

# OBITUARIES

**STEPHANIE BROWN FEHM**, a 50-year resident of Davis, California, died on January 26, 2022 after bravely living with cancer for over two years.

Stephanie was born in October, 1940 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts to Barbara (Nath) and Chester Brown. She grew up in Kent, Connecticut and spent summers in Campton, New Hampshire at her beloved family home on Mad River. She attended St. Mary's School for Girls in Peekskill, New York and later Northampton School for Girls, in Northampton, Massachusetts, from which she graduated in 1958.



After graduation, she entered the nursing program at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut from which she graduated in 1961. She continued to practice as a registered nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital. The family moved to Florence, Italy where her husband, Tony, worked on his Ph.D. in Art History. After returning to the United States, the family settled in Davis, California, and she always returned to New Hampshire for as many summers as possible.

In California Stephanie continued to practice nursing and later became a nurse practitioner. She was a member of one of the first classes to graduate from University of California, Davis, Nurse Practitioner Program when it was established in the 1970s.

Stephanie worked as a nurse practitioner in rural health clinics and in vulnerable communities during her clinical career. She went on to become a labor representative for the California Nurses Association until she retired in 2005. Through her hard work, along with all the dedicated people at CNA, nurses in California have safer working

conditions, higher salaries, better benefits, and more secure retirements.

Stephanie was a life-long FDR Democrat and an ardent women's rights advocate. Over the years she worked for numerous candidates both on the local and national level. She was passionate about her civic obligation to be an informed voter and an active participant in the democratic process.

In retirement she became deeply involved with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program in Davis. She served on a variety of committees and enjoyed a host of friends and courses.

In one of her OLLI writing classes, she wrote: "I would want to be remembered as a good and loyal mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. I hope that I would be remembered as a fair person, one who tried to treat all people equally. It would please me if others would remember me for two absolute rules: never cross a picket line or buy art to match the furniture!"

Stephanie was also an active and devoted grandparent to her three granddaughters. When they were young, she picked them up from school, took care of them when they were sick, and attended every school function and athletic event. She was a powerful support and role model.

Stephanie was predeceased by her father, Chester; mother, Barbara; brother, Jonathan; and sister, Katharine. She is survived by her daughter, Gretchen (Ian) Blake, Sacramento, California; her granddaughters, Anna Blake, Portland, Oregon; Allison Blake, Berkeley, California; Elizabeth Blake, Santa Cruz, California; her sister, Susan Norris (Tim), Andover, New Hampshire; and her nephew, Matthew Norris, Seattle, Washington, along with many cousins.

Stephanie's family could not have managed her final weeks without the loving care, professionalism, and unwavering support from Lisa Saephan, RN and Vihn Tran at Honest Living. We will be forever indebted.

Her family would also like to express gratitude and thanks to Mercy Cancer Center, Sutter Home Health, Sutter Hospice, and Sutter Davis Medical Group for their commitment and dedication to Stephanie's care.

Stephanie was a woman of substance, determination, and kindness. She was greatly loved, will be hugely missed, and long remembered.

New Hampshire was always in her heart, and Stephanie's hope was to get back again for a visit. There will be a summer family gathering and remem-

brance at Mad River Cemetery, Upper Road, Campton. For all her friends and family in the Davis area, there will be a celebration of her life at a later date.

For more information, please email: Steph.Brown.Fehm.Celebration@gmail.com.

### In Memory

If you'd like to honor the memory of a friend or loved one with a donation to *The Andover Beacon*, we will print a simple list of all such donations each month.

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worked at the Laconia State School, taking loving care of the children.

Colleen and Roger were married in 1971. She worked in the Gilford Elementary School cafeteria so she could give her children and others warm smiles and hellos during their day. Colleen also worked for the Lakes Region Community Services and for the Laconia / Gilford Easterseals in the community residential program for nearly 20 years.

She made everyone she cared for feel special. Her lifelong dedication to caring for others is a tribute to the special person that was Colleen. She always had a smile on her face, a sparkle in her eye, and was always glad to chat with anyone with a genuine interest in their life.

Colleen also enjoyed frequent gatherings of her large extended family. She was a good host and cook who made many a delicious meal, including her famous macaroni and cheese, for those regular gatherings, whether they were on a mountaintop, in a dining room, or by a pool. She was also an avid sports fan, especially of her and her husband's beloved Red Sox.



Colleen's home had a number of beloved pets, most recently her dog, Charlie, whom she had to give up as a result of her declining health.

As a daughter, sister, mom, grandmother, aunt, friend, and neighbor, she is deeply missed.

Per Colleen's and her family's desires, memorial services will be private. For those who wish, the family requests that memorial contributions in Colleen's name be made to Easterseals of New Hampshire, 555 Auburn Street, Manchester NH 03103, or another suitable charity.

The Cremation Society of New Hampshire is assisting the family with arrangements. To view an online memorial, leave a message of condolence,

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*Charles, Marion (Chadwick), and Dan Hafner*

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