

OBITUARIES

PHYLLIS MARJORIE EMERSON, 94, formerly of Bristol, died December 3 at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton, after a period of failing health.

Phyllis served in the Women's Army Corp (WAC) in World War II as a Surgical Technician 5th Grade. She was a very spirited, ambitious and caring person who touched many lives throughout her long life. A strong advocate for senior citizens, she was a member and officer of the Bristol Chapter of the Gray Panthers, a national senior citizens' group. She was involved in a number of improvements for the safety and convenience for the seniors and children in the area.

She is predeceased by her parents, a sister and two brothers. Survivors include her daughter, Ann Emerson-Knott of Franklin; four grandchildren, Margaret Whedon of Franklin, John Knott Jr. of Grafton, Kathleen Hitchmoth of Andover, and Harold Knott of Danbury; five great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

RUBY W. KEEGAN, 87, of Franklin, died Sunday, December 11 at the Peabody Home in Franklin.

She was born in West Andover, the daughter of Charles and Sara (Stevens) Whittemore. Mrs. Keegan was raised in West Andover and was a graduate of the former Andover High School. She was an English teacher and librarian and was very active in the Swift Water Girl Scout Council and with the Franklin Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Keegan was a member of Franklin Business and Professional Women's Association and was a recipient of the Professional Woman of the Year. She also was a former board member of the Peabody Home.

She was predeceased by three sis-

ters, Alice P. Whittemore, Emily E. Whittemore, and Annie W. Thompson; and two brothers, David Whittemore and James Whittemore.

ELIZABETH H. "LIB" (WIGGIN) RAYNO, 88, of New London, died December 17 at the Clough Center, where she lived for the past eight years.

Mrs. Rayno had worked in the house-keeping department in Burpee Dorm at Colby Junior College in New London for more than 25 years. She was well known for her delicious cakes, pies, and donuts.

She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, John, who died in 1996. She was also predeceased by her son, Stanley, who died in 1985; and her two brothers, Reginald, who died in 2000, and Donald, who died in 2001.

Members of her family surviving include a son and daughter-in-law, Robert S. and Gay Ellen Rayno of Pot-

ter Place; a daughter-in-law, Loretta Rayno of Wilmot; six grandchildren, Glenn L. Rayno, Douglas J. Rayno, K. Bruce Sanborn, Emily Collinson, Peter Sanborn, and Kitty Burnham; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and nieces and nephews.

Normally the Beacon will print the obituary of an Andover resident or a short summary of the obituary of someone with a connection to Andover.

If friends or family would like a particular obituary handled differently, please let us know at 735-6099 as soon as possible.

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Andover Congregational Church

By Judy Evans
Andover Congregational Church

Happy New Year! I trust this finds you reflecting on the year 2005 and most recently the time spent with loved ones and friends celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

At the time of holidays many people find themselves feeling less than joyful. Perhaps some – including me – are missing loved ones who have passed on. Some are just plain lonely after the Christmas season. Perhaps money is tight at this time of year with the cost of fuel and other living expenses. Some young people may be facing many challenges in life, including a lot of peer pressure.

Please know that the folks at Andover Congregational Church are ready to welcome you to worship with us and trust you will find comfort and peace in God's house.

In the Book of Matthew we read the words of Jesus: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Again, I wish you all a Happy New Year. May the year 2006 be full of many blessings. And please accept an invitation to come as you are and worship with us.

Sunday School and morning worship begin at 9:30 with childcare provided. For more information about outreach programs for people of all ages call Pastor John at 735-5160.

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Wednesday 3 - 7 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Kearsarge UU Fellowship

By Sally Bergquist
Kearsarge Unitarian Univ. Fellowship

The Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is very pleased to be back in the beautifully renovated Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy. It is bright and clean, attractive and welcoming. We are looking forward to another year of interesting and thought-provoking services in a fresh new setting.

A temporary change has had to be made because of the delay in completion of the children's downstairs Sunday School area. For the time being, children attending Sunday School will go directly to the Proctor Service Building located to the right rear of the Chapel. The Sunday School teacher, Brittany, will be there to welcome them.

It's good to be home again!

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