

OBITUARY

Margaret Louise Griffiths, 83

LACONIA — Margaret Louise (Elliott) Griffiths, 83, of Belknap County Nursing Home, Laconia, went home to be with the Lord on Oct. 15.

She was born in Laconia, Sept. 30, 1935, daughter of the late Perley and Arzelia Elliott. Peggy, as she was affectionately known by family and friends, spent her early years in Laconia and attended local schools. After her father's death, she moved with her mother to Rumney, where she attended Plymouth High School, graduating in 1953. She also attended Providence Bible College. She was a resident of Laconia for many years.

Peggy worked for many years as a medical transcriptionist. She met many wonderful people through her various stints at Concord Hospital, NH Veterans Home and the LRGHealthcare communities. Peggy retired at 62, and enjoyed volunteering in various community endeavors. She returned to work part-time and eventually retired — for good, at the age of 72.

Peggy was very involved with her church family at Laconia Christian Fellowship. She was known as a devoted prayer warrior. She also played violin, sometimes participating with the worship team. She was passionate about her cats, spending her later years with White Cat, Sammy, and Buddy, who faithfully kept her company. She was a devoted Red Sox fan and groupie of Big Papi.

Peggy deeply loved her family and made sure that all knew of her support to achieve their highest potential. She never stopped pray-



ing for and believing in them. She enjoyed many summers camping with her family at Hermit Island and eventually Prince Edward Island. Peggy relished the times spent around the kitchen table sharing food, wonderful memories, and wildly embellished stories with family near and far.

In addition to her mother and father, Peggy was predeceased by her former husband, Urban Griffiths, whom she remained friends with until he passed away in 1988, a daughter, Debbie (Griffiths) Redmond, and her beloved sister, Virginia (Ginnie) Elliott Davis Mountfort.

Peggy is survived by her children, daughter Linda (Griffiths) Trask and husband, Rory of Belmont, son David Griffiths and wife Bonnie (Tivey-Carbone) Griffiths of Barnstead, and daughter Pam Griffiths, of Massachusetts. She also leaves 11 grandchildren, Kevin and Kelly (Madigan) Trask of Gilford, Kelly (Trask) and Daniel Turan of Belmont, Shauna (Carbone) Gunther of Barnstead, Jay Carbone of Concord, Tefani Nicole Blake of Plymouth, Micah McCullough of Canaan, Seth Bayer of Concord, David, Daniel, Stephen and Cory Griffiths of Vancouver, BC, Canada, 14 great-grandchildren, as well as nieces and

nephews.

Peggy was a devoted woman of faith, and all who knew her knew that her greatest desire was for them to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Her life verse was Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Her family wishes to express their sincere gratitude and thanks to the amazing nursing staff of the west wing at BCNH. The love and care shown to our mom in her last years gave her family great comfort. As well, a special thank you to Central NH VNA and Hospice for the care and support Peggy and her family received in her final days.

There will be no calling hours per family wishes.

A private graveside ceremony is scheduled for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Peggy's name to Aspire Women's Center, 506 Union Ave., Laconia NH 03246, where Peggy served as a board member for several years, Belknap County Nursing Home's music therapy program, 30 County Drive, Laconia NH 03246 or Central NH VNA & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia NH 03246.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paguette Funeral and Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

Wolf on MCPHS Dean's List

BOSTON, Mass. — MCPHS University is pleased to announce that Margaret Wolf has been named to the Dean's List for the Summer 2018 semester. Wolf is a native of Tilton and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She will graduate from the Manchester campus in 2018.

The Dean's List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved

outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term.

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COURTESY

Senator Maggie Hassan visited Milpower Source in Belmont last week.

Senator Hassan visits Milpower Source

BELMONT — Milpower Source, Inc. was pleased to host U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) at the company's corporate headquarters on Oct. 18.

The Senator expressed a high level of interest in Milpower Source's notable ongoing growth and efforts to increase the workforce in the Lakes Region. The Senator shared insights into means by which her office can support Milpower Source's economic objectives, in particular as it relates to workforce development. The Senator then toured the facility, meeting with the skilled production staff, designer engineers and business operations teams.

"I appreciated the opportunity to see firsthand how Milpower Source is developing innovative products that bolster our nation-

al security and create jobs here in New Hampshire," Senator Hassan said. "Job-creating businesses, such as Milpower Source, are struggling to fill positions that require highly skilled workers. In response to this workforce shortage, I have been focused on passing legislation that will close the skills gap and help more hard-working Granite Staters get the support they need to enter — and remain — in the workforce."

Tomer Eshed, General Manager at Milpower Source, stated, "We were pleased to host Senator Hassan at the Milpower Source design and manufacturing facility today. Our collective discussion, focusing on the economic opportunities of the Lakes Region and broader New Hampshire community, were both informative and encouraging. As a

growing business concern with an expanding workforce, we welcome the Senator's focus on the issues of workforce development and interest in engagement with Milpower Source on this crucial topic."

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North Country Notebook

No rest for the weary, especially on high, as the cold and winds of winter draw nigh



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

John Harrigan is off this week. This column originally ran on Oct. 16, 2014.

We have been spoiled by unseasonably warm days and clear skies, a dozen or so almost back to back, perhaps to make up for monsoon-like spring weather and a wet summer that would have meant a hard time haying, if we were still haying.

In moving last week from one computer to another, from the one that died in my office at home to the old computer I still had at the News and Sentinel office in town, I came across an old photo that reminded

me of what's just around the corner, as if I needed a reminder. I took it at mid-winter a few years ago, probably on the first day of the New Year, when I mark the occasion by shutting down my wood furnace to clean out the ashes, which are in ultimately reduced form, like flour.

But even though the photo shows mid-winter, winter is only just about getting serious. January and the first half of February are merciless, slamming sub-zero winds into the house and ell and barns and almost shaking the ground in their velocity.

Many times I've seen 30 below and much lower, and that's not even taking wind chill into consideration, an aberration lapsed into by too many radio and TV announcers as if it's the real temperature. The real number please, and then if you must, the wind chill factor.

When I was a kid in Colebrook we lived on Park Street, about half



JOHN HARRIGAN

THE EARLY-SETTING New Year sun casts long shadows of house, ell and outbuildings, as the furnace at far left chuffs away against the mid-winter chill.

a mile from school. Bert Bryant's sporting goods and hardware store was just about halfway. He was an early riser and always had a good wood fire going, making it a good place, on a 30-below morning, to duck in for a moment to save nose and ears.

The winter after I bought the Coös County Democrat, the winter of 1978-79, I think, we had back-to-back early morning readings of 48 and 50 below, in a flat calm, no wind. I was driving an old International Scout, and as usual had taken

the precaution of taking the battery inside for the night.

At first, the next morning, it was all for naught, one wrench and then another snapped clean in two as I tried to tighten the battery terminals. But inside I went for a third, and finally, the old girl coughed to life.

But that too was all for naught, because the grease in the wheels had congealed to the consistency of frozen peanut butter. And so I donned my Arctic-class goose-SEE NOTEBOOK, PAGE A14

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