

# Obituaries

## Agnes L. Brewster

Longtime Amherst Resident

Agnes L. Brewster, 94, longtime resident of Amherst died on May 22, 2015 at UMA-SS Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, MA.

She was born in Leenane, County Galway, Ireland on July 11, 1920, a daughter of James and Anne (Joyce) O'Neill. She emigrated to Alberta, Canada as a child and later lived in Randolph, Bridge-

water, and Norwell, MA before moving to Amherst, NH more than 40 years ago.

Mrs. Brewster was a registered nurse and worked for United Fruit Company in Costa Rica where she met her husband Paul.

She was an extremely adventurous person and enjoyed gardening, cooking and traveling. Her greatest joy came from spending time with family, especially her grandchildren.

Mrs. Brewster was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Milford and she volunteered for years at



the Clothing Barn Share Program.

She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Paul V. Brewster, who died in 2010.

Family members include two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Janna Brewster of Juneau, Alaska, Mark and Lorena Brewster of Raleigh, NC; her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and James Butler of Oxford, MA; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held on Thursday, June 18th at 11:00am in St. Patrick's Church, 34 Amherst Street, Milford, NH. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Share Outreach, Inc., 1 Columbus Avenue, Milford, NH 03055. Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford, NH. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to www.smith-heald.com

Mrs. Crisman trained at Juilliard in voice and piano and was a member of Nashua Choral Society. She was an avid reader, enjoyed quilting, genealogy research and trips to the Amherst Library. She was a member of Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC, Nashua.

Mrs. Crisman was predeceased by her husband, John C. Crisman, who died in 2005 and her grandsons, Kyle and Timothy Crisman in 2002.

## Margaret A. Crisman

Devoted Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother



A devoted and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, family members include three sons and daughters-in-law, Erik and Kathleen Crisman of Amherst, NH, Kirk and Polly Crisman of Mont Vernon, NH, Mark D and Peggy Crisman of Bow, NH; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sheila A. Crisman of Claremont, NH, Sue E. and Gary Slamin of Frances-

town, NH; 15 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Amherst Town Library, 14 Main Street, Amherst, NH 03031 or Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC, 4 Watson Street, Nashua, NH 03064. 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

## Linda Charmaine Dobbins

Had Volunteered of Local Organizations



Linda Charmaine (Pauselius) Dobbins, 60, lost her battle with ovarian cancer on May 26, 2015. She was born on December 7, 1954 in Java, Indonesia. She was the oldest of six children born to Louis Pauselius and the late Kitty Pauselius. She married the love of her life and devoted husband of 40 wonderful years, Michael Dobbins. Together they raised three children, Wendy (Dobbins) Plehn, Heather Dobbins, and Jason Dobbins.

Linda's passion in life was working with children. Linda also loved to garden and being part of the Milford and Amherst Garden Clubs. As her children grew, she realized her passion for volunteerism and threw her time and energy into the following organizations: Girl Scout leader in various places she lived from the 1980's to present, Milford Garden Club (former President), FISH volunteer, SHARE volunteer, Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club, and helping her good friend Cathy Meaney with her business, All Star Driving School.

In addition to her father, Louis Pauselius, and beloved husband, Michael Dobbins, she leaves behind her daughter Wendy (Dobbins) Plehn and husband, Mitch Plehn; her daughter, Heather Dobbins; her son, Jason Dobbins and wife, Tina Gagnon. Grandchildren: Angee (Gadola) Luker and husband, David Luker, Ryan Gadola, Christiana Moya, Miguel Moya, Jaida Silamba, Avery Smith, and Hadley Smith. Great-Grandchildren: Mikayla Luker and Kyle Luker. Her siblings, Werner Pauselius and wife Anne, Frank Pauselius and wife Kim, Mike Pauselius and wife Laurie, Ingrid Pauselius, and Iris Pauselius.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Girl Scouts of Green and White, Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club, SHARE, St. Joseph's Cancer Center or Merrimack Community Hospice House.

Arrangements are being handled by Smith & Heald Funeral Home, Milford.

## Robert K. Blakeman

Former President of Amherst Corporation

Robert K. Blakeman, 85, resident of Milford, NH, died on May 25, 2015 at Pine Rock Manor in Warner.

