in that position with John Sununu was developing a reorganization of government to streamline it," said Brien Ward. "The reorganization has held up over the test of time. It was a model that was economically effective."

Kay Ward also chaired the executive board of the Small Business Administration, to which she had been appointed in 1969 as the sole N.H. rep-

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## Obituaries

**Ronney Allen Lyster**

Ronney Allen Lyster, of Bethlehem, N.H., unexpectedly passed away on Sunday March 25, 2018.

Ronney was born on Dec. 26, 1954 in Dover, N.H. He graduated from Exeter high school in 1972, went to post graduate school at Phillips Exeter Academy and went to college at the University of New Hampshire.

He co-owned multiple automobile dealerships with his partner Abel and supported many community services.

He leaves behind his mother Mary, his father Philip, a brother Rusty and his wife Annette, a sister Bonnie, a nephew Philip and niece Erica.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 29 at 11 a.m. at the Durrell Methodist Church in Bethlehem, N.H. with Rev. Aaron Cox officiating, followed by a celebration of life gathering at the Maplewood Country Club from noon to 3 p.m.

Any donations of your liking are greatly appreciated.

Pillsbury Phaneuf Funeral Home and Crematorium, Littleton is in charge of arrangements. To view an On-Line Tribute, send condolences



Ronney Lyster

to the family, or for more information, please go to [www.pillsburyphaneuf.com](http://www.pillsburyphaneuf.com).

**Ellen V. Small**

Ellen V. Small, 95, a resident of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, passed away on March 21, 2018 at St. Johnsbury Health & Rehabilitation after a period of declining health.

Ellen was born on Nov. 13, 1922, the oldest child of Royal and Anna (Ondracek) Kroboth in New York City. She was the oldest of seven children. Her parents were deaf and Ellen was a skilled user of ASL. Over the years, as her siblings grew up and moved to different parts of the country, she took great pleasure in staying in touch with them and their children, sending many cards, letters and small gifts.

As a child and young adult, Ellen lived and was educated in NYC and spent many summers in Fairfield, Conn.

Soon after graduating from High school, Ellen married Edwin J. Connors, Sr. They had two children. In 1957 they moved to Jamaica, Vt. and soon after decided to separate. Ellen stayed in Vermont with her children and



Ellen Small

in 1962 married Theron B. Small. Ellen and Theron moved to Huntington, Massachusetts in 1963.

Ellen enjoyed many hobbies. She knitted an untold number of sweaters for family and friends, crocheted table covers, bead spreads and doilies. Ellen took great pleasure in observing nature, feeding birds and even the raccoon visitors to her backyard. Taking photos of family gatherings, places she traveled, wildlife in her yard and her cats was a noted past time giving her family a visual history to enjoy.

Surviving family members include her daughter Gwen Kinney and her partner Darlene Ahrens of Sutton, Vt., grandchildren Elyne Kinney and Dr. Mark Spano of Portola, Calif., Luther and Zora Kinney of Sugar Hill, N.H., Nathaniel Kinney of Johnson, Vt., Christopher Connors of Seattle, Wash., a much beloved great-granddaughter Lola Kinney of Sugar Hill, N.H., a sister and brother-in-law Cornelia and Robert Strohmeier of San Jose, Calif., a brother Robert Kroboth of Rochester, N.Y., a sister-in-law Lynda Kroboth of Vestal, N.Y. and many nieces and nephews. Ellen was predeceased by her husband Theron, her son Edwin J. Connors, II, four siblings and two nieces.

A family celebration of Ellen's life will be held at a later date.

For those wishing to do so, donations may be made in her name to Kingdom Animal Shelter, PO Box 462, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

Sayles Funeral Home of St Johnsbury, VT is in charge of arrangements.

**Willard Almon Lucas**

Willard Almon Lucas passed away peacefully March 15, 2018, in his home, surrounded by his family.

Willard was born April 8, 1925, to Emery Lucas and Maude Goodell. Willard attended

Apthorp School until the 8th grade, often in his own room due to his mischievous nature. Willard began his work career at the age of 9 at a local bowling alley, being very desired because he could set the pins the fastest.

