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He was proud of his military career and had a great respect for all military. He loved his country; he was scheduled to go on the April 2012 Honor Flight sponsored by MCEC but was unable to go due to failing health.

Among surviving family members are a son, Joe Mooney of Groveton, New Hampshire; a brother, Mark Mooney and his wife Ruth of Belmont, New Hampshire; sisters Nellie Grant of Tilton, Kathleen Ordway and her husband Wyman of Andover, Colleen Amsden and her husband Roger of Gilford, New Hampshire, and Susan Ouellette and her husband Ralph, also of Gilford.

Memorials may be made to Mount Tabor Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund, 1000 B Avenue, West Columbia South Carolina 29169, or to Tri-County Hospice, 166 Stoneridge Drive Suite 100, Columbia South Carolina 29210.

HELEN ABBIE MARTIN LABONTE, 82, of Andover joined her loved ones in heaven on July 1, 2012. Helen was born to Peter and Lulu Martin in Prince Edward Island (PEI), Canada on March 28, 1930 and was the seventh of 11 children. The Martins were renowned in PEI for having the largest farm within the province. In 1947, the Martin family emigrated from Canada to the US, settling in Boscawen, where they bought a very large farm on the banks of the Merrimack River.

Joseph A. LaBonte and Helen A. Martin married on May 15, 1950 and spent more than 62 happy years together. Their early married years were spent on Merrimack Street in Penacook, before moving to Woodsville in 1963. Helen spent the next 15 years with Joe in Woodsville raising her three sons before moving the family back to the Concord area. Before retiring, Helen spent several years managing Oak Bridge Condominiums on Fisherville Road.

Helen and Joe retired to Melbourne Beach, Florida in 1994 and spent 14 years enjoying life and making lots of friends in the area. To all who knew her,

Helen was an accomplished chef. You could tell when she was feeling good, because she was talking about what she was going to prepare next. She passed that love of cooking and food on to all three of her sons. In late 2008, Helen and Joe moved back to New Hampshire to be close to family.

Helen was predeceased by her parents, Peter and Lulu; and siblings Lloyd, Velma, Louis, Arnold, Marie, Verna, and Phyllis. She leaves behind her brother, Harold of Penacook and her sisters, Jean of Woodsville and Shirley of Melbourne Beach.

Helen is also survived by her husband, Joe LaBonte; her sons, Harold LaBonte of Carlsbad, California, Daniel LaBonte and his wife Kathy of Andover, and Dennis LaBonte and his wife Joannie of Salisbury. Helen was grandmother to Bobbi-Jo Michael, Alexis Michael, Shirley Ann Budgett, Dennis LaBonte, Jr., Andrew LaBonte, and Ryan LaBonte. She leaves behind nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and step-grandchildren.

Calling hours were held at the Wendell J. Butt Funeral Home in Penacook on July 5. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Helen's name to the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD), One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon 03756.

IDA SUSAN "PINKIE" HOSMER WILFONG, of Fryeburg, Maine, died on July 7, 2012 in Fryeburg of cancer. Pinkie Wilfong was born at home in South Weymouth, Massachusetts on Armistice Day, November 11, 1924. She was the eldest daughter of Allen Fearing and Esther Anna Thompson Hosmer.

Mrs. Wilfong was a descendant of British settlers and Revolutionary War soldiers who came to North America during the Great Migration of 1620 to 1640. Her nickname of Pinkie was given to her by the mid-wife who delivered her, because her mother dressed her in pink; the name stuck.

Mrs. Wilfong was raised on a dairy farm and helped her parents to bottle and deliver milk to their neighbors in South Weymouth. She was a 1942 graduate of Weymouth High School where she was an honors student, the art editor of the yearbook and a drummer in the marching band. Mrs. Wilfong had a lifelong love of art and attended art college in Boston.

An enduring patriot, Mrs. Wilfong withdrew from college to join in the war effort. She went to work at Bethlehem Steel's Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts. Mrs. Wilfong worked on many ships, including the aircraft carriers *Wasp* and *Lexington*. She never missed a launch. She often said to her children, "We were all in this fight together, and I needed to do my part."

In 1942, Pinkie Hosmer met her future husband at a USO dance before he left for the Pacific Theater. When he returned in 1945, she married Marine Corporal Finley Bickford Wilfong a combat veteran of the 1st Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division. They had seven children, with six surviving.

Mrs. Wilfong insisted they raise their children on a farm in Maine. In 1957, they bought an old farmhouse in Stow, and soon after they moved to Western

Maine. Mrs. Wilfong could not have been happier. It was where she knew she was meant to live. She loved the people, the mountains and the farm community life of the Cold River Valley.

In later years, she worked for the Fryeburg Shoe Shop and for many years as a teacher's aide for SAD 72 at the Sadie Adams School in North Fryeburg. It was as a Title I Aide that she met and mentored a new generation of friends.

Mrs. Wilfong was always entrepreneurial. Over the years she owned a gift shop, sold ice to campers in Evan's Notch, vegetables from a card table on the front lawn, and Christmas ornaments that she designed and crafted. She was a wonderful mother, a self-reliant, liberal-minded, and decent member of the community, and she will be missed.

Among many family members Mrs. Wilfong leaves behind are a daughter, Susan Stetson and husband Mark, and grandson Gregory Stetson and wife Michele and daughter Kaitlyn, all of Andover.

There will be a celebration of Mrs. Wilfong's life in Stow, Maine. It was her wish to have an ice cream social and "no sad faces" because of her passing.

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