He was born in the Bronx, NY, on December 14, 1929, a son of Robert D. and Mabel (Karges) Blakeman, and grew up in East Orange and Ridge-

wood, NJ. He resided in Milford for the past seven years and formerly made his home in Amherst, NH for 44 years.

Mr. Blakeman graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in Agriculture and started his career driving the back roads of southern Vermont working for the county visiting all the many dairy farms and artificially inseminating their cows. He loved telling the story from when he was standing in the hospital following the birth of his first son and another man asked him whether he did this often. He didn't understand the question until he realized he still had on his work coveralls with the big "Vermont Breeding Association" stitched across the back.

While he loved agriculture he decided on a career change to better support his family and after several various jobs settled into working for National Gypsum Co. as a traveling salesman. After several years he again re-invented his career and in 1968, with two other partners, formed Space Design Systems, Inc., with offices in Kennebunk, ME and



Amherst, NH. He retired as President after 30 years with the company.

He was a long-time member and past president of the Milford Rotary Club and since 1964, actively attended and supported the Congregational Church of Amherst. He was also very active with Amherst Jaycees, various Town of Amherst Boards, and Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts as his sons grew up. In addition, he was a charter member of Hampshire Hills and an avid tennis player.

Mr. Blakeman was a U.S. Army veteran having served during the Korean War.

He was predeceased by his wife, Susan (Wilson) Blakeman, who died in 2006; and two grandchildren, Jesse and Kristy.

Family members include three sons, Kenneth J. Blakeman of Peterborough, NH, Michael R. Blakeman and his wife, Lauriann of Del Norte, CO, Peter J. Blakeman and his wife, Anita Nikles Blakeman of North Sutton, NH; seven grandchildren, Hannah, Catherine, Lianna, Brittany, Daniel, Thomas and Alexandra; three great grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Alan and Joanne Blakeman of Montpelier, VT; several nieces and nephews; and his dear friend, Edith Gambee of Milford.

Smith & Heald Funeral Home, Milford are handling arrangements. Share a memory or offer a condolence, at www.smith-heald.com

## Nicholas George Geskos

Launched Boston Commercial Real Estate Firm



Nick Geskos, husband, father, uncle, brother, friend, and lover of life died suddenly on Friday, May 29, 2015, surrounded by good friends. He was only 66 years old. Nick was a gentleman in every sense of the word—kind, caring, generous, and curious. He cared about everyone around him young and old, listening and making each person he met feel as if they were the only person in the room.

Nick's proudest accomplishment was his beautiful family. Almost 19 years ago, he married Kate, the love of his life. A few years later, their daughter Isabella was born. Bella brought joy to Nick. She inherited his gregarious and positive nature, and they adored their time together. He taught Bella kindness, courage, and how to cheer for the good guys (the Patriots and the Red Sox). In return, she taught him new ways of seeing the world, how to enjoy a swim meet, and patience.

Nick was also proud of his Greek roots. His late mother, Kiki Louta (deceased), spent her life in Athens, Greece, where Nick was born. He came to Watertown, MA with his father, George N. Geskos (deceased) when he was five years old and also held dear his stateside family, including his brother Steve Geskos and his wife Lauren and daughter Arianna; his sister Klio (Geskos) Di-Cenzo and her husband Greg and his sister Evangeline Geskos. He

loved Kate's parents, Susan and Ramsay Moore, her sister Diana Moore (deceased) as his own, and Kate's brother Jim Moore was like a second brother.

Nick was a thoughtful person genuinely interested in everyone around him. Give Nick an evening with great food, good wine, Frank Sinatra, and a warm fire, and he was filled up. He was the consummate host, welcoming young and old with a bear-hug, a warm grin, and a "Hiya handsome... you look vaguely familiar". He excelled at putting his friends and family at ease.

Nick graduated from Quinnipiac University in 1972. In 1979, he began an accomplished career in commercial real estate. He was one of the original six brokers hired by CB Richard Ellis to open their Boston office, launching the company as a national brokerage firm. In 1997 Nick founded Investment Real Estate Partners, LLC in Boston, a boutique commercial real estate investment brokerage firm, where he served as Principal until his death.

A memorial service will be held at the Congregational Church in Amherst, NH on June 14th, 2015 at 2:00 PM, followed by a private reception for close friends and family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Isabella Geskos College Fund, PO Box 201, Amherst, NH 03031.

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