Willard was gungho to serve his country, enlisting in the Marine Corp at the age of 17, he served honorably from 1942-1945. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division, 21st Regiment. He fought for the Liberation of Guam and later in the Battle for Iwo Jima. 274 of Willard's Company landed on Iwo Jima; he was 1 of only 17 to walk away on his own.

Willard married Margaret Chamberlain on Jan. 25, 1946, in Littleton, N.H. Willard and Margaret moved the family from Apthorp to the home- stead on Oregon Road in 1956. Willard and Margaret raised animals and a large garden to provide for their family.

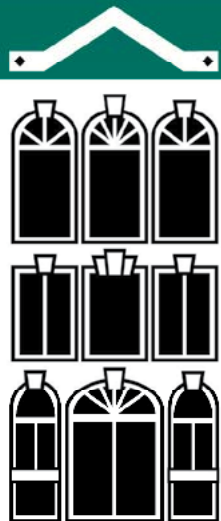
Willard's love for the outdoors was great. He was an avid hiker, completing the 4,000 footers in 1968 with his three sons, as well as continuing on to mountains in New York and Maine. He found great joy in the woods, where his children and grandchildren would often find him working in the woodlot.

Willard retired from Norton Pike in 1978 with 25 years of service as a stone finisher. After retiring Willard spent his time working in his woodlot. In 1982 Willard was involved in a logging accident where he was dragged into the winch of his dozer. He was able to disengage the winch, get his mangled leg out of the winch. Applying his belt as a tourniquet,



Willard Lucas

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he then dragged himself a quarter of a mile back to his home. There he called for help on a rotary phone, and waited for the ambulance to arrive and take him to the hospital. Doctor McDade said at the hospital "I don't know what his heart is pumping, but it isn't blood". Due to his injuries Willard lost his left leg just above the knee, which gave him a new-found strength and determination. He retrofitted his dozer and tractor, so that he could run all the left pedals with his left arm instead. He would continue to cut and log wood until he was 87 saying, "I ain't handicapped!"

After recovering from the logging accident Willard's indomitable spirit brought him back to the mountains. Willard's favorite mountain being Lafayette, he recruited his son and grandson to make a final climb up the mountain. Willard dragged his titanium peg up Bridle path, nearly three miles over slabs of granite to Greenleaf hut.

In August of 1992, his wife Margaret passed away. Willard having never had a driver's license, took it upon himself to have his children teach him how to drive. When people would say to him, "I see where your children got their lead foot from" he would say "They, taught me how to drive."

Willard was driven from an early age to find his mother Maude's lineage. Maude died when Willard was just a boy. Having time in his retirement, Willard and his daughter scoured New England compiling his family history. Thanks to DNA technology, two years ago, Willard finally solved Maude's puzzle, a colossal triumph for him.

Starting in 2004, Willard instituted "Family Day." Every year, Willard looked forward to the reunion of his family at the old homestead. GG (Willard) could be found sitting on the porch, in his signature sweatshirt, sneaking endless peppermint patties to his great grandkids, much to the chagrin of their parents.

Among his many interests and hobbies, Willard enjoyed piecing together jigsaw puzzles and playing the seemingly endless card game "hand & foot" with his son every weekend. Just two weeks before his passing, much to his delight, Willard upheld the champion title for UNO.

For the last several years, Willard's children rallied together to give him his last wish, to spend the rest of his days in his home. Daily visits turned into weekly rituals. Willard would light up when family walked through his front door, notably when his son brought him homemade blueberry pancakes every Sunday morning.

He is survived by his four children: Nancy and Chuck Huus, Barry and Lianna Lucas, Willard "Butch" and Jane Lucas and

Brian and Carol Lucas. His sister, Barbara Oakes and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Margaret Lucas, infant daughter Sherry Lucas, sisters, Evelyn Morris and Helen Forester and brother Wayne Lucas.

In keeping with Willard's wishes, there will be no funeral services. He also didn't want an obituary, but he didn't raise a strong-willed family for nothing.

## Iona M. Bowles

Iona M. Bowles, 81, formerly of Littleton, N.H., died on March 7, 2018 at the Grafton County Nursing Home.

She was born in Littleton, N.H., May 14, 1936, a daughter to Kenneth and Henrietta (Nichols) Murray.

