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(Craig Sherman) Walker of Sunapee, and her favorite son, Johnathan (Casey A.) Wiggin of Salisbury; her grandchildren: Tiki Walker, Josh (Emily) Judkins, Chris Huntoon, Cam Huntoon, Robert Simpson, Tristin (Josh) Fisher, Brett Simpson, Tess Jewell, McCartney Cahill, Mackenzie Wiggin, McHale Cahill, and Wyatt Wiggin; her great-grandchildren: Trever, Gracelyn, Trey, Trenton, Dayvane, Griffin, Taylor, Finnigan, Taylin, and Fallon; and her siblings: Sharon (Ray) Waldo, Beverly Seeley, Donal Miller, Jr., Melanie Lord, Penny (Gary) Walker, Michael (Carol) Miller, Sr. and Lisa Russell. There are also many, many nieces and nephews.

Her family would be remiss if they did not thank her former son-in-law, Arthur Judkins, for the care and love he showed her over the years, especially the last few. Also, a special thank you to her sister, Melanie, for her longtime companionship.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Andover Rescue Squad, PO Box 61, Andover NH 03216.

Please join Donna's family at a Celebration of Life on Sunday, September 4, 11 AM to 2 PM at the Wilmot Community Center on 64 Village Road in Wilmot.

ERNEST S. BLAKE, Jr., 70, of Main Street, Andover, died on August 17, 2022. He was born in New London on May 5, 1952, the son of the late Ernest S. Blake, Sr. and H. Viola (Doyle) Blake.

He was a lifelong resident of Andover and graduated from New London High School in 1970, and from the New Hampshire Manpower Training Center for Automechanics in 1972. Ernie had been employed by Sturm Ruger for 20 years and for the last 20 years had worked for Pike Industries.

He served in the US Army and was discharged in 1978, earning the National Defense Medal, the Expeditionary Medal, and the Sharpshooter Badge. Ernie collected Corvettes and enjoyed car racing and

working on his computer. He made many friends wherever he went and enjoyed visiting at the Barn Store in Salisbury and the Blackwater Restaurant in Andover. He wasn't a pet owner but loved animals.

He is predeceased by his parents; a brother, Donald; a sister, Margaret Jewell; a brother-in law, David Romanoff; and a nephew, Kevin Romanoff. He is survived by a sister, Marion Romanoff of New London, and nieces and nephews Robin, Russell, Lance, Brenda, and Tammy.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 2 PM in the Old Main Street Cemetery, New London. All are welcome to attend.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pope Memorial SPCA, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord NH 03301. Arrangements are being handled by Chadwick Funeral Service of New London.

DIANE PERKINS BOISVERT, of East Andover, beloved mother, grandmother, wife, friend, and sister, passed away on August 20, 2022 after a period of failing health. She slipped away peacefully in her home with her loving family.

Diane was born to George and Alta (Gurley) Perkins on December 31, 1942 in Beverly, Massachusetts. She was the middle child of seven children and is predeceased by her parents and four of her siblings: Frederick Perkins, Glenda (Perkins) Counts, Judith (Perkins) Fordering, and George Perkins, Jr.; and her favorite uncle, William Gurley. She graduated from Newburyport High School in 1960 and was an executive assistant at the Boston office of New England Power. She moved to East Andover in 1970 and co-founded the company that would eventually become Conti-



mental Machine Corp.

She leaves behind her husband and business partner of 57 years, Armand. She is also survived, and deeply loved, by her children: Douglas Boisvert (Kristie) of Danbury and Kimberly Boisvert (David) of Boscawen. She also leaves her stepchildren: Andrea Smith, Susan Zampell, and Steven Boisvert; her grandchildren: Justin (Heather), Patrick (Kellie), Robyn (Randolph), Lauren (Matt) and Brenna; and two great grandchildren: Bailey and Hannah. She is also survived by two siblings: William Perkins and Elaine (Perkins) Grace; and many nieces, nephews, and friends that loved her like family.

Diane's life was filled with a myriad of interests and activities. She was an avid and voracious reader; a talented, self-taught baker and cook; an enthusiast of games of any type, from cribbage to video games; and absolutely adored making the holidays magical for her family. She was an owner of several successful businesses and real estate holdings. She enjoyed snowmobiling and rode recreationally as well as raced them, and also raced mini-sprint race cars in the early 1990s.

She was a tireless and indispensable crewmember for her son, husband, and grandchildren during their motorsport racing careers; was endlessly supportive of her daughter's equestrian pursuits; and was always in attendance at her grandchildren's athletic practices and games, including many years traveling with the Andover One Wheelers unicycle team.

Diane shared her love of reading with the first graders of Andover Elementary/Middle School, where she volunteered for 19 years. She adored all things Disney; loved to travel; was a Manchester Monarchs hockey fan; loved roller coasters; enjoyed water aerobics and going to cruise nights with her husband in their 1967 Chevelle.

She loved the ocean since childhood and loved to spend time with her family at their camp on Highland Lake. She enjoyed watching the wildlife around her home and kept a bowl of peanut M&Ms to feed to the squirrels, which came running when she called to them and grew startlingly large.

As dynamic and varied as her interests and accomplishments were, the most amazing things about her were her warmth, incredible wit, mischievous sense of humor, limitless compassion and kindness, and infinite ability to love. Di-

ane had a unique way of making everyone she knew feel loved, special, and valued.

She was unparalleled as a wife, mother, and grandmother, and the impact she has had on her family's lives is immeasurable. It has truly been the privilege of a lifetime to love, and to be loved, by her.

The family will hold a celebration to honor her and her beautiful life at a later date. If you wish to honor her now, we hope you will hold your loved ones close and remind them how important they are. She will be missed beyond measure.

BONNIE L. (SUMMARSELL) BLAPLANTE, 62, of Claremont, passed away with her family at her side on August 21, 2022, after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Windsor, Vermont. on December 15, 1959. She lived in Bridgewater, Vermont until moving to Windsor where she graduated from Windsor High School in 1977.

After graduation she married the love of her life, Joseph LaPlante, on March 11, 1978, and they had two sons, Jason and Jeremy. She was a homemaker and worked as a subcontractor for Whelen Engineering.



Bonnie enjoyed painting, motorcycle riding with her husband, and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her parents, Percy and Janet Summarsell of Windsor, Vermont. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Joseph LaPlante; her brother Bruce Summarsell and his wife Theresa of Hartland, Vermont, and their three children, Amber Summarsell, Nicholas Summarsell, and Rachael Biennu; her son Jason A. LaPlante Sr and his wife Tricia-Lynn of Andover and their children Jason A. LaPlante Jr, Lauren A. LaPlante (and their mother, Alica LaPlante), and Deagan R. Poland; and her son Jeremy T. LaPlante of Concord, and daughter-in-spirit Kate A. LaPlante of Claremont, and their children Emily Root, Joshua LaPlante, Sarah LaPlante, Elle LaPlante, and great-granddaughter Daisy-Mae O'Clair.

Bonnie was a beacon of light in so many people's lives and will be sorely missed. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, August 27, at 11 AM at Mountainview Cemetery in Claremont.

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