

# OBITUARIES

**RALPH E. DOWNES**, 46, of Center Road, died Friday, June 1, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born in New London, NH on September 26, 1971. Ralph graduated from Merrimack Valley High School in 1989.



He worked for the Merrimack County Nursing Home in building maintenance and then for the Merrimack County Jail as a corrections officer. He had been employed by Hodges Development Co. in Concord for several years and for the past 10 years had worked as Director of Building and Grounds for the Franklin School District.

A lifelong resident of Salisbury, Ralph was a member of the Salisbury Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Auxiliary Department and was also a deputy fire warden for many years. He had been an Explorers Advisor for many years. Ralph served on the Salisbury Budget Committee for six years. Years ago he was active with the Merrimack County Oxbow 4-H and showed oxen for four years. He loved life, worked hard, played hard, and always enjoyed his bonfires.

He was a huge Kansas City Chiefs Fan and liked camping and motorcycles. An animal lover, Ralph took great pleasure in showing their horses, Tiny and Shannon and liked to spend time with his donkey, Daphne, his dogs, Mayz, Ace and Cosmo and their pig, Hamlet.

Members of his family surviving include his wife and soulmate, Kelli (Conway) Downes of Salisbury, NH; his parents, Roy and Kathie (Keyser) Downes of Salisbury, NH; his daughters, Dakota Downes of Manchester, NH and McKenzie Downes of Goffstown, NH; his son and friend, Ross Downes and Emma Little of Franklin, NH; a grandson, Jayce; his sister and her children, Karen Downes of Salisbury, NH and Zachary, Jared and Amanda; a stepdaughter, Nichole and her husband, Brooks Henningsen of Winchester, NH; a stepgrandson, Harris; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

At Ralph's request, there will be no calling hours or public service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salisbury Volunteer Fire Rescue Auxiliary, P.O. Box 100, Salisbury, NH 03268.

To sign an online guestbook please visit [www.chadwickfuneralservice.com](http://www.chadwickfuneralservice.com).

**DANE LOOMER**, 66 of Andover, New Hampshire died suddenly June 1, 2018.

Born in New York, he was the son of Fen and Janet Loomer. He began spending summers in New Hampshire as a child and chose to make it his home. Dane spent over three decades as a beloved English teacher at Belmont High School. After retiring, Dane enjoyed traveling around the world, reading, and spending time with his family.

Dane is survived by his wife Amy Schneider; his daughter Kelcey Loomer and husband Alex; daughter Becca



Loomer and partner Dave; and Dane's grandchildren, Lili, Seo, Etta, and Willis. Dane is also survived by his stepchildren Anna, Sophie, Naomi, and Joe Klepper, as well as his siblings, Bonny, Glenn, and Douglas.

There will be no memorial service at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in his memory to the Andover EMS, P.O. Box 61, Andover, NH 03216.

**KATHLEEN LAMBERT EHRET**, (Katy) died suddenly in Swannanoa, North Carolina on June 11.

She is survived by her adoring parents Leslie and Richard Ehret of New Orleans, as well as her grandparents Kathy Weill Vivienne Ehret and Barbara Ehret, aunts and uncles Jackie and David Weill, Judy Weill and Alan Jones, Mary and Jeff Ehret, Lori and Jim Ehret, Patty and Pat Ehret and Carmen and Adam Ehret as well as many cousins and countless friends from her many travels.



She was born in New Orleans on October 3, 1996, and graduated from Proctor Academy in Andover, New Hampshire. She was a junior at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa. She was a vibrant, spirited, and caring young woman, whose many passions included gardening, yoga, music, the outdoors and a love of animals, especially her beautiful Noa. Katy was compassionate, curious and thoughtful and will be greatly missed by all.

Family and friends gathered to celebrate her life on June 22 at NOCCA Lupin Hall. A Catholic Mass will follow later this summer. In lieu of flowers please make any donations to the charity of your choice.

**ROBERT S. RAYNO**, 77, formerly of Cilleyville Road, Andover, died Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the

Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, NH.

He was born in New London, NH on July 17, 1940, the son of John L. and Elizabeth H. (Wiggins) Rayno.



Bob graduated from Andover High School in 1958 and had been a lifelong resident of the area. He served in the US Air Force from 1960-1966.

He worked for Clayton Miller and Pete Streeter before owning and operating Bob Rayno Plumbing and Heating for many years.

He enjoyed golf and working outside and was particularly proud of his manicured acres of lawn.

Bob is predeceased by his parents and brother, Stanley Rayno. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Gay Ellen (Rich) Rayno of Boscawen, NH; four children, K. Bruce Sanborn of New London, NH, Emily A. Collinson of Sanbornton, NH, Peter T. Sanborn of Andover, NH and Kitty G. Sanborn Burnham of Hartland, VT; nine grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Loretta Rayno and two nephews, Glenn Rayno and Douglas Rayno.

A graveside service was held on June 21, 2018 at Pine Hill Cemetery, Wilmot, NH with military honors.

Donald Hall, former NH, U.S. poet laureate (1928 - 2018)

**DONALD A. HALL, Jr.**, former NH, U.S. poet laureate (1928 - 2018) died on June 23, 2018 at his home in Wilmot.

SERVICES: Calling hours will be held on Friday, June 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main St., New London, NH.



A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 30 at 1:30 p.m. at the South Danbury Christian Church, 1411 US Rte. 4, Danbury, NH. Burial will immediately follow in Proctor Cemetery in Andover, NH.

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