OBITUARIES

Marjorie J. (Drummond) Emerson, 90, of Boscawen died Saturday, July 25, 2009, at the Merrimack

County Nursing Home, where she was a resident since 2004.

She was born in Randolph, Massachusetts, on April 17, 1919, the daughter of Richard and Pauline (Beaton) Drummond.

She spent her early years in Randolph, then moved to New Hampshire, living in Rumney, Andover, and Salisbury for over 27 years. She moved to Elkins in 1990.

Her husband, Albert C. "Peanut" Emerson, died in 1999. Members of her family surviving include a son, James T. Minard and his wife, Madeleine, of Salisbury; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a nephew.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Edna McKenna Trust Fund, c/o Mary Heath, 325 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen 03303.

Sally L. Silkett passed away peacefully Sunday, July 26, 2009, at home in Pittsford, New York.

For 11 summers, Sally enjoyed the

activities as a camper and a counselor at Camp Marlyn in Andover. Sally and her husband often visited her parents, Percy and Margaret Lash, who bought the Sanborn House and established Mad Eagle Antiques (now the Colonial Farm Inn).

Among surviving family members are her loving husband of 54 years, Robert T. Silkett; and children, Robert T. Silkett Jr. of Ponte Vedra, Florida, and Betsy Dahlstrom and husband Chris of Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

Private interment will be held with the family in New London.

Memorial donations may be made to Visiting Nurse Hospice, 2180 Empire Boulevard, Webster, New York 14580.

Phyllis M. (Thies) Wiggin, 84, of Tilton, died Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, surrounded by her family.

She was born Sept. 13, 1924, in

Richmond Hill, N.Y., the daughter of William Thies and Sophie (Scholl) Antz. She graduated from Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y., High School in 1942 and was married in 1946.

Phyllis loved her family very much and liked to check up on them with frequent phone calls. She was an avid reader. She did a great deal of volunteer work, including serving on the Danbury Planning Board, serving as trustee for the George Gamble Library and serving on the fire commission. Phyllis was an EMT and was given an award as the oldest EMT. She had also been given the Citizen of the Year award. Most recently, she got involved with politics, spending all day June 3 at the State House to support the Gay Rights Marriage Bill.

Her husband, Donald G. Wiggin, died in 2001.

Among surviving members of her family are a daughter and her husband, Susan and Bob Currier of Andover; two sons and their wives, John and Cherylyn Wiggin of Zephyrhills, Florida, and Joseph and Barbara Wiggin of Danbury; five grandchildren, Amy Fecteau, Johnathan Wiggin, Seth Currier, Christopher Wiggin and Brandon Wiggin; four great-grandchildren, MacKenzie, Ethan, Liam and Sarah Mary; and a favorite nephew, Bob Rayno of Andover.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department (please earmark for new rescue truck), PO Box 149, Danbury 03230.

Lawrence "Larry" E. Shedd, 49, of the Blue Moon Farm in South Danbury, died August 1, 2009 from a drowning accident at Quansoo Beach, while vacationing with his wife in Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

He was born in Concord, September 9, 1959, son of Deane and Karlene (Skoldberg) Shedd. Larry lived in Andover for most of his life and schooled there and Kearsarge High School in Sutton. He enjoyed spending time at his camp at Maidstone Lake in Vermont.

Larry was a self-employed finish carpenter and craftsman. He had a love for life and spending time with family and friends. He was a member of the Andover Snowmobile Club and Maidstone Lake Association in Vermont. He was a US Air Force Veteran.

Larry was predeceased by a brother, Daniel D. Shedd in 2005. His family includes his wife, Jeannette F. (Davis) Shedd of South Danbury; his sons, Tucker Peters of South Danbury and Eli Shedd of South Danbury; his daughter, Haley Peters of South Danbury; his brothers, Andrew Shedd of Salt Lake City, Utah, Anthony Shedd of Jessup, Pennsylvania, and Joseph Shedd of Jessup, Pennsylvania; his sisters: Debbie Anderson of Bedford, Emily Shedd of Philadelphia, Heather Shedd of Philadelphia, and Julie Shedd of Montrose, Pennsylvania; his mother, Karlene (Skoldberg) Anderson of Bedford; his father and step-mother, Deane and Joyce (Stafford) Shedd of Montrose, Pennsylvania; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held at the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home in Tilton. A celebration of Larry's life was held at Thompson Point at Highland Lake in East Andover. Burial followed in Proctor Cemetery in Andover.

Larry's family suggests that donations in his name be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Hampshire, 814 Elm Street Suite 300, Manchester 03101.

Joshua R. Wilterdink, 18, of Andover, formerly of Naugatuck, Connecticut, died Friday, August 7, 2009, at New London Hospital.

He was born in Naugatuck, Connecticut, the son of Robert and Robin (Spear) Wilterdink. Josh became a black belt in karate at age 16 and also an Eagle Scout at age 16 through Troop 138 in Naugatuck. He also volunteered at the Beacon Brook Nursing Home in Naugatuck.

Josh and his family moved to New Hampshire in 2007. He was a 2009 graduate of Merrimack Valley High School and planned to attend New Hampshire Technical Institute in the fall. His ambition was to open his own bar and grill in New Hampshire. He enjoyed motorcycles and was known as an eco-minded individual. Josh was also known for his sense of humor.

In addition to his parents of Andover, he is survived by one sister, Becky Wilterdink of Plymouth, and his grandmother, Millicent Spear Brown of Loudon.

Calling hours were held at the Bennett Funeral Home in Concord. A brief service followed at the funeral home with the Rev. Henry M. Frost officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Josh Wilterdink Summer Camp Scholarship Fund, Troop 138, St. Michael's Church, 210 Church Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut 06770.

Gwendolyn B. Pelchat, 87, of Overlook Avenue, died Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at Franklin Regional Hospital. A Mass of Christian burial

will be held September 12 at 10 AM at St. Joseph Parish, 96 Main Street, Belmont. Burial will follow at the family lot at South Road Cemetery, Belmont.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph Parish, PO Box 285, Belmont 03220.

Richard B. Nowell, 54, of Princess Drive, died Friday, August 21, 2009 at Franklin Regional Hospital. He was born in Franklin on December 31, 1954, the son of Richard H.

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