



Beth Hobbs Lewis

January 5, 1929 - January 17, 2025

North Hampton - Beth Hobbs Lewis of North Hampton, NH passed away on January 17, 2025. She was 96 years old.

She was born in North Hampton, NH on January 5, 1929, the daughter of the late James F. Hobbs and Helen Spear Hobbs. Beth's mother owned and operated a convalescent home, experiences which helped shape Beth as a deeply caring and compassionate person. Growing up in the depression and coming of age in World War II also impacted Beth, who never asked for more than was necessary, was always ready and able to face a challenge, and consistently sacrificed for others. While Beth shunned the spotlight, she had a quiet and profound impact on all those around her.

After graduating from the Oak Grove School in Vassalboro, Maine in 1947 and attending UNH, Beth moved to Boston where she worked at D.C. Percival. While on a blind date at Tufts University her date became indisposed, and Tufts student and WWII veteran Kent Lewis gallantly stepped in to give her a ride home. This became the start of a beautiful 60 year relationship, and Beth and Kent were married from 1951 until Kent's passing in 2011.

Beth also played a key role in supporting Kent's career that took them from Schenectady, NY to Seattle, WA and, finally, to Windsor, CT. In Windsor, Beth worked at Marcom, the advertising firm that Kent launched in 1970, and was

instrumental in the company's success. She set a powerful example for her three children around positive traits like patience, perseverance, and listening to and caring about others, which they, in turn, have aspired to pass on to subsequent generations.

When Kent retired, Beth and he moved full time to their summer home on Lovell Lake in Sanbornville, NH. There, Beth was the beloved matriarch of ongoing multigenerational summer celebrations, with her eight grandchildren – born from 1982 to 2002 – always looking forward to visits and spending time with Grandma. When not playing with, reading to, or chatting with her grandchildren, Beth was ready to listen to, sympathize with, and offer helpful – and always solicited! – advice to her children and their spouses. In the “off season” Beth and Kent travelled widely, and spent winters in Naples, Florida.

Wherever Beth went, she was actively involved in service, especially as a hospital and library volunteer, but also simply as a devoted sister and friend who was always ready to help others with a ride, an event or occasion, or a cup of coffee.

Beth felt fortunate that after Kent's passing from Alzheimer's, she was able to share her life with a companion, Homer Johnson, whom she met in Alzheimer's CareGivers support. United in the experience of loss from Alzheimer's, they enjoyed a golden life partnership for 13 years in North Hampton and Sebring, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kent Lewis, in 2011, and brothers Eliot A. Hobbs and Richard A. Hobbs.

She is survived by her sons, Tod Lewis (Emily), Peter Lewis (Lynn) and daughter Susan Lewis Graage (Eric), as well as eight grandchildren William (Jiin) Lewis, Andrew Lewis, Tyler (Katherine) Lewis, Melissa Lewis (Ian),

Kathleen Lewis, Annika Graage (Cole), Lukas Graage, and Baird Graage, and two great-grandchildren, Oliver Lewis and Silas Graage-Davison.

Most recently, Beth received care at Benchmark of Rye, where she was assisted by an exceptional group of caregivers from Benchmark and Beacon Hospice. Anyone wishing to honor Beth may visit the memorial page for the Ann Romney Center for Neurologic Diseases (https://events.brighamandwomens.org/site/TR/DIYTribute/DIY?px=1198688&pg=personal&fr_id=1103) to make a donation or the Gafney Library (<https://www.gafneylibrary.org/Pages/Index/228889/donate-to-the-library>) in Sanbornville, NH. A small gathering of remembrance and celebration will be held in Sanbornville this spring.

Tribute Wall



“*Tod, Peter and Suzy, so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. She and my Mom, Jackie Manix, were cousins. When my kids were little Beth invited me to bring my two girls up to the lake for the day. We all had so much fun. I have such great memories of your Mom and the whole family. She is now at peace with your Dad. God Bless,
Debbie Manix Nelson*

Debbie Manix Nelson - January 31, 2025 at 10:55 AM

RH

“*A fond memory that I have of Beth is kind of unique! My husband, Matt, and I were visiting Pete and Lynn and Ian/Melissa at the lake house before it was renovated. So with limited bed options, we had to stay elsewhere. Matt and I were offered a bed overnight at Beth's house. No one was home. We had just started waking up and we heard, "who's there?" Talk about an awkward moment. I jumped out of bed and yelled down the stairs - "we are friends of Lynn and Pete and Ian, our son, is dating Melissa. We were told it was ok to stay here." Beth responded, "nice to meet you, I'm Pete's mom!" She was so inviting and kind, and made us both quickly feel completely at ease! She will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to the families. Love, Robyn & Matt*

Robyn Harding - January 29, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MJ

“*Hello all...the story you shared here about your loving grandmother and mother was a wonderful remembrance of her life so well lived. She continues through you all in now in how you treat others and navigate in this world. Embrace each other and celebrate her life....
Mary Beth Johnson (Lynn's cousin)*

Mary Beth Johnson - January 28, 2025 at 07:27 PM

JA

“ *Jan lit a candle in memory of Beth Hobbs Lewis*



Jan - January 26, 2025 at 04:38 AM

Mary
Ellen
Rund

“ *Susan, it's been many years, but I remember your mother as a wonderful, soft-spoken woman. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your loved ones.*

Mary Ellen McAuliffe Rund

Mary Ellen Rund - January 24, 2025 at 04:40 PM

LC

“ *I am so sorry about the passing of Beth. She was a kind and caring woman who made everyone around her feel welcome. She leaves a beautiful legacy. ❤️*

lyn connery - January 24, 2025 at 04:02 PM

BT

“ *I am very sorry at the passing of Beth. Much love to you all. Bev*



Beverly Thorpe - January 23, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SE

“ My dear cousins Tod, Peter and Sue,
My deepest sympathies at the passing of your beloved mom. She is at peace and with your dad. I have no doubt our families are together and playing games and sharing a drink.
I have such fond memories of times on Lovell Lake and celebrations in North Hampton. I was fortunate enough to get to see them when they were in Naples as well.
My heart hurts at this loss. Sending you all love, hugs and prayers. I wish I lived closer so I be there for her celebration of life. You will be in my heart. Love you all.
Sara

SARA S. EAMES - January 22, 2025 at 05:10 PM



Susan
Graage

Thank you for the kind words Sara. They really enjoyed that time in Naples and loved seeing you and your parents. Love to you
Susan

Susan Graage - January 24, 2025 at 08:22 AM