She leaves behind her husband, David, of 62 years; daughters: Janice (Harry) Pettis and Susan (Brian) Hood of Littleton, N.H.; sons: Keith (Bonnie) Bowles of Littleton, N.H. and Larry (Mary) Bowles of Newbury, Vt.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two sisters: Irene Bixby and Annie Howard; two brothers: Newell Murray and Buddy Murray; and several nieces and nephews.

Iona was a member of the First United Methodist Church. As a specialty she loved to sew and made beautiful things for her family, friends and the church craft fairs.

A church service will be on April 14, 2018, at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Littleton, N.H., with Pastor Shannon Keeney officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 18 Main St., Littleton, NH 03561.

The family would like to thank the staff at Grafton County Nursing Home and Littleton Regional Hospital for their compassion and excellent care.



Iona Bowles

## Anne B. Stearns

Anne B. Stearns, 93, a longtime resident of Littleton, New Hampshire, passed away on March 22, 2018 at the Grafton County Nursing Home in North Haverhill, N.H., after a period of declining health.

Anne was born on July 6, 1924, a daughter to Simon and Beatrice (Kubilis) Bernatowicz in Shenandoah, Pa. She was the second of four siblings. As the first generation of Lithuanian parents, Anne quickly learned the English language and excelled at academics. She was enrolled in the college prep curriculum and graduated from Shenandoah High School, Class of 1942 with a rank of 11 out of a class of 400 students.

Upon graduation, Anne spent the summer at the New Jersey Shore with friends before entering the work force in Philadelphia where she met her husband, the late Henry C. Stearns (passed in 1980). Upon her husband's discharge from the service, they settled in northern New Hampshire, making Littleton her home for over 50 years.

Anne enjoyed walking. She and her husband could often be seen walking the streets of Littleton in the evenings. She also enjoyed hikes at their summer cottage on Lake Tarleton and the role of homemaker, keeping a spotless house. Family was the focus of her adult life. She was an excellent cook and gardener who also enjoyed reading, crosswords, traveling, dining out, shopping, day trips and gambling at Atlantic City and Foxwoods. She especially enjoyed



Anne Stearns

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# Lyster

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remotely from the telephone, but was at work beside everyone else, doing what it took to run a good business, he said.

"He will sorely be missed by the whole organization," said Toll. "We will carry on, as he would want us to, and not take our eye off the ball. Not having him here with his support and ideas is going to take a lot of getting used to."

Coute's professional relationship with Lyster goes back 26 years, when he started working at Littleton Chevrolet, and their friendship spanned more than three decades, beginning in high school, when he bought his first car from Lyster.

After graduation, Coute left the North Country, but came back after encountering scarce job opportunities elsewhere.

He then spoke with Lyster, who gave him a job at Littleton Chevrolet.

"He helped me sell my first car on the first day," said Coute. "I honestly owe it to him. I've learned a lot. He taught you how to do it the right way. It was his way, but the right way, and I still feel the same after all these years."

He called Lyster a phenomenal and very giving friend.

Stearns recalled the time when as chamber director he went to Lyster for a campaign to save the Littleton Christmas parade.

"I was scrambling to find funds to cover unexpected expenses,"

said Stearns. "Ronney, without blinking an eye, said, 'don't worry, we'll make sure the parade goes on.' He cut a check and that was that."

Bethlehem Fire Chief Jack Anderson knew Lyster for decades, beginning when Lyster was a young man.

"He will certainly be missed in this town and in the area," said Anderson. "He probably helped more people without anyone really knowing it. He was that kind of person."

Lyster's passing was brought up at Monday's Littleton Board of Selectmen's meeting, where selectmen honored him with a moment of silence.

"Over the weekend, Littleton lost a friend of the community, a local businessman who through his personal and business life gave a lot to Littleton," said Selectman Schuyler Sweet. "Ronney will be missed."

Lyster is survived by family members Philip A. and Mary Lyster, his parents; his brother, Philip; and sister, Bonnie.

In July 2017, Littleton Chevrolet marked its 25th birthday at the dealership, a celebration that drew residents and community leaders who recognized a company they said has provided jobs, added to the town tax base, and invested in communities to make them successful.

At that celebration, Lyster said there are many people to thank for Littleton Chevrolet's success.

"The people that deserve the most credit are the employees," Lyster said. "We're in the car business, but it's really the people business."

