



Jim Culhane, President and CEO of Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice, accepts the 2016 Business of Year Award from Sara Colson, Executive Director of the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce.

Lake Sunapee Region VNA Receives Business of the Year Award

Honored for its impact
on quality of life

Press release

On January 11, at the annual meeting of the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce, Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice (LSRVNA) was named 2016 Chamber “Business of the Year.” The award honors a local business that gives back to the community, has a positive impact through its work, and enhances quality of life in our region. Nominations may be

submitted by any of the Chamber’s 250+ members or by the community at large. “I am so pleased. I can’t think of a more deserving organization to receive this award than our local VNA, which touches so many lives every day” said Sara Colson, Chamber Executive Director.

“We are deeply honored to have been selected, especially knowing how many businesses do important work and are also deserving of such recognition” said Jim Culhane, LSRVNA President and CEO.

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time with her two sons and was always there to chat and exchange and listen to each other’s daily stories. With the birth of her grandson, she became a beaming grandmother. Barbara enjoyed the family home on Highland Lake and at times went fishing. She loved to walk and found joy when her boys would join her. A homemaker, she enjoyed her own cooking.

She was recently predeceased by a brother, Steven Smith. She leaves her husband of 36 years, Peter C. Aube of Andover; sons Tobie J. Aube and his wife Rebecca (Cunningham) and their son Zachary Raymond Aube of Claremont, and Henry J. Aube of Andover.

Calling hours were held on January 16 at the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home in Tilton. A graveside service will be held in Holy Cross Cemetery in Franklin in the spring. Those wishing may make memorial contributions in Barbara’s name to the Franklin Animal Shelter, PO Box 265, Franklin NH 03235.

ELIZABETH “BETTY” SLAKER MORSE, 95, died on January 11, 2016, at The Birches of Concord, where she had been a resident since 2011. Betty was the youngest child of Harrison J. Slaker and Eleanor Kimball Slaker of Scarborough-on-Hudson, New York, where she grew up. She attended the Scarborough School, which was the first K-12 Montessori School in the United States. She went on to Smith College where she distinguished herself, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1941, with a major in Geology.

In 1942 she married Mayland H. “Dutch” Morse, Jr., from Concord. They were married for 69 years. Shortly after their marriage, Dutch enlisted in the US Army Air Force.

During World War II, they lived at various military bases in the southern regions of the US, where Dutch flew B-25 aircraft and served as a flight instructor for French military recruits who were sent to the US to learn how to fly. After the war they returned north and, after Dutch completed law school, they settled in Concord, where Dutch joined his father’s law practice.

They lived in Concord for over 40 years. During that time, Betty and Dutch raised three children. Betty pursued many volunteer service activities: She was a member of the Concord Junior Service League, a member and past president of the Concord Garden Club, and a member and past president of the Concord Flower Mission.

She also volunteered for many years at Concord Hospital as the “television lady,” providing television service for patients before it was routinely available. Betty and Dutch were active members of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Concord.

Once their children had completed college, Betty and Dutch relocated to the Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club in Andover, where they converted their summer home to their year-round residence. Betty became involved in

town activities as a member of the Andover Service Club and the Andover Historical Society. She enjoyed outdoor activities: tennis, swimming, snorkeling, doing yard work, and, in her younger years, skiing.

Betty and Dutch traveled extensively, and Betty became an extraordinary chronicler of their trips. For many years they were snow-birds and spent up to four months each winter in Green Valley, Arizona. In 2008 they became residents at Woodcrest Village in New London. In 2011 they moved to The Birches in Concord. Dutch died in 2011.

Betty was kind, generous, patient, tolerant, uncomplaining, and creative. She read to her children at night for years and talked to her children about books she was reading when they came home from school for lunch, creating a love of learning and reading in all three of her children.

There always was room at her table for the unexpected guest. Dutch did lots of the inviting; Betty excelled as the hostess. She always welcomed her children’s guests, who often stayed for lengthy visits, sometimes for the entire summer.

She was tolerant of her children’s interests in the living world, and deep down she had a love for animals, though she often bore the burden of the escaped snakes, hamsters, and salamanders and the left-open ant farm. She raised generations of collies, and always welcomed various grand-dogs who later came into their lives. She tolerated having horses live in her garage for three summers.

She was involved in her grandchildren’s activities. Uncomplaining of the cold or rain, she attended numerous cross-country and track meets and drove many miles to hear music recitals. She went on travel adventures with her grandchildren in the southwest.

She found time to pursue several artistic interests, making pierced lampshades, trapunto-style wastebaskets, and painted tiles. She refinished furniture. She knit ski caps for everyone.

Betty and Dutch were a gregarious and outgoing couple with many friends. Betty’s kind warmth and loyal friendship will be missed.

Betty is survived by her three children: Thomas W. Morse, Esq., of Concord, Dr. E. Susan “Sooze” Hodgson of Andover, and Christopher H. Morse of Grafton; and by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

New Hampshire Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements. At this time there will be no calling hours or services. A celebration of Betty’s life will be held during the summer of 2016 up on the mountain she loved so dearly.

The family wishes to thank the caring and thoughtful staff at The Birches who helped her final hours to be a peaceful and loving experience for her and her family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Concord Flower Mission, c/o Morse Law Offices, PO Box 2289, Concord NH 03302, or to Ragged Mountain Fish and Game

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Save the Date!



Annual Meeting Lake Sunapee Region VNA & HOSPICE

Thursday, February 18, 2016

4:00 p.m.

Wilmot Community Association Red Barn

64 Village Road, Wilmot

- My first year in review:
Jim Culhane, President & CEO
- Awards
- Board Recognition
- Special Announcements
- and More!

Refreshments by Peg Andrews Catering

RSVP to Cathy Raymond

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