

# OBITUARIES

**HARRY L. BENOIT**, 79, of Boscawen passed away peacefully at the Hospice House in Concord on May 24, 2012.

He was born in Franklin to Harry and Laura Benoit Perry. Harry served in the Korean War with the US Army. Upon return from the service, Harry started working for the Penacook Fiber Mill as well as the Brezner-Allied Leather Company until its closure in the early 1980s. He then went to work for both Rivco and ED Sweat Construction for six years and retired from the state of New Hampshire Department of Transportation in 1994.



Harry was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 31 in Penacook. He loved to go hunting and fishing with his sons and grandsons as well as getting together with friends at the Legion to play cards.

Harry was predeceased by a son, Larry Benoit, in 2010; three brothers, George, John, and Clifford Benoit; two sisters, Pearl Preve and Marion Lemeris; and two stepbrothers, Raymond and David Perry.

Harry is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Virginia Silver Benoit; his daughter, Deborah Emerson and her husband, Donald, of Boscawen; a son, Michael Benoit of Barrington; three grandsons, Joshua and Lucas Benoit and Derek Emerson and his wife, Sarah; a great-granddaughter, Olivia Emerson; a brother, Lester Benoit of Penacook; two sisters, Rena Preve of Epsom and Corinne Keyser of Andover; two stepbrothers, Francis Perry of Loudon and Albert Perry of Ashland; a good friend and daughter in-law, Gina Benoit; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were not held. A graveside service was held in Pine Grove Cemetery in Boscawen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord 03301.

**JOHN A. HURLBUTT**, 48, of New Boston, died on May 24, 2012, at the Rose Meadow Farm in New Boston after battling a long illness.

Born August 27, 1963, to the late Jennie Frances Hurlbutt and Alvin Hurlbutt of Penacook, he attended schools in Franklin and Penacook as well as took courses in the building trade at Northeast University. John put those skills to work as the founder and owner of the Draghi Construction Company. John's favorite pastimes were woodworking and spending time outdoors fishing.

He also loved rooting on the New York Yankees.

John is survived by his son Christian Hurlbutt of Penacook; his father Alvin Hurlbutt Jr. of Penacook; brothers James Hurlbutt of North Carolina and Robert Hurlbutt of Andover; sisters Patricia Cleveland of Penacook and Donna Decoteau of Connecticut; aunt Shirley Hellauer of Connecticut; as well as the many nieces and nephews who will greatly miss him.

Calling hours were held on May 30 at the Wendell J. Butt Funeral Home in Penacook. A graveside memorial service and burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery in Franklin.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to Rose Meadow Farm, 37 Briar Hill Road, New Boston 03070.

**JOHN EVERETT "JACK" LICHTY**, 83, of Wilmot died on June 4, 2012, from complications of Parkinson's disease. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Truman Lionel and Minnie Alice (Swanson) Lichty.



Jack served for 24 years in the US Air Force during the Korean and Vietnam wars. Upon retirement, he lived in Center Barnstead and later taught small engines, welding, power mechanics, and driver education at Pittsfield High School, earning the nickname of Fuji.

He worked at Jordan Milton Machinery in Contoocook and later at Cricenti's in New London. His last job was as a bus driver for the Kearsarge School District.

He was a lifelong Boy Scout, a member of First Congregational Church in Wilmot, and had served as a deacon there. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Cardigan Lodge 38, American Legion Post 40, Masonic Lodge 81, and the Air Force Sergeants Association. He was a longtime volunteer at the New

Hampshire Veterans Home and helped to establish the Parkinson's Support Group in New London.

Survivors include his loving wife of 23 years, Joyce (Robertson) of Wilmot; daughters Susan of Lempster, Sabra Lichty-Muzzana, and Linda Lichty-Filyaw, both of Ketchikan, Alaska; and son John B. of Poultney, Vermont; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by stepdaughters Cyndee Locke of Andover and Nancy Swanson of Orrington, Maine. He was predeceased by a grandson, Eric Lichty Robb.

There will be a celebration of his life on Saturday, July 21, at 2 PM at the historic Old North Wilmot Church in North Wilmot.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your local chapter of the Boy Scouts of America. An online guest book can be found at Legacy.com.

**JOHN W. KNOX**, 85, of Dover died on June 5, 2012 at Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation after of brief illness. He was born on April 18, 1927 in Farmington, the son of Earl L. and Eva (Bickford) Knox.

John was a US Air Force veteran, having served during World War II. He served his full enlistment and later enlisted again in the Air Force. He retired as a Master Sergeant in 1987.

John was a schoolteacher, having taught woodworking at Proctor Acad-

emy in Andover for several years. He was a man of few words and many talents and was an excellent carpenter.

Members of his family include his

**Victor Phelps and family** would like to thank the special community of Andover for its support following the recent passing of wife and mother, Ella Phelps. All your kind words and warm remembrances were much appreciated and comforting to us all.

A sincere thanks to all emergency responders who came to assist. Also, thanks to family, friends, and neighbors who helped with food and lent a hand at the Phelps home on the day of services.

*Vic Phelps,  
Cynthia and Jim Alley,  
Karen and Jim Hanson  
Doug Phelps*

wife of 30 years, Gina Knox of Dover; one son, Patrick Knox, and his wife Susan of Raleigh, North Carolina; two step-daughters, Pati Frew-Waters and her husband Erich and their son Seth of Dover, and Janice Trueman and her husband Ray and their sons Zachary and Christopher of Newfields.

Private funeral services were held on June 20. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to Seacoast Family Promise, PO Box 233, 6 Emery Lane, Stratham 03885.

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