## Annual Chowder Luncheon A Littleton Lenten Tradition

LITTLETON — For more than 40 years, Fridays during the Lenten season are something to look forward to at the First United Methodist Church, where the Annual Chowder Luncheon serves up homemade fare and fellowship.

This year, the much-anticipated and beloved chowder luncheon series featuring eat-in, carry-out, and even delivery via parish volunteers ran from Feb. 16-March 23, concluding with last Friday's event.

The event has raised thousands of dollars every year and even benefited other organizations some years, but the money raised lately is focused on mission work the church does here at home, said The Rev. Shannon Diana Keeney. That work includes helping the homeless, veterans, those suffering with addiction and more.

Ten huge well-worn kettles are filled every Friday, about half with fish chowder and half with corn chowder, said Head Chef Curtis Mardin, who has been involved for many years. He said the event began with fish chowder only "because the Catholics can't eat meat on Fridays during Lent," but some people didn't

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# March

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activism," she said. "I want them to know they not only have our support, but they have our votes. In the words of our former president, we 'have their backs.'"

Also participating were Diane Rocca, of Berlin, and Michael Smith, of Tamworth.

"The didn't have anything in Berlin so I came here," said Rocca.

"It's a good cause."

The violence needs to stop and the government needs to listen, she said.

More than a week before the Lancaster event, Clementine wrote a letter to New Hampshire's elected representatives informing them of the march she said is to show solidarity and increase responsible gun use.

She also asked them to inform her of any current legislation that supports increased gun safety in N.H. and the United States.

Her letter to the elected representatives, among them U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH, carried statistics about shootings in the U.S., stating that since 2013, after the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School that killed 20 students and six teachers, there have been 290 shootings near schools.

Watching students stand up for safer gun laws to protect their schools and communities encouraged her to stand with them, she

said.

"The mission and focus of March For Our Lives is to demand that a 'comprehensive and effective bill be immediately brought before Congress to address these gun issues,'" Clementine wrote in a press release included in her letter to the elected representatives.

The non-partisan march is not about Republican or Democrat, or the Second Amendment, but about advocating for supporting safe and responsible gun legislation, and the march in Lancaster is to support the state's elected officials to ensure New Hampshire has the right laws in place, she said.

Shaheen, who participated in the march in Nashua, also issued a letter to "Granite Staters participating in the March For Our Lives" that was read before the Lancaster marchers set out.

Shaheen said her heart was broken when she heard a student say, "We are the school shooting generation."

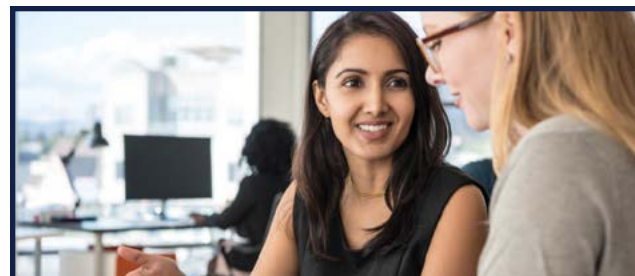
"Sadly, that student is right," she wrote. "You have grown up participating in school lockdowns, learning to shelter in place, fearing that your school will be the next target of a gunman equipped with a weapon of war. This is not acceptable, and cannot be our 'new normal.'"

Like most Granite Staters, Shaheen said she is a supporter of the Second Amendment, but refuses to believe it means allowing "virtually unrestricted access to weapons of war."

"It's time for Congress to pass bipartisan gun-safety reforms supported by 90 percent of Americans," she said.

After Saturday's March For Our Lives in Lancaster and elsewhere, Clementine said she is pleased to see younger students involved and hopes the momentum for change continues.

"I'm inspired by what I see," she said.



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the hospital.”

Powers said he informed Whitlock numerous times he was ordered to leave, but said after another period of time, “I decided that Whitlock would not see reason and adhere to my request

for him to leave.”

As Powers was placing him under arrest, Whitlock allegedly began resisting and pulled from Powers and hospital security staff, though they eventually got him to the ground.

“While on the ground, Whitlock continued to resist and was dry-stunned with my Taser until he complied,” wrote Powers.

After he was handcuffed, Powers searched

him and said he found a large amount of cash and suspected bath salts in a plastic capsule in his pocket.

