

Obituaries

Mary J. Wetherbee

Mary J. Wetherbee (McGrath), 76, devoted wife, mother and grandmother, of Amherst, NH, died peacefully Saturday September 6, 2014, at Catholic Medical Center with family by her side. She was born in Somerville, MA on July 10, 1938 daughter of the late Bernard and Margaret H. McGrath (Walsh)



Born and raised in Somerville, MA, Mary married her loving husband Neil Sr. of Quincy, MA, on July 13, 1964. They recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. The couple moved to Arlington, MA to raise their only son Neil (not Jr.). They resided in Arlington for nearly 30 years, moved to Nashua, NH for a brief time before deciding to enjoy their retirement years on 33 Boston Post Rd. in Amherst, NH

Mary went to Catholic school at The Sisters of Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsboro and West Roxbury. She went to work at age 18 for what was then First National Bank of Boston in 1956. She spent her entire career with the bank and its successors, and retired as officer in the bank's Shareholder Services

Division in 1996. Mary had a number of interests but the joy of her life was the time she spent with her two grandsons, Dylan and Keith, and family dog Zack.

She is predeceased by her both her parents and her brother James B. McGrath, a WWII Navy Veteran.

She will be forever loved and missed by her husband of 50 wonderful years, Neil Sr. of Amherst, NH, her loving son Neil and his wife Wendy of Derry, NH, the joys of her life, grandsons Keith of Salem, NH and Dylan of Derry, NH as well as her extended family, daughter-out-law Cheryl Wetherbee and her life partner Prudy Cawley.

Mary will be cremated and have some of her ashes scattered at Bailey Island, ME where she and her husband Neil spent many happy vacations together. In the upcoming year, friends and family will join together in a celebration of her life and the joy that she brought to everyone. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The American Heart Association or a local blood drive.

John G. David

AMHERST – John G. David, 72, resident of Amherst, NH, died on September 12, 2014 in Andover, Massachusetts, due to complications from Cruetzfeldt-Jakob disease.



He was born in Port Chester, NY on July 30, 1942, son of John A. David, Jr. and Muriel Gower David. John and his brother Edward grew up in Mamaroneck, NY, attending Rye Methodist Church. He joined the Boy Scouts, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Rye Neck High School, and earned his BA in English from Bates College in Lewiston, ME, of which he remained an ardent supporter throughout his life.

After graduation in 1964 he was awarded the Graduate Internship in Radio and Television at the University of Texas. He completed additional coursework there in Philosophy, Physics and Electrical Engineering, and applied those credits towards his MA in Philosophy from the University of Connecticut in 1966. He taught philosophy at Nassau Community College from 1966 to 1969.

While living in New York City he met and married Eva Reque (Steege) and launched his professional technical career at Tektronix, Inc. This led to a move to Portland, OR, for a post at Tektronix headquarters in 1973. There he completed an MBA at the University of Portland. After their two children were born and entered school, the family moved to Amherst, NH in 1980, where John made his home for 34 years.

He was an active member of the Congregational Church of Amherst, UCC, where he was well known. He volunteered regularly, served on multiple committees, sang bass in the choir, and played the cello for special services several times a year.

John had a long career in technical sales, marketing and product management, starting with Tektronix, and including long service at Digital Equipment Corporation,

and, most recently, Cushman Corp.

John was the founder and driving force behind the annual Souhegan Valley CROP Walk Against Hunger.

John was also a member and leader in the Amherst Lions Club, and a board member of the Nashua Chamber Orchestra, for which he played the cello. In the last 15 years he became very active in the NH Democratic Party.

In addition, John enjoyed traveling, sailing, skiing and the outdoors. He had a lifelong passion for learning and was currently pursuing a MA in Philosophy at Boston University, with a concentration in the History and Philosophy of Science. He had hoped to return to teaching philosophy.

John's first marriage ended in 1994. He remarried in 1997 to Nancy A. (Dillman) David. He was predeceased by Nancy, who died in 2011, and by his brother's daughter, Emma who died in 2002 of a brain injury.

Family members include his fiancée, Elizabeth Rubino of Haverhill, MA; son, John R. David and his wife, Jos K. Hill of San Francisco, CA; daughter, Katherine F. David of Manassas, VA; three grandchildren, Alessandra, Lucia and Etienne, daughters of Katherine; brother, Edward David and his wife, Janice of Farmington, ME; and nephew, Andrew David of New York, NY.

