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many friends, and a very special friend, Maurice "Hap" Reney of Grantham.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, East Andover, and a celebration of Wanda's life will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Merrimack County Nursing Home, Residents Care Fund, 325 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen NH 03303; or to the Andover Community Church Grange Hall Restoration Fund, PO Box 211, East Andover NH 03231.

The family extends a great deal of thanks to the nurses, LNA's, Housekeeping, Kitchen, Activities and Administration Staff, too many to name, for the incredible care given to Wanda on 4S.

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Dixie P. Mack, 81, of Bedford, died Sunday May 17, 2020 at the Ridgewood Center, Bedford. She was born in Manchester on February 15, 1939, a daughter of the late Wallace and Grace (Pillsbury) Mack, Jr.

Dixie was her father's pride and joy, as he had always wanted a girl. She grew up on the family apple farm, Moose Hill Orchards, in Londonderry. Farm life suited her. As a young woman, she had a horse and pony – something she spoke of for decades after. Kind and gentle, Dixie was well-suited for horsemanship.

She attended Pinkerton Academy, and later, Colby College in Maine. Although disability kept her from finishing a degree, it did not hinder her spirit. She possessed a joyous heart and had a great love of life and people.

Laughter came easily to Dixie. Her friends were lifelong, and along life's journey she added many more: from caregivers and residents of the places she lived, to people she met on her outings. An expert at making friends, she was the unofficial "mayor" of her floor at Ridgewood where she resided for the last 11 years.

Her greatest joys were visiting with her daughter Donna, and grandson Henry ... and being doted upon by her two elder brothers.

Dixie is survived by her daughter, Donna Hudson, husband, Dan, and grandson, Henry, of Andover; her brother, Andrew Mack, Sr. of Londonderry; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. She was predeceased by her brother, Wally, but will be missed by his loving wife, Pilar, who currently resides in Richmond, Virginia.

A memorial gathering and marker dedication will take place at the family farm on Mammoth Road in Londonderry at a future time to be determined. The Peabody Funeral Homes of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit PeabodyFuneralHome.com..

Barbara Laughy Sanborn passed peacefully on May 17, 2020 following a hard-fought battle with cancer. Barbara was born on February 4, 1933 in Wilmot. She attended high school in Andover, where she met her lifetime love and husband Paul Sanborn.

Barbara and Paul chose to settle down in their shared hometown of Wilmot to begin their lives together. As an orphan herself, Barbara often took in orphan children, neighbors, and extended family members seeking care and refuge. In those same years, she and Paul also welcomed three children of their own into their lives and loving home – John, Jeff, and Judy.

Barbara's life in work and public service was rooted in an attention to detail and commitment to the greater community. Her professional career in accounting included time at Proctor Academy, Barton's Insurance Agency, and the family business, Blackwater Auto Body.

She also found a true calling in serving her beloved hometown of Wilmot in a number of capacities. Over many years, these roles included Town Treasurer, Trustee of Trust Funds, President of the Historical Society, as well as being an active participant on the Wilmot Planning Board, Cemetery Association, and the Ladies Aid Society.

Upon her retirement, Barbara became a steadfast childcare provider, teacher, and so much more for her five grandchildren. Their lives truly could not have been the same without her care, kindness, and sense of humor. Barbara's home was – and still is – filled with toys, books, photographs, adventure, and love. In the walls of her home, she was always willing to share her lifelong passions for quiltmaking, cooking, baking, and history.

Barbara was predeceased by her husband Paul, loving siblings John W. Laughy, Melvin E. Laughy, Grace M. Laughy, Annette E. Laughy, among others of 11 children. Barbara had a special place in her heart for her cousin James E. Laughy III and fond memories of their days traveling together through Canada for large family reunions. Barbara's first-born son, John William Sanborn, passed away in the fall of 2019 at his home in Vermont.

Surviving family members include her son Jeffrey Paul Sanborn, daughter-in-law Bonnie Lynn Sanborn, daughter Judith A. Shedd, grandchildren Melvin, Vickie, Cristel, Garrett, and Elijah, as well as great-grandchildren Samantha, Leah, and Ian.

Adhering to the directives of the State of New Hampshire and the CDC, services and burial for Barbara will be privately held graveside at Pine Hill Cemetery in Wilmot with family. The family also hopes that friends and loved ones continue to celebrate memories of Barbara's life and her giving spirit. A framed saying, "Only the best is good enough for children," was a motto to both her and those who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, please make a charitable donation in Barbara's honor to the Wilmot Ladies Aid Society at PO Box 411, Wilmot NH 03287.

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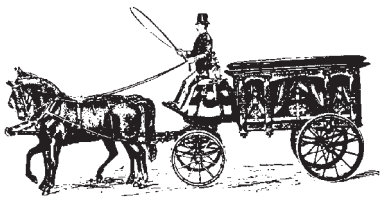
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