Whitlock was then driven to the police station, where he was placed in holding cell number 2.

“While inside cell number 2, Whitlock pulled the security camera off the wall and used a cable and lunged at me,” said Powers. “Whitlock was Tased again and placed into a restraint chair.”

During an inventory of his personal effects, which included two backpacks, Powers, a trained drug recognition expert and narcotics officer, said he found more drugs, in all 34 plastic capsules containing suspected bath salts, that, based on the packaging, were packaged for sale.

Whitlock was released on \$5,000 corporate surety bail and is scheduled to appear in Grafton Superior Court on May 21.

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#### COMMUNITY

**Tai Chi:** 8:30 a.m., Good Living

Senior Center, 1207 Main St #2, St. Johnsbury, 802-748-8470.

**Removing Obstacles: Let Go and Reveal Your Dharma:** 5-6:30 p.m., Lyndon State College, 1001 College Rd, Lyndonville. Ashley Warwick, [MountainCreekYoga@gmail.com](mailto:MountainCreekYoga@gmail.com). <http://MountainCreekYoga.com>.

**St. Johnsbury Band Winter Schedule:** 7-9 p.m., Court House, 1126 Main St, St. Johnsbury. Susan Gallagher, [susgallagher@gmail.com](mailto:susgallagher@gmail.com), 802-626-5836. <http://stjohnsburyband.org>.

Tuesday, Apr 03

#### COMMUNITY

**Story time:** 10-11 a.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. Abby Johnson, [abymjohnson3@gmail.com](mailto:abymjohnson3@gmail.com), 802-626-5475. <http://www.cobleighlibrary.org>.

**Career Fair:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Lyndon State College, 1001 College Rd, Lyndonville. Lyndon State College Career Services, [Careers@LyndonState.edu](mailto:Careers@LyndonState.edu), 802-626-6441. <http://lyndonstate.edu/offices-services/Career-Services>.

**Free Community Dinner:** 5-6 p.m., All Saints' Church, 35 School Street, Littleton. Norma St. John, [normabth@aol.com](mailto:normabth@aol.com), 603-616-6613.

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Wednesday, Apr 04

#### COMMUNITY

**Free Golden Ball Tai Chi class:** 10-11 a.m., Danville United Methodist Church, 89 Park Street, Danville. Karen Budde, 751-0431.

**Story Time and Play Group:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Jaquith

Public Library, 122 School St. Room 2, Marshfield. Susan Green, [jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com), 802-426-3581. <http://www.jaquith-publiclibrary.org>.

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**Red Clover program:** 2-3 p.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. Abby Johnson, [abymjohnson3@gmail.com](mailto:abymjohnson3@gmail.com), 802-626-5475. <http://www.cobleighlibrary.org>.

**Ceramics Class with Heather Stearns:** 2:30-4:30 p.m., Heartbeat Lifesharing Com-

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**Meditation Open House:** 6-8 p.m., St. Johnsbury Shambhala Center, 17 Eastern Ave., (above the Star Theatre), St. Johnsbury. Caroline Demaio, [cdemaio5@gmail.com](mailto:cdemaio5@gmail.com), 802-748-9338. <https://st-johnsbury.shambhala.org/>.

**The Invention of History:** 7-8 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Scott Davis, [sdavis@stjathenaeum.org](mailto:sdavis@stjathenaeum.org), 18027451393. <http://www.st-jathenaeum.org>.

#### MUSIC

**Burlington Taiko:** 10:30 a.m., Fuller Hall, 1000 Main Street, Saint Johnsbury. <http://www.cata-mountarts.org>.

**Burlington Taiko:** 1 p.m., Fuller Hall, 1000 Main Street, Saint Johnsbury. <http://www.cata-mountarts.org>.

Thursday, Apr 05

#### COMMUNITY

**Tai Chi:** 8:30 a.m., Good Living Senior Center, 1207 Main St #2, St. Johnsbury. 802-748-8470.

**Walk a Mile in Their Shoes:** 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Lyndon State College, 1001 College Rd, Lyndonville. Lyndon State College, 802-626-6418. <http://www.lyndon->

[state.edu/about/iscalive](http://state.edu/about/iscalive).