A memorial service will be held on October 4, 2014 at 11:00 am at the Congregational Church of Amherst, UCC, 11 Church Street, Amherst, NH. Burial will be in Black Point Cemetery, Scarborough, ME at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Souhegan Valley CROP Walk. (donate at <http://www.svn-hcropwalk.org/> or by mail at PO Box 1015, Amherst, NH 03031). Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to www.smith-heald.com.

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help address the individual learning styles of her many students. Over the years, she participated in various book clubs and was an expert at the art of Origami.

She is survived by a son, David Preston Trombly of Chicago, IL; two sisters, Carolyn Vatcher of Jackson, TN and her two daughters, Holly Trowbridge and Margaret Hargett, and a sister Margaret Trombly of South Royalton, VT and her children Michael Trombly and her wife Vicky; Matthew Trombly; and Jennifer Young and her husband Shane. She is also survived by nephews Stephen Crocker and his wife Brenda and children Riannon and Stephen, nephew Richard Crocker and his wife Libby and their children Andrea Bruneau, Heather Mason and Kimberly Crocker; and a niece Dorothy Crocker. Betsey's son John Davis Trombly, for whom she had unconditional love, also died on September 14, 2014. Additionally, she is predeceased by her brother Preston Davis and her sister Jean

Crocker. On March 20, 1976 she was married to Rodney Trombly. They moved to New Jersey and returned to Amherst in 1986. They were subsequently divorced in 1998.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Amherst Congregational Church, 11 Church Street, Amherst, NH. A private burial service at the Meadowview Cemetery in Amherst will be held by the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dorothy Davis Scholarship Fund, to benefit a graduating Souhegan High School student, c/o Margaret Trombly; 294 Whitney Hill Road; South Royalton, VT 05068; or to the Amherst Congregational Church, Education Endowment Fund c/o Amherst Congregational Church of Amherst, UCC; 11 Church Street; Amherst, NH 03031. Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street,

Amherst Garden Club October Meetings



Pamela Hunt – October 2, 9:00 AM

AMHERST – Welcome to the fascinating world of the insect order Odonata!

At the daytime meeting of the Amherst Garden Club on Thursday, October 2, Pam Hunt, Ph.D., will provide an overview of the biology and ecology of dragonflies and damselflies. Pam coordinated "NH Dragonfly Survey," a five-year project that mapped distributions of these insects throughout the state. Presently the Avian Conservation Biologist with the NH Audubon Society, Pam is active in the dragonfly field as well as bird research.

The meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 303 Route 101 in Amherst beginning at 9:00 AM with a short social time and business meeting. The program will begin at 10:15 AM.



Jan Ward – October 9, 7:00 PM

The evening meeting of the garden club on Thursday, October 9, will feature Jan Ward, Garden Consultant and Floral Designer, who will speak on "Preparing Your Garden for Winter." Jan will talk about fall garden tasks that will ensure a healthy start for spring and demonstrate the use of fall garden "finds" such as dried blooms, pods and grasses to create attractive arrangements. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at Parkhurst Place, 11 Veterans Road, Amherst.

Visitors are welcome to attend all garden club meetings.

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process of discovery of the author's life details is instructive for those interested in history, especially as described in the 2003 book on this topic by R. J. Ellis, the researcher who consulted Milford's annual reports by the Overseers of the Poor to narrow-down Harriet's whereabouts by year.

Hattie was an indentured servant in the household of a Milford farmer until the age of 18 and after that remained too poor to support herself fully. For the two years prior to her marriage in 1851 in Milford, to a black man named Wilson "of Va." who was an itinerant anti-slavery lecturer, Harriet Adams was given monetary aid by Milford's Overseers of the Poor as a "pauper off the farm" (that is, not living in the town's almshouse). She gave birth to a son in the County poor house in Goffstown, but returned to Milford (apparently when her husband returned). She again received pau-

per aid from Milford 1854-'56, and her 3-year-old son was actually admitted to the County poor house for four weeks in 1855. The "Wilson boy" was supported or aided by the town for the next three years, until his death of a fever at age 7 years 8 months in 1860.

