

OBITUARIES

BARBARA A. (WATSON) CARSON BREWSTER, 73, of Potter Place in Andover, died November 6 at Concord Hospital. Graveside services were held at Forest Hill Cemetery in East Derry.

Born in 1931 in Boston, Barbara was the daughter of John Henry and Florence Evelyn (Grover) Watson. She grew up in Medford, Massachusetts and moved to Derry in 1949 when she married Russell James Carson. Barbara graduated from New Hampshire College with a degree in accounting and received a certificate in financial college planning from American College.

Barbara was active in the town affairs of Derry for more than 30 years. She was past treasurer of Derry Village Improvement Association, past treasurer of Derry Visiting Nurses Association, and past president of Alexander-Eastman Hospital Auxiliary, where she was an active member for 25 years. She was on the board of trustees for the Alexander-Eastman Hospital for 15 years and was secretary to the board for 10 of these years. She was also on the building committee for South Range School.

In 1960, Barbara was co-chairman of the "Alan Shepard Parade," honoring Shepard as the first man in space. This was the biggest parade held in Derry's history. She was area chairman in 1964 for the towns of Derry, Salem, Chester, Windham, and Londonderry, working hard to keep a hospital in Derry with the closing of the old Eastman Hospital. In 1987, she was founder of BAC Accounting Association and Financial Services for American College Planning Service.

Barbara was also a member of the volunteer Council on Aging in New London, the Andover Historical Society, the Andover Service Club, the Kearsarge Bee Keepers, and the New Hampshire and Green Mountain Round Tables.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Richard Brewster of Potter Place in Andover, four children, eight grandchildren, a brother, and a sister. She was predeceased by another brother.

Barbara truly enjoyed being surrounded by family and friends. Some of her favorite things to do in life were cooking, gardening, and volunteering.

Condensed from the Concord Monitor.

MARJORY M. (DAVIS) THISSELL, 82, of Putney Road died Tuesday, October 19 at home. Graveside services were held the following Saturday in Proctor Cemetery. A memorial service was held the next day at Calvary Independent Baptist Church in Tilton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Marjory Thisell Memorial Fund, PO Box 381, Andover 03216 or to a charity of one's choice.

Marjory was born in Wethersfield, Connecticut, the daughter of Jewell Ransom and Rachel Evelyn (Tallmadge) Davis. She moved to New Hampshire at a young age and graduated from Bristol High School in 1940. She lived in Alexandria before moving to Andover in 1948.

Marjory spent most of her life as a homemaker and raising her children. Also, many years ago, she was a cook at the New London Hospital and then worked at the Merrimack Knitting Mill in Franklin. She delivered mail in the Bristol/Groton area as a substitute for her husband, Maurice W. Thisell, who died in 1986.

Marjory was a member of the Calvary Independent Baptist Church in Tilton. She loved her children and her little dog, Goldilocks, her cows and riding horses. She also liked to hook rugs.

Marjory helped organize a benefit to raise the first East Andover Fire House and was a long time member of the East Andover Grange Hall. She is remembered for playing the accordion at dances. She enjoyed music and liked playing the accordion, fiddle, and piano.

Marjory is survived by three sons, Milton W. Thisell of Worcester, Massachusetts, Martin H. Thisell and Myron C. Thisell, both of East Andover; six daughters, Maurine C. Lamos and Shirley M. Paquette, both of East Andover, Norma R. Kimball of Franklin, Roselyn R. Brackett of Northwood, Carol Y. Towne

of Dorchester, and Roberta George of West Springfield; 24 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a special niece, Joyce McCarthy of Colchester, Connecticut; and other nieces and nephews.

A Tribute to Aunt Marj

by Randy Davis, Jr.

Marjory May Thisell of Andover died October 19, 2004.

Dear Aunt Marj,

You and "Unc" raised nine beautiful children, and you can be proud of all of them. I spent the best years of my life up on your farm, caring and sharing love, playing the guitar with Maureen, Shirley, and Milton. We were always busy and happy. I sometimes wish I could have stayed 13 forever. Now at 63, after all the years, I can't recall a cross word. I will miss you forever now that you are gone from here.

You left us knowing you brought sunshine into all our lives. Your children, grandchildren, and all your family will miss you very much. May love and peace be with you in your eternal days.

Love,

Your nephew, "Junior"

LARRY W. FRENCH, 59, of Bridge Road in Andover, died November 22, 2004 at Franklin Regional Hospital. He was born in Keene, the son of Ernest W. and Valerie (Desrosiers) French. He lived most of his life in Andover.

Larry was an equipment operator and self-employed logger for many years. He raced cars at Breyer's Motor Sports Park in Loudon (now NHIS) where he won many championships. He was part owner of his son's race car and was crew chief for him.

Larry was a member of the Eastern Draft Horse Association and pulled draft horses and more recently ponies. He enjoyed ice fishing.

Larry was predeceased by his parents and grandson, Jared A. French, in 1997. Members of his family surviving include a son, Robert French of Andover; a daughter, Michelle French-Labrecque of Concord; four grandchildren, Amber, Kaitlyn, Tyler, and Ashley; a brother, Eugene A. French of Andover; two sisters, Valerie M. Barton of Loudon and Tina M. French of Andover; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral service was held on November 24 at the Chadwick Funeral Service in New London with Mr. Fred Davis officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army McKenna House, 100 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301.

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and left them in the woods (sometimes in unsightly piles) to nourish future generations of trees.

And the new openings in the forest have created lots of new access for wildlife. As the forest regenerates, there will be lots of new food available. Already, moose and deer are taking advantage of the new road, as evidenced by the tracks we saw as we walked.

The cutting has also created lots of new "edge," the transition from dense forest to openings like the roads and the one clearcut. Edge is considered some of the best habitat for many species.

We asked George about the future of forestry on the Newman easement. Someone could come back in to log in 10 years, he said, but he doesn't think there'll be enough to cut. It will take a while to be worth cutting again.

"What I would do," he said, "would be to go into the areas where there isn't a lot of high-quality basal area and I'd make some small clearcuts - half-acre, maybe up to an acre. Areas that have a lot of beech. Let the clearcuts come back to birch and poplar and maple." At current pulp prices, George said that strategy would probably just cover its costs, but would position the forest to be more

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