**TOPS 0122 Lyndonville Chapter:** 10 a.m., First Congregational Church, 52 Middle Street, Lyndonville.

**Beginning Computer Class:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. Cheryl McMahon, [cmcmahon82@hotmail.com](mailto:cmcmahon82@hotmail.com), 802-626-5475. <http://www.cobleighlibrary.org>.

**Learn And Play Mah-Jong:** 1-4 p.m., Littleton Community Center, 120 Main Street, Littleton. Wendy Clark, [littletoncommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:littletoncommunitycenter@gmail.com), 603-444-5711. <http://LittletonCommunityCenter.org>.

**Origami Group:** 3:30-4:30 p.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. Abby Johnson, [abymjohnson3@gmail.com](mailto:abymjohnson3@gmail.com), 802-626-5475. <http://www.cobleighlibrary.org>.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting:** 5:30-6:30 p.m., St. Johnsbury House, 1207 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Sandra Amadon, [ramadon@hotmail.com](mailto:ramadon@hotmail.com), 802-274-5285.

#### MUSIC

**New England Brass Concert:** 6 p.m., Franconia Town Hall, Franconia.

**Open Mic Night:** 6-9 p.m., Kt Ray's, 69 Cross St, Island Pond.

## The Frost Place Lunches "Pennies For Poetry" During National Poetry Month

April is celebrated by people all over the world as National Poetry Month, and local businesses are helping The Frost Place bring the celebration to the North Country.

The Frost Place, which is renowned poet Robert Frost's former home in Franconia, recently received a \$25,000 matching grant from an anonymous donor. To celebrate National Poetry Month and help reach their matching grant goal, The Frost Place has invited local businesses to participate in "Pennies for Poetry"—a donation jar fundraising campaign.

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If you would like to participate in "Pennies for Poetry" you may contact Paige Roberts at [proberts@frostplace.org](mailto:proberts@frostplace.org) or by phone at (603) 823-5510. You may also participate in "Pennies for Poetry" by sending a tax-deductible donation to: The Frost Place, PO Box 74, Franconia, NH 03580.

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## Luncheon

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want fish, so they began serving up corn chowder, and now about half the customers want the corn chowder.

Fish have long connections and symbolism to Christianity, said Rev. Keeney, during an interview amid Friday's luncheon upstairs in the sanctuary. "Corn, not so much, but it's an American thing!" she said.

In addition to the fresh chowder, there are also homemade sandwiches, oyster crackers made in Vermont, and an array of old-fashioned, authentic-grandma-made desserts.

Stepping into the event is like walking into a scene from 50 years ago, there are sweet older ladies donning aprons – men, too! – ladies

refilling pitchers of water on the tables where community members sit elbow to elbow to enjoy the event, as light streams in on all sides through stained-glass windows.

Bill Mellekas of Franconia volunteered for the first time this year, and heard about it from friends. He said he had a blast helping out and plans to be back next year, adding the crew is both hard-working, committed to helping the parish raise money, and to turning out a fun event with wonderful homemade food.

According to Mardin, the head chef, whose apron sported bottles of mustard and hot dogs in buns (made by his daughter, he noted), the event has been a ritual at the church for 43, perhaps 44 years.

"They started out with one pot of fish chowder," he said.

The event begins the Friday after Ash

Wednesday and runs until the week before Good Friday, last Friday.

Mardin said the recipe is "top secret," no exceptions.

To prove that point, he says that the town's senior center not long ago inquired about getting the chowder recipes and they were refused.

Someone asked him why he said no to the senior center.

"If we give it out it won't be a secret," Mardin said matter of factly.

Mardin is both a chowder purist and a pie snob, he freely admits.

He was raised on a farm in nearby Landaff, one of eight children, and his late mother, Esther, "was a fabulous cook," he said, so he knows good homemade food when he tastes it – and even when he sees it.

## Women

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representative by Pres. Richard Nixon.

In seeking re-election to her fourth term, she told local newspapers at the time her first priority "has been and always will be constituent service - the timely response for information and assistance wherever possible."

Kay Ward retired from the statehouse in 1996.

She also served 14 years as Grafton County treasurer, until 2000.

In 2000, she was named Littleton Citizen of the Year.

She passed away in 2004, at the age of 76.