For a year, Feb. 1858 to March '59, *The Farmers' Cabinet* newspaper of Amherst carried advertisements for "Mrs. Wilson's Hair Regenerator" prepared by "Mrs. H. E. Wilson" in Nashua. It seems unlikely that she ever made money from her book, but it is an impressive achievement of significant value to posterity.

Towards the end of her life, in Massachusetts, Mrs. Wilson's occupation was "clairvoyant physician," that is, a trance medium and spiritual healer nurse. The Harriet E. Wilson memorial statue was installed in Milford in 2006.

Happy reading!

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Who: 5th-8th graders
When: Wednesdays 2:30-3:30 10/1-12/10
Where: Amherst Middle School Room 104

NEW Spanish Review

If your HS student is feeling overwhelmed in Spanish and could use a group tutoring experience in a fun and energetic environment, this is the place for them! It is also perfect for the student who loves Spanish but no longer has room in their schedule. Senora Rowley gives them strong skills along with encouragement and confidence.

Who: 9th-12th graders
When: Thursdays 2:30-3:30 10/2-12/11
Where: Souhegan HS, Room TBD

NEW Artist's Workshops at Amherst Middle School

Students will explore a variety of art supplies in a safe, low pressure, creative studio environment. Students can sign up for one afternoon class or get a discount and sign up for all three workshops in the series. Tools and methods for these classes are more sophisticated and the emphasis is on creativity, self expression and exploring "What is ART?" in our culture and around the world.

Who: 5th-8th graders
When: 11/6, 11/13, 11/20 3:30-5:00
Where: AMS Art Room #2

NEW Horses 101: An Introduction to Horsemanship

This non-riding program is a unique opportunity for students interested in learning to handle and care for horses, and perhaps pursue a career in Barn Management. Participants will learn what is involved in caring for a horse, including equine anatomy, healthcare and nutrition, horse care and management, and the identification of

and care for tack. Operations Manager Ashley Brown is the instructor and has safety as her first concern.

Who: 5th-8th Graders
When: Mondays 9/29-10/20 4-5:30pm
Where: Walnut Hollow Farm, 40 Walnut Hill Road
Fee: \$30.00 Res/\$35.00 Non-Res

First LEGO League and Junior LEGO League

Information about these LEGO teams and the 2014 Challenges will be posted by 9/23. LEGO teams are made of students ages 6-9 and 9-14, with volunteer coaches. This is always a popular program and you can put your own team together or register to be assigned a team.

See our website for details.

PMEC Programming

NEW Flower Fairies and Earth Gnomes

Join us in creating a fairy village at PMEC. Each week we will complete an awesome woodland craft including a fairy garden and many wee friends to live in it!

Who: Grades 1-5
When: Fridays 10/3-10/24 3:45-5:30 (Register for 1 or all 4 classes)
Where: PMEC
Fee: Single Class \$20, Series of 4 classes \$50

Toddler's Tales and Trails: A Parent/Child Class

During this 4 week program we will explore a nature based theme through a story, a simple craft, movement and song, and an outside adventure!

Who: Ages 2-4 with a parent/caretaker
When: Tuesdays 10/7-10/28 (Register for 1 or all 4 classes)
Where: PMEC
Fee: Single class \$10, Full session of 4 \$35



Chapter members Kathy Kaldis and Nancy Wilson share a smile after being presented with ribbons for correct answers in the "Constitution Quiz"

D.A.R. Potluck Dinner Meeting

MILFORD – The Captain Josiah Crosby Chapter, D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) recently held their first chapter meeting and potluck dinner of the 2014-2015 program year. This year's event was held at the Community House, in Milford, NH. New and prospective members were welcomed. Information on the U.S. Constitution was presented followed by a "How well do you know the U.S. Constitution?" game. A good time was had by all who attended.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 13th in Amherst. The Chapter will be celebrating our birthday with a memorabilia display and discussion about the history of the Chapter. All are welcome to attend.

The DAR organization was founded in 1890 with the simple mission of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. These timeless principles keep the

DAR strong and vitally relevant in this ever-changing world.

This nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future consists of nearly 177,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the world. These vibrant, active women are the heart of the organization.

Eligibility to join DAR is open to any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution.

