OBITUARIES

Mary Rachel Russo died October 18 at the Concord Regional VNA Hospice House.

Mrs. Russo suffered a stroke in March, 2007, in Buffalo, N.Y., where she lived. Her family brought her to New Hampshire for her recovery where she received wonderful care.

Surviving family members include her daughter, Barbara Joan Bullock of Andover; granddaughters Rachel MacDuffie of Salisbury and Melissa Newton of East Andover; and great-granddaughter Ashley Tucker Hardy of Boscawen, who provided a summer filled with laughter and great therapy as her full-time caregiver.

Louise Amelia Sprague Danforth, 101, of Woodcrest Village in New London, died on November 7.

She was born in 1906 in Manchester, the daughter of Simeon Andrew Sprague and Eva (Emons) Sprague.

She graduated from Concord High School in 1923, did a postgraduate year at Colby Academy in New London, and then graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1929. The week after graduation, in June of 1929, she married H. Raymond Danforth, her college beau.

At the University of New Hampshire she was a French and German language major, on the staff of *The New Hampshire*, and president of Chi Omega Sorority. A copy of the delightful diary of her freshman year, including pen and ink drawings, now resides in the University of New Hampshire archives.

Louise was selected class secretary in 1932 and has held that position until the present. In 1979 she was awarded the University of New Hampshire Alumni Meritorious Service Award for her contributions to the University Alumni Association.

Throughout her life, Louise has been known for her writing skill. In her 30s she had a Sunday school book published. In her 80s she belonged to a journal writing group that published a book called Journey With Me which includes many stories of the various homes she shared with her family as they moved around New Hampshire following her husband's career advancement. In her 90s she contributed to a book called A Pig in Congreve in which she and some classmates described the events and traditions of University of New Hampshire in the 1920s and 1930s.

Louise, known to her friends as Squee, held other prestigious positions as she supported her husband in his many endeavors. She was the minister's wife in Acworth from 1932 until 1939, the Superintendent of Schools' wife in Epping, Concord, Foxboro, Massachusetts, and Nashua from 1939 to 1959. Among the activities she was engaged in in Nashua was the Nashua Woman's Club, where she served as president.

From 1959 to 1970 Raymond Danforth was president of New England College and Louise enjoyed being part of the college and the town life of Henniker. She was remembered fondly as the advisor of the student spouse organization called Pushing Hubby Through, and she frequently entertained trustees and other important college guests in their home.

The Danforth family became members of Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club in Andover in 1942, and she spent every summer there until 1997. Some of her children and grandchildren are current members, carrying on the family tradition. She served on the Board of Directors of the Club from 1986 to 1989.

Her husband, H. Raymond Danforth, and her son, Richard Sprague Danforth, predeceased her. She leaves her daughter, Ann Danforth Schultz of Dover; her daughter, Karen Danforth Wilkins, and son-in-law, Fred Wilkins of Derry; and daughter-in-law, Bonnie Nicole Danforth. She was blessed with nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Her modest demeanor, subtle sense of humor, and unerring wisdom endeared her to friends and family alike. She will be greatly missed.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Burial will be held privately.

Memorial donations may be made to the Endowment Fund, Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club, 38 Club House Road, Andover 03216; or the H. Raymond Danforth scholarship at New England College, Henniker 03242.

Mary E. Wallace, 83, formerly of Laconia, died November 9 at Franklin Regional Hospital. She was a resident of Mount Ridge Health Care Center in Franklin since 2006.

Surviving family members include her daughter and son-in-law, Norma Jean and Roger Laro of Andover.

Kenneth A. Russell Jr., 27, died November 11, in North Hollywood, California, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Born in Concord, he has been a resident of California since 2004, previously living in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Joan L. and Stephen Ahern of Westborough, Massachusetts; his father, Kenneth A. Russell Sr. of Andover; a sister, Kellie A. Russell of Northborough, Massachusetts; a half brother and half sister, Nicholas and Kerrie Russell, both of Franklin; his maternal grandmother, Maureen Price and her husband, John, of Penacook; his maternal grandfather, Robert Poulin and his wife, Loretta, of Concord; his paternal grandmother, Mary Russell of Concord; and his step-grandparents, Robert and Joyce Ahern of Hopkinton.

Upon arrival in California he resided with his uncles, Robert, Doug and Ross Poulin, before moving in with his cousin, Matt Kreutzer, who was more like a brother to him. Ken is also survived by many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cherie Marie Paradis, of Concord, went home to our Lord and Savior on November 15. She was born in Concord in 1958.

Local surviving family include two daughters, Wendy (and husband Thomas) Caldon of Warner and Stephanie Kraft of Concord; four grandchildren; a brother, Gary (and wife Suzette) Paradis of Boscawen; two sisters, Lisa (and husband Michael) Adams of Andover and Kathy Payeur of Pembroke.

A celebration of her life was held at Andover Congregational Church.

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