



Katherine Hobson Southworth

March 5, 1936 - January 13, 2016

Exeter, NH- Katherine Hobson Southworth, 79, of Exeter formerly a long time resident of North Hampton died peacefully Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Ridge in Riverwoods.

She was born in Boston on March 5, 1936, a daughter of the late Philip Noyes Hobson and Katherine Dines Hobson Higginson. Katherine attended the Kent School in Denver, CO, as well as the Shady Hill School in Cambridge, MA, The Madeira School in Virginia, Bradford Jr. College in Massachusetts, and was a member of the Class of 1958 at Barnard College, Columbia University.

Katherine married Robert A. Southworth (1917-2012) in 1957 and they moved to New York City where she was employed at The Episcopal School (1964-1971) as Assistant Director, Admissions Director, Financial Officer and Trustee of this non-profit pre-school.

Katherine and her late husband Robert Southworth always maintained their home in Little Boar's Head, NH. Community volunteerism was a main focus for Katherine for more than 35 years: serving as a Trustee of the North Hampton library for ten years, an EMT for the North Hampton Fire Department Ambulance for ten years, a member of the Recycling Committee and a Commissioner for the Village District of Little Boar's Head for 11 years.

Known for her warm personality and discerning mind, Katherine was a violinist with the Tanglewood Youth Orchestra for two summers, a member of the Whiteman Junior Cup tennis team, a crack shot (winner of the Rye Beach Gun Club cup), and a Red Sox fan from 1946 to the present.

Katherine and Robert moved to Riverwoods, a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Exeter, in the spring of 2006 where she chaired the Resident Council and the Resident Finance Committee. She was elected to the board of trustees in 2012. She was one of the co-editors of the recent book of World War II stories, "The War We Knew," (2011) written by the residents.

Katherine and Robert have three children: Robert Alexander Southworth, Jr. of Brookline, MA, Samuel Allen Southworth of Newmarket and Mary Southworth Wiley of Abilene, TX; five grandchildren, Robert Lee, Melissa, Katya, Natalya, Bobby and her sister Isabel Utter of North Hampton.

In addition to parents and husband she was predeceased by her brother, Philip Noyes Hobson, Jr., USMC, (1932-1952).

A memorial services will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, January 23, 2016 in Christ Church, 43 Pine Street, Exeter, NH 03833. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to any good cause that promotes education, community and/or music.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church
43 Pine Street
Exeter, NH 03833

Tribute Wall



“ *Katherine Hobson Southworth*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Katherine and I were at Shady Hill together and she was my first girl friend. She was also one of the most amazing athletes, male or female, that I have ever seen. I don't think I will ever forget the way she could throw a football. Her outgoing personality captivated her new classmates when she arrived in, I believe, the 7th grade. Unfortunately, we lost touch after graduation in 1950 when she went off to Madeira but reconnected years later at class reunions. I know that she had hoped to attend our 65th reunion last May but in the end did not feel up to it, which was a great disappointment to those of us who were able to be there. She will missed.*

*Joel Wechsler
Lincoln, MA*

Joel Wechsler - February 26, 2016 at 01:13 PM



“ *Katherine Southworth was a wonderful woman when I was growing up summers in Little Boar's Head. She was always supportive of her Bob whether he was involving himself in Precinct matters, Selectman duties and certainly in his position as Commodore of the LBH Yacht Club headquartered at the Fish Houses. She was a great Mom and a dear friend to young and old alike. On behalf of all Bottomley's Nina and I send sincere sympathies to Bob, Sam and Mary and the whole family.*

*John & Nina Bottomley
North Hampton*

John Bottomley - January 24, 2016 at 12:52 PM

LS

“ 1 file added to the album *Grandma*



Linda Fischl Southworth - January 22, 2016 at 10:42 AM

LS

“ *Circadian Rhythm*

*Low tide
seaweed tucked into the fish house cove
rocks and pebbles strewn about
purple sand ripples
rocks in pools create a moonscape*

*I walk in mourning
Bootsy joyously runs the beach
fetching rocks
waves lap the shore*

*our guiding compass missing
brave and efficient to the end
breath ceased at daybreak
a life treasured*

*there is peace
the rhythm of walking
waves kicking at my feet
no suffering
yet the loss is gripping.*

*By Linda Fischl Southworth
In loving memory of
Katherine H Southworth
5 march 1936 -13 january 2016*

Linda Fischl Southworth - January 22, 2016 at 09:21 AM



“ So devastated to hear of Katherine's passing. Katherine was a beautiful, intelligent and giving person that I am grateful to call my friend and she will be forever missed. God bless her and may she rest in peace with her loving husband Robert. I am lighting a Periwinkle candle in her memory as she loved the color lavender and it was the color of one of her favorite sweaters.



Jacqueline Walker - January 17, 2016 at 05:31 PM