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a service following in the funeral home chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of America, 2100 L Street NW, Washington DC 20037. To view an online memorial, go to Phaneuf.net.

**WADE BROOKS CUSHING WEATHERS**, age 96, of New London, died peacefully in his sleep Sunday January 27, 2013 at New London Hospital's Clough Center.

Born on December 28, 1917 in Short Hills, New Jersey, to Edna Cushing Weathers and Niel A. Weathers, the third of seven children, Wade graduated from Deerfield Academy and Williams College with a BA in Mathematical Sciences. During his years at Williams, he developed a love for flying which led him to a career with Pan American Airways as a navigator and pilot. Wade flew the famous Pan American Clippers, including the Boeing B314 "flying boats" between New York, neutral Portugal, and Brazil, during World War II, where his navigational skills were highly valued during those early days of trans-oceanic commercial flight. He also flew supplies to isolated Berlin during the critical post-war Berlin Airlift. Following his career at Pan Am, Wade joined the Edo Corporation, a pioneering manufacturer of floatplane pontoons and aviation electronics, where he became a vice-president of sales.

Wade and his wife, Audrey Strassenburgh Weathers, were married on February 16, 1946, both employees of Pan Am at the time. Having raised their five children, they moved to New London in 1975 and continued to spend summers on Lake Sunapee where he and his family had enjoyed decades of fond memories at the family home, Bredablik, since his early childhood.

Walking, hiking, and golf were favorite pastimes, and Wade shared his life-long passion for the game as a volunteer golf coach of the Kearsarge Regional High School team, where he was affectionately known as "Granfather."

Wade is survived by his four children, Wade B.C. Weathers, Jr. of Charlotte, Vermont, Niel F. Weathers of Andover, Margaret B. Weathers of New London, and Prentice F. Weathers of Newport, Rhode Island; six grandchildren, Brooks and Tyler Weathers, Niel Weathers and Blair Weathers McClay, and Bliss and Elizabeth Weathers; two great-grandchildren; and his sister, Edna W. Dennis of Annapolis, Maryland.

He was predeceased by his wife, Audrey Strassenburgh Weathers, and daughter Audrey Weathers Wallace; a sister, Marion W. Grassi; and brothers Niel A. Weathers, Prentice C. Weathers, Brantley P. Weathers, and Eliot B. Weathers.

A memorial service was held on February 16 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, New London.

The family is sincerely grateful for

the superb care and kind attention of the Clough Center staff. Contributions in his memory may be made to: The Clough Center, New London Hospital, 273 County Road, New London 03257; or The Bredablik Family Fund of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, PO Box 683, Sunapee 03782.

To sign an online guestbook, please visit ChadwickFuneralService.com.

**PAUL GARDNER BENSON**, known to friends and family as "Benny," died peacefully at home in Andover on January 31, 2013, just short of his 59th birthday after a brave and hard-fought battle with cancer. He lived and died surrounded by the love of family and friends, guided to the very end by his heart for God and for people.

Benny was born in Concord, Massachusetts on March 25, 1954, and spent his early years in Concord and Acton, Massachusetts. He moved to New London at age 10 when his father became co-owner of The Country Press, a small print shop in town.

Benny grew up playing soccer and basketball, and enjoyed endless hours downhill skiing at King Ridge. He attended Kearsarge Regional High School in North Sutton and went on to earn a degree in Bible at Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts.

Benny began working at his father's print shop during high school, then made it his profession for 30 years after college. He eagerly embraced the introduction of computers to the printing industry and enjoyed desktop publishing and graphic design work, as well as the relationships he built over the years with his co-workers at this small family-owned business.

Outside of work he was active in Christian ministry, always involved in leading Bible studies or youth groups, bringing people from area churches together for worship or study. His other passion was soccer, a sport that he played at the varsity level during high school and college, and then in local summer and winter leagues through his 40s. Benny also coached soccer at both Proctor Academy in Andover and at Kearsarge Regional High School for many years.

In 2005, Benny left the printing business to pursue his passion for mentoring and ministering to youth and adults, becoming the assistant pastor and then interim pastor of the church that he and his wife Cindy attended for many years, Grace Outreach in West Lebanon. Benny was eventually asked to become the New Hampshire regional coordinator for campus ministry for The Navigators, an international ministry based in Colorado Springs. This allowed him

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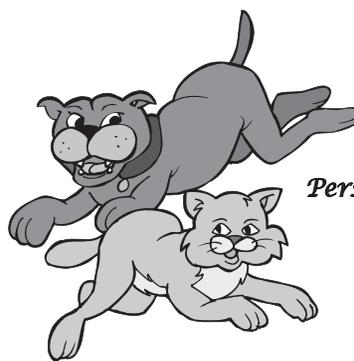
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