

OBITUARIES

JOAN FRANCES PILLSBURY RUTHERFORD, 74, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2011 at the hospice center at Potomac Hospital in Woodbridge, Virginia. She died of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and emphysema.

Born and raised in Andover, Joan was the only child of Fletcher "Red" and Ethelind Pillsbury, both deceased. She graduated from Andover High School in 1954 and from Mary Washington College and also held a Master's Degree from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut.

Prior to settling in Virginia in the mid-1960s, Joan was a middle school teacher in Darien, Connecticut and Newton, Massachusetts. Since moving to Woodbridge, Virginia in 1965, Joan was involved in many civic activities, most prominently including service on the Board of Directors of both the Prince William Symphony Orchestra and the NOVA/Manassas Symphony. She also gave private tennis lessons and for a time was a volunteer coach for the Grafield High School varsity girls' tennis team.

She was a sometimes reluctant but nonetheless excellent sailor.

Joan is survived by her husband David of Woodbridge, and a host of friends. They have no children.

CAROLYN A. (ROSSOLL) BEIERLE, passed away on February 21, 2011 at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen after a long illness. She was born April 11, 1932 in Norwich, Connecticut, to William F. and Ida (Heebner) Rossoll.

She was one of the first computer programmers of her time at insurance companies in Hartford, Connecticut. She lived most of her life in Norwich and Colchester, Connecticut before moving to New Hampshire to be closer to her grandchildren in 1994.

She will be most remembered for her love of the Lord, her children, her grandchildren, and her animals. She enjoyed riding horses and passed this on to her daughters and grandchildren. She was also an avid crafter, seamstress, and an amazing gardener.

She devoted much of her time to

youth projects, including 4-H and Girl Scouts. Carolyn could always be counted on to help everyone. She traveled to Alaska to enjoy all of God's splendor and beauty and loved to share with others stories of her journeys.

She is survived by her children and their families: John E. Beierle of Norwich, Connecticut; Caroline and Robert Thurston of Colchester, Connecticut; and Allison Barry and her children Charles, Alicia, Kevin, and Adam of Andover.

In lieu of flowers, please send a flower to a friend so that the living may enjoy the beauty of friendship and flowers.

DAVID NEIL WILCOX, 65, passed away on March 12, 2011, in his home after a long illness.

He was born May 29, 1945 in Quincy, Massachusetts to F. Roland and Sarah Mae (MacKinnon) Wilcox. He graduated from East Bridgewater, Massachusetts High School in 1963 and attended the University of Massachusetts at Stockbridge.

Dave worked for TL Edward for many years. He and his wife, Linda, owned and operated Wilcox Tree Farm in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. He moved to New Hampshire in 1995 and worked as a truck driver in the logging industry and still continued to farm in Andover.

Dave was a foster parent for many years and adopted four children. Active in 4-H, especially dairy cows, until he was 18, Dave talked often about his days in this group and how this was the happiest time of his life.

Members of his family surviving include his wife of 43 years, Linda

(King) Wilcox of Danbury; children Daniel Wilcox and wife Audrey McKinney of Bristol, Matthew and his wife Julie Wilcox of Allenstown, New Hampshire, Meghan Wilcox and Brendan Kay of Sunapee, and Toni Wilcox of Whitinsville, Massachusetts; 10 grandchildren: Todd, Ariel, Matty, Rachael, Dylan, AJ, Michael, Taylor, Shawn, and Emily; his sister Alice Norway of Middleboro, Massachusetts; many nieces and nephews; and his best friend, Corky.

Friends called at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London on March 19. Memorial contributions may be made to New Hampshire Foster and Adoptive Parent Association, PO Box 3572, Concord 03302.

THELMA M. HEATH, 87, of Concord, died at Pleasant View Healthcare Center in Concord on March 15, 2011. She was born in East Andover on October 9, 1923, the daughter of William and Bessie (George) Miller. Thelma was raised in East Andover and later resided in Franklin and Concord.

Mrs. Heath worked as a registered nurse for many years. She trained at Laconia Hospital where she later worked as well as Franklin Hospital, New Hampshire Veterans Home, New Hampshire State Prison, and New Hampshire State Hospital. Her favorite part of nursing was delivering babies while working in Laconia and Franklin. With her late husband, she owned and operated Quality Cash Market in Concord from 1977 until 1981, and it continues to operate in the Heath family.

She will always be remembered as being a friend to everyone. For many years, Mrs. Heath donated dolls she re-

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