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and New England's sports teams. As a child and adult, he played on various hockey teams and went on to volunteer for the Kearsarge Youth Hockey Association in Andover. He was a golf caddy and an avid golfer at Mount Hood Golf Course in Melrose, Massachusetts and at Lake Sunapee Country Club in New London.

Not only was Daniel a sports enthusiast, but he was also a devoted friend to both people and animals alike. From a young adult to his later years, he was always in the company of a pet whether it needed rescuing or ongoing medical care. Most importantly, Daniel's outward sense of humor was far surpassed by his sentimental heart. His friendships lasted decades, and his family mattered most to him as evidenced by the collection of mementos he kept over the years.

Daniel is predeceased by his parents, Gladys E. (Montgomery) O'Neil and John J. O'Neil of New London.

Surviving family members include: his daughter, Heather L. (O'Neil) DiFonzo, and her husband, Michael A. DiFonzo, along with his first grandchild, Areielle R. DiFonzo, of Peabody, Massachusetts; his son, Christopher D. O'Neil, of Farmington, New Hampshire; his sister, Linda M. (O'Neil) Brenner, and her husband, Gary S. Brenner, of New London; his niece, Bethany L. Brenner, and her partner, Richard L. Stevens III, of Concord; and nephew, David J. Brenner, and his wife, Deborah M. (Panza) Brenner, along with his twin grand-nephew and grand-niece, Matthew J. Brenner and Katelyn R. Brenner, of Concord.

In remembrance of Daniel, the family will be having a private celebration of life service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to the Catho-

lic Charities of Boston.

**MARILYN E. FORD**, 76, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by love on January 9, 2022. She had a life well-lived and well-loved.

She was born on July 1, 1945 in Franklin, the daughter of the late Maurice and Martha (Granai) Ford.



She began her career as a teacher in Salem, New Hampshire. Marilyn worked for many years for the State of New Hampshire, retiring in 1996. During her retirement, she worked part-time at several places including Danbury Elementary School, Andover Post Office, and Lake Farm Realty.

She grew up in Danbury and always considered it her home. She graduated from Bristol Memorial High School and received her degree in Education from Plymouth State College.

One of her proudest achievements was being inducted this summer into the Newfound Athletics Hall of Fame as part of the 1959-1960 Girls Basketball Team. She's probably one of the few five-foot-tall basketball players to be inducted!

She was an amazing mom, and many considered her their "second mom." Above all, the most important thing in her life was family. She cherished family time and has left us with many happy memories of our times with her.

The lights of her life were her grandchildren, and she treasured her time with all of them. To some grandchildren, she was Mimi, and to some she was Noni, but each one held a special place in her heart and received a silly nickname from her.

She is survived by her devoted husband Ray Laro, twin daughters Kara-

Lee Bean (Jim) and Tiffany Hodges (Chris), brother Moe Ford, sister Maurine Calder, grandchildren Kyle Hodges, (fiancé Claire), Drew Hodges, Seth Bean (Maddy), Chandler Bean, Tyler Denney, Charlotte Denney, Cole Dickenson, Darby Laro, Chase Laro, Macie Kendrigan, Jada Kendrigan, Danielle Laro, and Hailey Laro. She is also survived by several adored nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours, with a time for sharing memories and remarks, were held on January 15 at Chadwick Funeral Home in New London. Graveside services will be held in the spring in Eastman Cemetery, Sunapee.

The family would like to thank the staff at Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association, especially Jenn, for their

as a choicest saleswoman at Pariseau's Women's Clothing and Apparel and for an extended period at Lady Grace until her retirement.

She enjoyed skiing, skating, picnics, antiques, flea markets, gardening, shopping, and activities with her daughters.

Marci had a love for life and strong devotion to her family. Her magnetic personality captured young and old, and she will be remembered for her kindness and compassion and abundant sense of humor. She will be deeply missed by family, friends, and neighbors.

Members of her family include her four adult children: Robert Croteau of Litchfield, Charlotte Eddinger of Goffstown, and Richard Croteau of Andover; her three grandchildren: Jonathan Ed-

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compassionate care that was such a comfort to all of us.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association, 187 Waukegan Street, Meredith NH 03253.

**MARCELLE "MARCI" O. CROTEAU**, 101, of Manchester died on January 10, 2022, after a period of declining health. She was a lifelong resident of the city.

Born in Manchester on April 29, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Edgar and Eva (Goselin) Roy.



She attended and graduated from local parochial schools and was a longtime parishioner of St. George's Parish.

Mrs. Croteau was employed for many years in downtown Manchester

dinger, MD, of Amherst; Jennifer (Eddinger) Maklan of Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Michael Croteau, attorney, of Litchfield; one great grandchild: Jackson Eddinger of Amherst; and her beloved daughter, Michele Croteau, who cared for her for 16 years until the time of her death. She was predeceased by her husband, Roland J. Croteau.

A memorial gathering will be held on Friday, January 21, from 10 to 11 AM at St. Catherine Church, Hemlock Street, in Manchester. A memorial service will follow at 11 AM in the church. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Manchester.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association local chapter in Bedford.

Much gratitude goes out to Amedysis Hospice of Bedford and to former caregivers.

Phaneuf Funeral Homes and Crematorium assisted the family with arrangements. To view an online memorial, leave a message of condolence, or for more information, please visit [Phaneuf.net](http://Phaneuf.net).

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