

OBITUARIES

ROBERT N. BENNETT, Jr., 55, passed away on October 26, 2021 at the Jack Byrne Hospice Center in Lebanon after a courageous battle with cancer.

Rob was born in North Kingston, Rhode Island on March 29, 1966 to the late Robert N. Bennett, Sr. and Carol A. (Rayno) Bennett. He grew up in East Andover, attending Merrimack Valley High School and Franklin High School. He attended Plymouth State University and later earned his Master's Degree from New England College.



Rob taught in the Kearsarge Regional School District (KRSD) for 26 years, starting as a paraprofessional in 1994 at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School in New London and Kearsarge Regional Middle School. He later became a social studies teacher and taught at Kearsarge Regional High School (KRHS) for six years before becoming an administrator. As an administrator Rob held the following positions within the KRSD: Special Education Associate Director from 2006-2007, Assistant Principal at KRHS from 2012-2013, Interim Principal at KRHS from 2014-2015, and Principal at KRHS from 2016-2020. He was heavily involved with the Adult Diploma program and summer school. Rob then spent one year and a few months as principal at Laconia High School before his health declined to a point where he was unable to continue working.

Rob coached numerous Kearsarge sports, including football, baseball, field hockey, men's and women's basketball, and was also a coaching assistant for the women's basketball team at Keene State College. In his free time, he enjoyed golfing and was an avid New England sports fan. Rob was a family man who loved spending time with his wife, children, extended family, and his friends. He will be dearly missed.

Rob is survived by his loving wife of

21 years, Koreen A. Kenyon-Bennett of South Sutton, his daughters, Courtney Bennett and Olivia Bennett, his brother Gary Bennett and his wife Lynn of Hopkinton, in-laws, Bernard and Shirlie Kenyon, sister-in-law, Lisa Smith and her husband, John, and niece and nephews, Parker and Riley Bennett, and Kyle and Mark Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care in Lebanon.

A memorial service was held on November 5, 2021, at The First Baptist Church of New London, New Hampshire. A private family burial will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by Chadwick Funeral Home.

MICHAEL R. ANDRUS, 89 of Andover passed away on November 5, 2021 after a period of declining health. Mike was born in Franklin on November 18, 1931 the son of Max and Florence (Merrill) Andrus. He worked as a machinist for Webster Valve in Franklin for over 41 Years. He was a United States Army veteran having served during the Korean War. Mike loved to be outdoors, whether working in his garden, watching the birds or just taking a walk in the woods. He was predeceased by a grandson Harrison, two brothers, Roger and Walter, and a sister Florence.

He is survived by: his wife of 64 years

Beverly A. (Blanchette) Andrus of Andover, his two daughters: Cheryl E. Hall and her husband Walter III of Northfield, and Michelle J. Laramee

and her husband Dennis of Franklin.

Grandchildren: Stephanie, Samantha, Sarah, Katie, Walter IV, Zachary, Brent, and Aliyah. Eight great grandchildren.



Two Brothers: Bryant Andrus of Andover, Ted Andrus of Salisbury, and nieces and nephews

A graveside service with military honors was held on November 13, 2021 at Lakeview Cemetery in East Andover.

Memorial Donations in Mike's memory can be made to either the East Andover Fire Department, 776 Franklin Highway, Andover, NH 03216 or Andover Fish and Game Club, PO Box 253, Andover, NH 03216.

The William F. Smart Sr. Memorial of Tilton is assisting the Andrus family with arrangements. For more information go to smartfuneralhome.com.

GAY SEMLER ESTIN, 92, of Woodcrest Village in New London, passed away on November 5, 2021.

Gay was born in New York City on

March 7, 1929, to Grace Parker Semler and George Herbert Semler. She attended Brearley School in New York City, and Garrison For-



est School in Maryland. Her summers were spent in Wainscott and East Hampton, Long Island. Gay went to Vassar College, class of 1951 and the University of Geneva in Switzerland.

In 1957, Gay married Hans Howard Estin and moved to the North Shore of Boston. They had two daughters, Hilary and Alex. She designed a beautiful home, cooked gourmet meals, chaired multiple symphony and museum galas, studied photography, and spent her weekends skiing in Sugarbush, Vermont.

In 1972, she moved to Aspen, Colorado where she created and ran two restaurants and renewed her love for riding horses. This led her to return to the East Coast and settle in Middleburg, Virginia, where she rode with three different Hunt Clubs and became a competitive award-winning equestrian. Her partner of 25 years was George Beavers III.

Aside from horses, Gay's greatest passion was designing houses and gardens. Throughout her adult life she created 17 magnificent homes. Each time she completed one, she became excited and inspired to begin a new creative design project.

Gay lived her final years near her daughter, Alex, in New Hampshire, enjoying the beauty and birdlife of the area.

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Chadwick Funeral and Cremation Service

How Do I Begin?

Perhaps talking about your own funeral or celebration is not really at the top of your list. A great time to have the conversation with your spouse, child or grandchild or some other family member or friend is when you are feeling healthy and positive. Make it be a conversation. Ask what your spouse or other loved one would be comfortable with doing and try to come to a compromise between the two of you. Remember that the service/celebration won't be for you. It will be about you but there will be no benefit to you. It could boost you up knowing that you have planned a wonderful remembrance so that could be the positive outcome for you. Talk about it, let other family members know that it's planned and let us know the plans. We'll make notes and listen to ideas and then you can feel good knowing that you had a hand in the uplifting time which will be shared by so many.

Charles, Marion (Chadwick), and Dan Hafner

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