OBITUARIES

Mary Osborne Kolodziej, 88, of Loudon passed away peacefully on February 25, 2016, at Highgate in Paoli, Pennsylvania, where she had lived since 2013.

Mary was the daughter of John and Rena Osborne of Loudon and was born and raised on a dairy farm. She loved to grow vegetables and work outdoors.

She graduated from Keene Teachers College in 1949 and taught school and was the cheerleading coach at Andover High School for two years.

Mary spent her career teaching home economics. She retired from the Manchester Public School System in 1991.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Russell and Kenneth Osborne, and by one sister, Rachel Kidder.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Ted Kolodziej, of Paoli; daughters Jane Gruen of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and Carole (John) Erickson of Wayne, Pennsylvania; and sons Brian (Kris) of Atlanta, Georgia and Bruce (Lili) of Red Bank, New Jersey. She was a loving grandmother to Sarah (Gruen) Snell, Rachel and Hannah Gruen, Abbey and Connor Kolodziej, and Lydia Erickson. Jonathan Snell is her infant great-grandson.

She is also survived by two sisters, Dorothy Day and Priscilla Bechok; a brother, David Osborne; and numerous nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all.

A memorial service was held at Loudon Congregational Church on May 28. Burial was at the Moore Cemetery followed by light refreshments in the church's Fellowship House.

Louise I. (Stevens) Gallup, 81, of Grafton, died on April 20, 2016 at the New London Hospital.

She was born in Danbury on October 13, 1934, the daughter of Edward and Edith (Woodward) Stevens.

Louise graduated from Andover High School, was married in 1954, and lived the rest of her life in Grafton. She was a dedicated stay-at-home mom.

Active in her community, Louise was a member of the Ladies Benevolent Society and the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and was active with the Recreation Committee. She had served as a cemetery trustee, a ballot clerk, and the Town Hall supervisor.

Louise was a member of the Millbrook Christian Fellowship. She loved having long conversations and chatting on the phone with friends. She also enjoyed bingo and doing word searches.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald, in 2007 and all of her siblings: Marion Langley, Mary Smith, Doris Huntoon, Dorothy Ford, Evelyn Smith, and Ralph, Lawrence, Frank, and Edward Stevens.

She is survived by three children: Cynthia and her husband Clifton Jipson of Grafton; Glen Gallup of New London; and Terri and her husband Keith Sliker of Grafton; a daughter-in-law, Michele Gallup of Danbury; 12 grandchildren: Cheryl, Jill, Amanda, Jonathan, JJ, Kyle, Eric, Rebecca, Travis, Tammie, Kimmie, and Heath; 10 great-grandchildren: Matthew, Timothy, Beckie, Brianna, Samantha, William, Lacy, Karyssa, Jaxson, Caiden; one great-great-granddaughter, Madyson; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A graveside service was held on April 23 in Pine Grove Cemetery in Grafton with the Reverend Thomas Warner, pastor of Millbrook Christian Fellowship, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, c/o Rosalie Babiarz, Slab City Road, Grafton NH 03240.

Lorraine Gloria (Vien) Labonte, of Concord, died suddenly on April 30, 2016 at Concord Hospital. She was born on January 2, 1936 in Pittsfield.

She retired as a seamstress at Globe Manufacturing in Pittsfield and then took on a job as a Senior Companion, where she made a few lifelong friends.

She is predeceased by her parents, Raymond and Aurore Vien of Pittsfield; two brothers, Paul and Theodore Vien; and one sister, Theresa Ordway.

Lorraine is survived by her sister, Jeannette Stevens, and by her sister-in-law, Cindy Dabney of Penacook; her son, Arthur R. Corey Jr. and his fiance Jackie Nadeau of Andover; her daughter, Brenda (Corey) Rizzo and husband Albert of Peabody, Massachusetts; and her sons Robert Labonte of Loudon and Victor Labonte and wife Tina of Bristol. She is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held.

Pauline Nora Richards passed away peacefully on May 10, 2016 at Woodlawn Care Center in Newport after a lengthy illness. Born on April 11, 1928 to Grace (Perkins) Richardson and Frank Richardson, she was predeceased by her parents; her loving husband, Carl Richards, in 2001; and siblings Richard, John, Barbara, and Doris.

As a lifelong resident of Andover, she was active in many local groups and most known for her many years as Librarian of the William A. Bachelder Library in East Andover. She enjoyed traveling, card games with friends, and hanging out with Ella.

She leaves behind a daughter, Ann Sargent-Henderson and her husband David of Andover; a son, Frank Richards of Vassalboro, Maine; grandsons Christopher Carl West and his wife Kristen of Bartlett, New Hampshire, Phillip Eric Sargent and his wife Kelly of Wakefield, Massachusetts, and Michael Henderson of Franklin; and great-grandchildren Jacob and Sage West, Liam and Finn Sargent, and Katie Henderson.

A memorial service was held on May 27 at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London. The family would appreciate it if support were given to dementia research.

Christine Mitchell Robbins, 48, of Salisbury passed away suddenly on Monday, May 16, 2016.

She was the beloved wife of Ray Robbins, Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Kayla Mitchell; her mother, Wanda Ciardullo of Londonderry; her father, Gary Keown of Australia; her brother, Jason Keown of Connecticut; and her sister, Nikol Pasalic of Nashua. Chris was the devoted and loving grandmother to Kadance and Kristopher who will miss her greatly. She also leaves behind her father- and mother-in-law, Ray and Lucille Robbins of Tilton; step-daughter Farrah and her husband Jason and step-grandson Hayden of Conway; and sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Albie Sanborn of Salisbury.

Christine was born in 1967 in New Jersey and later resided for several years in Europe. She moved to Arkansas for a few years and then settled in New Hampshire, graduating from Pinkerton Academy in Derry. Chris enlisted in the United States Air Force and completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. She became a member of the 175th Air National Guard and served in Desert Storm where she received several awards.

Chris loved her job as a school bus driver for First Student in the Andover School District. She enjoyed her kids on the bus and her other bus-driving family.

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A Great Impact at AE/MS

The AE/MS school community is mourning the loss of school bus driver Christine Mitchell. Christine has been the driver for Bus #1 for several years.

Christine's involvement at AE/MS was more than just driving a bus. Christine often was the driver for field trips and athletic trips, and she even substituted in the school kitchen.

Christine took her bus driving position seriously and rarely missed a school day. The safety of her students was always her primary concern. Christine cared about her students, and they knew that. She looked forward to hearing about their day or wishing them luck in the morning when she knew they had a test or presentation.

AE/MS lost a good friend and a big fan. Christine's passing shows how one person can have a great impact within a small community. Christine will be missed.

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