Her service as a state representative and as champion and volunteer of her community also created a legacy, one that, in addition to her work with Sununu, involved her son Brien, and grandson, John, who would later serve as state representatives.

Breaking a glass ceiling in 1958 was Eda Caswell Martin, a four-term state representative who became the first woman from Littleton to serve in the N.H. Senate for District 3 and, to date, the only woman from the town to serve.

Two decades later, Greta Poulsen, of Littleton, ran for the N.H. Senate District 2 seat after her husband, Andrew Poulsen, who had been a state senator for District 2 since 1971, died unexpectedly.

Poulsen won the seat in 1981 in a special election to fill his unexpired term and won re-election in 1982.

She chaired the Senate Transportation Committee, was also a member of several organizations, among them the N.H. Council on Aging, and as a senator worked to strengthen laws against drunken driving and against child and elder abuse.

### Star Educators

In a four-decade career, Mildred C. Lakeway taught two generations of fourth-graders in Littleton.

Her contribution to the community went beyond teaching, however.

She was also an author who kept Littleton's rich history alive

through her book, "Historic Glimpses of a North Country Community: Littleton, New Hampshire."

Upon Lakeway's retirement as a teacher in 1962, the elementary school on Union Street was named after her.

She died in 1991 at the age of 98.

Daisy Bronson was a Littleton native who spent half a century as a teacher and whose subjects included freshman algebra.

Bronson was great-aunt to Susan Mooney Randall, a retired educator who served as assistant principal at Spaulding High School in Rochester. Speaking in 2017 before the Littleton School Board, Mooney Randall said Bronson influenced her decision to enter the field of education.

Citing newspaper reports from the 1930s, Randall said her great-aunt taught math and science - both STEM subjects - in 1936, a time when those fields were taught almost exclusively by men.

"What a role model for today," she said.

In 1963, the junior high wing of Littleton High School was named after Bronson to honor her for decades of teaching eighth-grade students and for serving as school principal.

Bronson died in 1975 at the age of 95.

Citing another newspaper report, Randall quoted then school board Chairman Robert Topping, who said, "Mrs. Lakeway and Ms. Bronson exemplified the best in the teaching profession."



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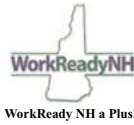


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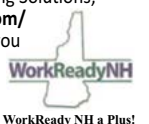
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family summer vacations to the Jersey Shore.

Surviving family members include her children, Carol of Concord, N.H., and son Daniel of Littleton, N.H.; a sister Georgine Schmidt and husband William Schmidt of Lansdale, Pa., and several nieces and nephews. Anne was predeceased by her husband, Henry C. Stearns and three siblings.

Anne was a communicant of St. Rose of Lima Church, Littleton, N.H.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in Anne's memory to Littleton Healthcare Charitable Foundation, 600 St. Johnsbury Road, Littleton, NH 03561 or St. Rose of Lima Parish - Capital Improvements, 77 Clay Street, Littleton, NH 03561.

Pillsbury Phaneuf Funeral Home and Crematorium, Littleton is in charge of arrangements. To view an On-Line Tribute, send condolences to the family, or for more information, please go to [www.pillsburyphaneuf.com](http://www.pillsburyphaneuf.com).

**Lyle Harley Edwards Sr.**

Lyle Harley Edwards Sr., 90, of Minard Hill Road, Groton, Vt., died Saturday, March 24, 2018, at his home with his family at his bedside. He will be fondly remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He was born in Haverhill, N.H., Oct. 3, 1927, a son of Harley W. and Orphie B. (Amidon) Edwards. He was raised in Groton and graduated Groton High School Class of 1945. He entered the U.S. Navy in October 1945 and was discharged in October 1953.

Lyle worked for 40 years in the granite industry first at Zambon's, and then for Gandin Bros. Monument Company in South Ryegate, working as a sawyer and stone polisher. He retired in 1990 after nearly 40 years in the industry, 29 of those years working for Gandin's. Upon his retirement he and his wife Ellen made numerous trips about the country and Canada.

Lyle was a member of the Groton United Methodist Church and Men's Club. He was also a member and past master of Pulaske Lodge # 58 F&AM of Wells River, and Ross-Wood American Legion Post # 20 of Woodsville.