For more information about DAR please visit: www.DAR.org, or contact your local (Milford/ Amherst area) chapter: via regular mail: PO Box 434, Amherst, NH; email: joshiascrosby.nhdar@gmail.com; or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Capt.JosiahCrosbyChapter

Great Buys At The Fall Rummage Sale September 26 & 27

The Woman's Association Rummage Sale starts on Friday, September 26, 5:00 to 7:30 pm and runs Saturday, September 27, 9:00 to noon.

Looking for great bargains on fall and winter clothing? Would you like to get a head start on Christmas décor that is very reasonably priced? The Woman's Association Fall Rummage Sale is renowned for good quality, neatly sorted and organized merchandise. Clothing, jewelry, toys, games, books, linens, towels, small household items, home and holiday decorations, dishes, vintage and antique items and tools can all be found at the Congregational Church of Amherst.

The Rummage Sale starts at 5:00 to 7:30 pm on Friday, September 26. Hours on Saturday, September 27 are 9:00 to noon. On Friday, items are individually priced. On Saturday, the price is \$5 per bag.

The rummage sale is a longstanding tradition of the Woman's Association and is a wonderful opportunity to find good and varied merchandise at very reasonable prices. Proceeds from the sale help the WA support the church and local charitable organizations, including the Holiday Toy Store, Anne Marie House, Camp Allen, SHARE, Bridges, NH Prison Ministry and the Goffstown Women's Prison garden.

The Congregational Church of Amherst UCC is located on the village green at 11 Church Street in Amherst. Additional information is found at www.ccamherst.org

NEW Exploring Nature Together: A Parent/Child Class

Join us for a parent/caretaker and child (ages 3-6) adventure! This is a hands-on class with seasonal themes will be followed by outside fun, with themes that will include: NH Animals and Plants, Habitats, Animal Tracks, and more!

Who: Ages 3-6 with a parent/caretaker
When: Tuesdays 11/4, 11 and 25 (Register for 1 or all 3 classes)
Where: PMEC
Fee: Single class \$10, Full session of 3 \$25

Adult Programming

The Technical Aspects of Running: Improving your Mechanics

If you have never had any formal coaching or training, you likely do not know how to practice running or understand the technical aspects of the sport that will increase your efficiency and make your runs more enjoyable. This 8 week program will emphasize developing the fundamental elements of running: proper biomechanics, strength, speed endurance, and range of motion. Each week there will be a classroom session to introduce and discuss the elements of running and a weekly technical run. We have 5 signed up now- Join them!

Who: Adults
When and Where: 9/23-11/13 Tuesdays and Thursdays
Tuesday runs 7-8:30 and Thursday meetings 6:30-8, Rec office, 4 Cross Rd.
Fee: \$65.00 Res/\$75.00 Non-Res

NEW Sit and Knit

We will hold two weeks of drop-in knitting for all comers in-between our knitting program. This program is free of charge and open to all 16 and up. Stay for 30 minutes of the whole two hours!

Who: All 16 and up
When: Wednesday 10/1 and 10/8 4:30-6:30
Where: Amherst Recreation Office, 4 Cross Road
Fee: No charge

Knitting Classes for Beginners

Those who have taken classes with Sandy Zielie continue to return for her depth of knowledge and gentle manner. This three week series is for the adult who has never knit or the knitter who is looking for support in returning to the craft. All supplies are included.

Who: Adults
When: Wednesdays 4:30-6:00 9/10-9/24
Where: Amherst Recreation Office, 4 Cross Road

Knitting for Adults: Beyond the Basics Projects

NEW Our project for October is "Cozy Socks" made with worsted weight for a quicker (and thicker) finished product, photo on the website. We have a dedicated group of 8-10 participants of varying abilities- come join us!

Who: Adults
When: Wednesdays 10/15-10/29 4:30-6pm
Where: Amherst Recreation Office, 4 Cross Road
Fee: \$71.00 Res/\$81.00 Non-Res, includes yarn

Do you know how to play bridge? We are looking for someone interested in teaching this game to eager-to-learn adults. Contact Jennifer at jstover@amherstnh.gov if you are interested in joining a bridge group or might want to explore leading this group.

We add programs weekly, so check our website often...

And make time in your life for Recreation!