

# OBITUARIES

**CHRISTINE BECKMAN LEAVITT** died unexpectedly on January 20, 2022, at her apartment in Andover. She was 53 years old.

Christine was born to Brenda and James Beckman of Carlisle, Massachusetts. Growing up in Carlisle, and also Sunapee in the summer, Christine was always a free spirit who collected many friends and animals along the way.

Christine graduated from Concord Carlisle High School where she received a Varsity Letter in skiing, and then she went on to attend Plymouth State College in New Hampshire.

After college, Christine moved to northern New Hampshire for a few years, where she adopted the first of many dogs, this one a Golden Lab named Nugget. Christine was very pleased that the dog shared her love of riding on Harley Davidsons. With the added responsibility of Nugget, Christine found the value in work and settled back down in Claremont, where she worked at her father's company in Newport.

It was at that time that Christine completed her life-long dream of owning a Harley! The fact that she sometimes had to use a screwdriver to start it never took away from the joy of achieving her dream. It was during that time, she met her husband-to-be, John Leavitt. After a quiet marriage in Sunapee, Christine and John settled in Unity, New Hampshire.

Christine and John would go on long weekend rides with many friends. During the winter, they would host epic sledding and skating parties at their house and go snowmobiling. There were always plenty of friends and dogs in attendance.

The house in Unity was always open for anyone who happened by on a motorcycle or snowmobile. There were also the annual trips to Martha's Vineyard, which always started and ended at The Lookout in Oak Bluffs.

Christine suffered from two brain aneurysms, one in 2003 and the second in 2017. Each event resulted in many months spent at Dartmouth Hitchcock, where she received great care from the amazing doctors and nurses there. Christine fought through the adversity and challenges that come with brain injuries.

Christine leaves behind her brother Scott, his wife Rebecca, her niece Libby, and her nephew Chase, who will always adore and miss their "Aunt Kiki." She also leaves behind her ex-husband, John Leavitt, and the entire Leavitt family, who she loved deeply and who were always there to look out

for her.

There will be a Celebration of Life on February 19 from 4 to 6 PM at Salt Hill Pub's new building in Newport at 11 Central Street. Friends of Christine are welcome to stop by and share their memories.

**MARYANN E. ALLCROFT**, 84, passed away on January 25, 2022 in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Maryann is survived by three of her children: Kevin and his wife Kay of Orrington, Maine; Kristian and his wife Dawn of Barrington, Illinois; Alissa Barrow and her husband Robert of Enfield, Connecticut; four grandchildren: Kyle Allcroft, Kody Allcroft and wife Kelsey, Jacqueline Barrow, and Sophia Allcroft; her sister Elizabeth Frost of Andover; and her brother Gil Emery and wife Ruth of Woodstock Vermont.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Allcroft; her son, Stephen Allcroft; and her brother-in-law, Tim Frost.



Maryann was born on July 14, 1937, in Claremont, New Hampshire. She graduated from Woodstock High School in 1955 and went on to attend Burdett Junior College in Boston, Massachusetts.

Maryann loved jazz music, playing the piano, swimming, ice skating, old movies, gardening, birds, waterfalls, family vacations, and Vermont. While raising her four children, she worked in the West Hartford, Connecticut school system and later happily worked at El Hogar to provide low-cost housing in

Hartford, Connecticut.

Next, she worked at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for many years. In 2005, Maryann was overjoyed to return to her beloved Vermont, purchasing a home in Perkinsville, where she lived until January 2019. She was also active in the Woodstock High School alumni association.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Vermont later this year. The family

tasks with a varied, unusual slant. He was an amazing brother and uncle who didn't let anything stop him from living life his way. He inspired many of us with his perseverance and determination. He lived his life simply, not needing extravagant things.

Marty built his parents' home with some help, after it was destroyed by fire. Marty then built his own house, again, with help from family and friends.

## In Memory

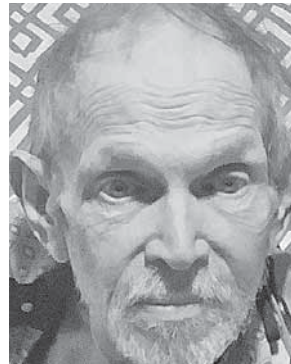
If you'd like to honor the memory of a friend or loved one with a donation to *The Andover Beacon*, we will print a simple list of all such donations quarterly.

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asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Woodstock Community Food Shelf in Woodstock, Vermont.

**MARTIN HARRY JEWELL THISSELL**, "Marty," went home to be with his Lord on January 27, 2022 after a long battle with health-related issues resulting from contracting polio as a young child, including kidney disease and failure. He was born to Maurice and Marjory (Davis) Thisell on April 1, 1957.

He worked at Webster Valve in Franklin for 29 years. Because he was so fond of them, Marty considered his co-workers at Webster Valve his second family.



Marty will be remembered as a one-of-a-kind man, with unique ideas and opinions on many things, approaching

His family will remember Marty as a very generous, giving man, generally placing the needs of others before his own needs. He valued hard work and honesty. Marty loved music and played bass guitar in his sister's (Shirley) country and western band.

Marty was predeceased by his parents, Marjory and Maurice Thisell, and his sister, Maurine Lamos, and nephew, Brent Lamos. He is survived by two brothers and their wives: Milton and Margaret Thisell; and Myron and Janice Thisell.

He leaves behind sisters Shirley Thisell, Norma and Richard Kimball, Roselyn Brackett, Carol and Howard Towne, and Birdie and Warren George. He leaves many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. At Marty's request, there will be no funeral service.

**KAREN RUTH SCOTT**, 63, of Salisbury, died at her home on February 5, 2022 after a period of fail-  
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### Tribute to Mary Ofenloch

The Andover Service Club members would like to pay tribute to long time member and former Club President, Mary Ofenloch who passed away in February. Mary was an incredible woman with many gifts and abilities. She brought her talents, skills, and motivation to the club, and energized the organization with her enthusiasm. Mary was a dedicated and thoughtful member, leader, and friend. Her contributions to the club and the community in general will continue to enrich us all.

We will miss her.

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### Let's Get Started!

You've been staring at this workbook on your desk for months. All the important things for your family to think about after your death. People to notify, financial institutions, bills to pay, credit cards to cancel and the list continues. It's something you should do but just don't seem to get around to opening the book. In the past couple of years we have done more and more preplanning through email. We send you a list of questions which we must have for a vital record and a template for an obituary. Even if you just get around to answering the basic questions we will open a file and keep that information so that we have someplace to start. If you know what you would like to do then we will add that to your file. We would much rather see you in person but if that is what you can manage right now then let's get started! At least it's a step in the right direction.

*Charles, Marion (Chadwick), and Dan Hafner*

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