Lyle truly enjoyed the companionship of his brother Les. They rode motorcycles together, snowmobiled, traveled, cut firewood and gardened. They also teamed up as horseshoe partners, winning nu-

merous tournaments. He was a master woodworker as well as a fine cook.

He was especially known for his quick wit and dry sense of humor.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Ellen Louise (Bailey) Edwards, to whom he married on Oct. 5, 1951; six children: Lyle H. "Spud" Edwards Jr., and wife Kitty of Westfield, Vt., Sue Ellen Gorczyk and husband John of Montpelier, Vt., Mark Edwards and wife Robin of Groton, Carl L. Edwards and wife Lizbeth of Lyndonville, Vt., Gale Lyn Edwards of Groton, and Jack C. Edwards and wife Laurie of West Newbury, Vt.; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Thelma M. Belyea of Woodsville, N.H., Ruby Tinkham and husband Paul of Groton; and a brother, Les, and wife Bonnie of Groton; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Lyle was predeceased by a granddaughter, Mary Barbara Edwards on April 19, 2004.

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Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is in charge of arrangements.

**Carl F. Young Jr.**

Carl F. Young, Jr. of Newport Center, Vt., passed away March 2018, from complications of diabetes at the age of 51. He was born March 20, 1966, the son of Carl and Arlene (Simpson) Young. He lived in Groveton, N.H. during his childhood.

He worked many years at Ethan Allen Furniture in Orleans, Vt.

He was a member of Jehovah's Witness. He very much enjoyed attending county fairs and stock car races. He was a major fan of classic country music.

Surviving family members include his mother, Arlene (Simpson) Young of Groveton, his sister, Jodie Young-Dewey and her husband Tom, of Lehigh Acres, Florida, a niece, Miranda Aither and her fiancé Alex Landrum of Lacey, Wash., a nephew, Dakota Aither of Hyde Park, Vt., a brother, Shawn Young of Quebec, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased by his wife, Teresa (Petit) Young.

A memorial service will be held in the spring, at the convenience of the family. Armstrong-Charron Funeral Home in Groveton, N.H. is assisting the family with arrangements.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in his memory to the charity of your choice.

To send the family your condolences via the online register book, please visit [www.armstrongcharronfuneralhome.com](http://www.armstrongcharronfuneralhome.com).

**Jean (Stearns) Kimball**

Jean (Stearns) Kimball passed away after several years of declining health on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at The Lafayette Center in Franconia, N.H. Jean was born on Jan. 3, 1929, the younger of the identical twins born to Maurice and Doris (Aldrich) Stearns in Littleton, N.H.

She will be remembered by all as a hard worker who loved her family and friends and was always ready to lend a helping hand. She will also be remembered by many in the area who were never able to tell her apart from her twin sister Jane which created some humorous confusion.

Jean graduated from Littleton High School and then went to work at the Littleton Gas Company where she met Douglas Kimball. They married in 1950 and lived and loved together until Doug passed away in March 2013.

After caring for the children at home for several years, Jean returned to work as a cook at Littleton High School. She always enjoyed bookkeeping and later used those skills at several businesses before ending her working career as the office manager at Burns Insurance in Whitefield.

Jean and Doug retired in 1991, having planned on seeing the country while they were still young enough to enjoy it. They split their time between Paisley, Fla., in the winter and at "camp" on Neal Pond in Lunenburg, Vt., during the summer months. One summer they decided to complete their goal of visiting every state and they spent the summer on the road in their homemade camper, travelling all the way to Alaska and even taking a side trip to the Calgary Stampede in Alberta, Canada. Jean made it to all 50, having taken a trip to Hawaii without Doug before they retired.

Jean is survived by her three children, Cathy Devine of Catharpin, Va., Peter of Littleton, and Jimmy of Paisley, Fla. She leaves 9 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three siblings: Maurice (Buzzy) Stearns of Concord, Roberta Lavoie of Littleton, and Robert Stearns of Monroe.

The family wishes to thank the kind staff of the Lafayette Center who cared for Jean the last years of her life. There will be a celebration of her life at the First Congregational Church of Littleton at a later date this summer.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Memorial Fund of the First Congregational Church of Littleton or to the Feeding Ministries at All Saints Episcopal Church, Littleton.



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