

OBITUARIES

FREDERICK HUGHES CONDON, 71, resident of East Andover since spring 1960 and a winter resident of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away July 7 in Raleigh, North Carolina surrounded by his loving family. He was born April 7, 1934 in Connecticut to the late Frederick A. and Mary H. Condon.

He graduated from Notre Dame High School in West Haven, Connecticut in 1951. He earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University in 1955 and his Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1958. He worked for Chubb Life America and then for Jefferson Pilot Financial Insurance Company, retiring in 1998 from his position as General Counsel and Senior Vice President.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Marcia Harper Condon, a son, Stephen M. Condon of Auburn Hills, Michigan, his twin daughters, Laura A. Condon of Bedford, New Hampshire and Cynthia L. Condon of Signal Mountain, Tennessee, daughter, Lesley S. Daley of Raleigh, North Carolina, a sister, Suzanne O'Connell of New York, a brother, Michael A. Condon of Connecticut, seven grandchildren, Lindsey and Brian Benedict, Michael and Sean Condon, Danielle Bowne, and Alanna and Victoria Daley. He was preceded in death by his brother,



Frederick Hughes Condon

John "Jack" T. Condon.

He had been a member of the Andover Budget Committee, the Planning Board and the Andover Historical Society. He was a member of St. Columbkille Catholic Church of Fort Myers, Florida.

A memorial service will be held later this summer at his home in New Hampshire. Memorial contributions may be made to Yale University, Yale University Alumni Fund, 265 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06510 or to the school, college, or scholarship of your choice.

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"Life is not a dress rehearsal."

By Alanna Daley
For the Beacon

He was my hero and still is. My grandfather, Frederick Hughes Condon, died last month. He was everything I want to be. Recently I have had others comment that they see him in me, and that is the greatest compliment.

When I think of Grandfather, I think of his intellect and thirst for knowledge. He always had answers. I would call my grandfather with questions, assured that he would know.

Grandfather's answers were never short and simple. I got the answer, along with any information that could be linked to the topic. He was fascinating because he was interested in so many topics and loved learning as much as he could. All that new information was "grist for the mill," he would say.

Grandfather was fascinated with life. I remember him getting excited when sighting wild turkeys in the field of his East Andover home. He would be at the window with his binoculars, pointing out the males, females, and young adults. To me they all just looked like big birds, but to him they were fascinating.

He loved sailing with the family, scaring all of us when the sail kissed the water. He would tell of the impossibility of the boat overturning on the

lake, explaining the weight of the keel under the boat.

My grandfather loved this country and was a true patriot. His career gave him the opportunity to travel the world and see first hand that there is no greater place to live than America. When his oldest grandson, Michael, joined the Army, Grandfather was very proud, seeing such service as a duty and an honor. An American flag always flew over his home and off his boat. His patriotic pride is reflected in his Yale reunion yearbook sign off, "God Bless America."

It bears mention that as a result of a serious auto accident, my grandfather was a paraplegic for 44 years, though it certainly was not the focal point of his life. His will and determination are part of what prompted his good friend and college buddy, Ralph Nader, to dedicate his book, *Unsafe at Any Speed*, to my grandfather. "He wasn't a person who felt sorry for himself - he lived," Claire Nader, Ralph's sister, said of my grandfather.

My grandfather used to say, "Life is not a dress rehearsal," and he lived his life accordingly. I admired him for that. He found so much joy in living and the interesting things each day presented. I will always remember Grandfather, my hero.

LOIS EVELYN (KENISTON) TILTON, 79, of Hill Road, died Monday, June 27, at the Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia after a short illness. Lois was born in East Andover in 1926, daughter of James and Maude (Severance) Keniston.

Lois spent her youth in East Andover and later moved to Franklin, where she lived for more than 62 years. Prior to her retirement, she was head cook for more than 25 years at the Franklin High School cafeteria.

The mother of six children, Lois was a longtime Girl Scout, Boy Scout Leader, a leader and member for more than 30 years with the 4-H Club, a member of the East Andover Grange, and member of the Busy Bees of Franklin.

Lois volunteered for Bread and Roses Kitchen in Franklin. She attended the Congregational Christian Church in Franklin and was active with the Women's Fellowship.

Lois was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Everett R. Tilton Sr.; two sisters, Iris Rice and Georgia Woodley; and an infant great-grandson, Patrick O'Brien.

Her family includes three daughters, Evelyn L. Durgin and her husband, Steven, of Franklin, Lois E. Wisler and her husband, Rick, of Tilton, and Deborah A. Kulacz and her husband, John, of Franklin; three sons, Everett R. Tilton Jr. and his wife, Genelle, of Fairbanks, Alaska, John F. Tilton and his wife, Louise, of New Hampton, and Gene R. Tilton and his wife, Kathleen, of Milton, Massachusetts; 24 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; a brother, James Keniston and his wife, Dorothy, of East Andover; a sister, Helen Carlisle and her husband, Brayton, of Cottage Grove, Oregon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the Everett R. Tilton Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Franklin Savings Bank, 387 Central Street, Franklin 03235.

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TIMOTHY J. WELCH, 47, died Tuesday, July 12 at Concord Hospital. He was the son of the late Charles Welch Jr. and Dorothy (Huckins) Welch.

He worked for the town of Boscawen in the maintenance department and enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, woodworking, playing guitar, and playing horseshoes.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Annette (Denoncourt) Welch; one son, Nicholas Welch of Boscawen; three daughters, Dorothy Welch of Thornton, Rachel Welch of Belmont, and Carol Welch of Andover; three brothers, Charles Welch of Pittsfield, Richard Welch of Lebanon, and Thomas Welch of Northfield; four sisters, Linda Lombard of Penacook, Dorothy Bragg of Northfield, Kathi Stevens of Epsom, and Elizabeth Wright of Colebrook; one

grandson, Gavyn Welch of Andover; and many nieces and nephews.

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LOVELL "LEE" EDWIN EMERY SR., 73, died at home Wednesday, July 13. He was the son of Albert and Lillian (Craft) Emery. He was an airplane mechanic for the US Air Force.

He worked for Wilson's Meat Company for several years, and he worked for Fern's Oil company as an oil burner technician. He owned and operated Emery Oil in Concord for 15 years. He was owner and operator of Big A Auto Parts in Concord, and he most recently was the owner and operator of Central Automotive Machine Shop in Andover.

He was a longtime stock car driver, racing stock and modified divisions at such speedways as Loudon, Star, Claremont Speedway and White Mountain Motor Park for 25 years.

He was a baseball coach for Kings Little League team in the Concord Northeast Little League Division for seven years. He was a member of the Turtle Town Snow Snappers snowmobile club. He was an avid Davey Allison and Petty racing fan.

He is survived by two sons, Lovell "Lee" Emery Jr. of Medford Lakes, New Jersey, and Kevin Gathercole of Washington, New Hampshire; two daughters, Marcia Lee Emery of Key West, Florida, and Debbie Lynch of Vermont; four brothers, Richard Emery of Boscawen, Albert "Moe" Emery of Concord, Chester Bickford of Penacook, and Ulmont "Larry" Bickford of Pembroke; one sister, Arlene Heaps of Syracuse, Utah; three granddaughters, one aunt, many nieces and nephews, and his longtime companion Mary Baker. He was predeceased by his wife, Ann (Herbst) Emery, in 1987, and one granddaughter, Otessa Dugan.

Memorial donations may be made to the SPCA 130 Washington St., Penacook, 03303.

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Old-Time Country Gospel Music Concert

Sunday, August 14 at 7 PM
Outdoors, on the lawn
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