



Jean Hobbs Dearborn

April 4, 1932 - March 24, 2026

Exeter- Jean Hobbs Dearborn passed away peacefully on March 24, 2026, at the age of 93. She was born on April 4, 1932, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and spent 60 years of her life on a beautiful farm in Kensington, which she loved.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, Richard E. Dearborn, whom she married on June 14, 1953, as well as her brother Joseph O Hobbs and sister Shirley Craven.

She is lovingly remembered by her three children: Lisa Rowe of Exeter, Scott Dearborn and his wife Christine of Nottingham, and Alan Dearborn and his wife Julia of Lakeview, OR. She is also survived by her granddaughter Stephanie Harrison and her husband Jared and their 2 daughters Sophie and Emme and her grandson, Jacob Dearborn of Walkill, NY, her nephew, John Seavey Sr of Greenland and nieces Corinne and Kit Hobbs of Glastonbury, CT.

Jean recently shared some favorite memories: as a child riding horses at stables in Rye, attending dental school in Boston, caring for her many pets over the years—including her beloved cat, Katie—and watching the beautiful birds that visited her feeders, especially the bluebirds, orioles, barn swallows and hummingbirds whose return she looked forward to each spring.

For more than 50 years, Jean was one of Jehovah's Witnesses. Her faith was very important to her, and she found comfort and purpose in sharing with others her hope for a better future as promised in the Bible. She especially treasured the words of Revelation 21:3 & 4 where it says: "God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." She also looked forward to seeing her loved ones again by means of the promised resurrection, made possible by Jesus' loving sacrifice.

The family would like to thank the compassionate caregivers at Benchmark at Rye and Beacon Hospice.

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