

# OBITUARIES

**SHIRLEY E. MITCHELL**, 78, started her journey to Heaven on February 3, 2015. She was born on December 21, 1936 in Concord to the late John Joseph and Mary Ellen (Doherty) Prendergast, who met after immigrating from their native Ireland.

In 1980, when her husband changed jobs, Shirley moved to Potter Place, where she tried her hand successfully at farming. She joined the Immaculate Conception Church and became a greeter and all-around volunteer.



Shirley made a career out of helping others and loving her extended family, especially her grandchildren. Shirley was active in many organizations, including the Andover Lioness Club.

After retirement, Shirley and her husband sold their home and lived full-time in their motor coach, extensively traveling the United States and Canada before finally settling in 1998 in Daytona Beach, Florida. She will be deeply missed by her loving husband of 54 years, Harold D. Mitchell, and other surviving friends and family.

A funeral mass took place on June 27 at Christ the King Parish, Saint John's Church, Concord. Inurnment was held on June 29 at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting [VolusiaMemorialFuneral.com](http://VolusiaMemorialFuneral.com).

**SHELDON RICH**, 94, a World War II veteran of Saugus, Massachusetts, formerly of Andover, passed away on May 27, 2015. He was the beloved husband of Shirley R. Rich, with whom he shared 68 years of marriage; devoted father of Nancy LaFauci of Philadelphia, Shelley Rich of Brooklyn, and Judith DiGennaro and her husband David of Saugus, Massachusetts; loving grandfather of Andrea, Joshua, Lindsay, Lauren, and Matthew; proud great-grandfather of Alex, Nicky, and Avery; loving brother of Dorothy Grover of Cornish, Maine; and uncle of several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends were invited to gather on June 1 at Phaneuf Funeral Home in Boscawen for a memorial service followed immediately by burial with military honors at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City OK 73123-1718 or [Cancer.org](http://Cancer.org).

**VERNON WOOD**, 62, of South State Street, passed away suddenly on May 29, 2015, at his home. He was born in Goffstown, the son of the late

Vincent R. Wood and Gail (McGilvery) Walker of Florida. He was a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School Class of 1971. He worked as a carpenter and enjoyed his craft very much.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his sons, Shane Wood and his girlfriend Kim Green of Andover; Todd Lowell and his wife Kim and their children, Jonathan and Rebekah; his siblings, Leon Wood, Brenda Wood, Alan Wood, and Perry Wood; and a nephew, Cameron Wood.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, August 8. The Waters Funeral Home, 50 South Main Street in Concord, is in charge of arrangements.

**MRS. GERALDINE A. AREL**, 94, of Northfield, died at her home on June 13, 2015.

She was born in Saugus, Massachusetts on November 21, 1920, the daughter of Harold and Nellie (Lockwood) Tilton. Mrs. Arel resided most of her life in Northfield. She was raised on Flaghole Road in East Andover and graduated from Franklin High School in 1939.



She was formerly employed at Tilton Leather Shop for 33 years, later working at the New Hampshire Veterans Home for 12 years prior to retiring. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, and going for walks and rides, but most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Her husband, Harry Arel, died in 1972. She was also predeceased by her son, David Arel, who died in 2006.

Donations in memory of Mrs. Arel may be made to the First Baptist

Church of Sanbornton, 17 Church Lane, Sanbornton NH 03269.

**SIBLEY H. WEED**, 71, of Concord passed away on June 14, 2015, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in New London on October 23, 1943, to Phyllis E. Weed and Ezra S. Shattuck.

He attended school in the Andover school district. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1961 and was honorably discharged in 1964, serving one year overseas in the Korean War.



He later was assigned to the 3rd Infantry in Fort Meyer, Virginia, as a guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and also participated in ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery, including the funeral for President John F. Kennedy.

He joined the New Hampshire National Guard and retired after 20 years of service in 1998. He had a long working history at Steenbeke and Sons and retired after 25 years of employment. Sib also worked for Grappone Ford, where he delivered parts.

In his spare time, Sib loved fishing, cooking, music, dancing, and caning. He also enjoyed golfing with his friends. He was always the life of the party.

Sib is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Madeline Lanoix Weed; his daughter, Melinda Weed Harrison, and her husband Robert; a son, Michael Weed, and his wife Kim. Sib's greatest joy was his three grandchildren: Brock R. Harrison, Madeline E. Harrison, and Kathryn J. Weed. He also leaves a brother, Keith Weed of New London, and many nieces, nephews, extended

family members, and friends.

Calling hours were held on June 17 at Wendell Butt Funeral Home in Penacook. The funeral was held on June 18 at Christ the King Parrish in Concord. Military burial will be held at the convenience of the family at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the annual American Legion Post 31 Dick Groves Fishing Derby, 11 Charles Street, Penacook NH 03303; CRVNA Hospice House, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord NH 03301; or the Edna McKenna Fund at the Merrimack County Nursing Home, 325 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen NH 03303.

**DAVID A. "BUCKY" WHITE**, 55, of Route 4A died at his home on June 19, 2015. He had retired in March of this year as the Chief of Police of Wilmot, and the town gave him a wonderful party with many well-wishers attending.

David was born in New London on June 13, 1960, the son of Bradford C. and Gretchen (Hoch) White. He graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School, class of 1979. He received a degree in Criminal Justice from New Hampshire Technical Institute.



David began his law enforcement career in 1988 with the New London Police Department (NLPD). In 2000 he became the first full-time Police Chief for the Town of Wilmot, serving the town and its residents with distinction for 15 years. He will be remembered for coming to the aid of so many in their time of need.

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