



## Verna (O'Brien) Bent

April 10, 1927 - December 10, 2022

Ethel Verna (O'Brien) Bent passed away peacefully at RiverWoods in Durham, NH, on Saturday, December 10, 2022. She was 95. Verna was predeceased by her husband, John E. Bent, and her sisters, Jacqueline (O'Brien) McKay, and Norma (O'Brien) Seaboyer.

Born on April 10, 1927, in Lowell, Massachusetts, Verna was the daughter of the late Leslie Bernard O'Brien and Ethel Victoria (Peterson) O'Brien. Raised in Derry, NH, Verna attended Pinkerton Academy class of 1945. She attended Westbrook Junior College, completing a premedical technique curriculum. Following her graduation in 1947 she worked as a laboratory technician at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, NH. She and Jack Bent were married on October 4, 1952 and raised their family in Gardner, MA.

Verna is survived by her three daughters, Lisa Bent Chace and her husband, Richard, of Hampton Falls, NH, Carla Bent DesBois and her husband, Ronald, of Topsfield, MA, and Maraja Bent DiFazio and her husband, Frank, of Mt. Pleasant, SC. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren; Meredith, Taylor, Rossli, Andrew, Leo, Jack, Margot, Deirdre and Catherine, as well as 3 great-grandchildren; Caroline, James, and Chace. In addition, she is survived by her nephews, Bradford McKay and Leslie Seaboyer, and her niece, Ingeborg Seaboyer.

A memorial service for Verna will be held in the spring of 2023 at Green Bower Cemetery in Gardner, MA.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations in Verna's memory to the Taylor Bent Chace '11 Fund for Athlete Development at Northeast Passage by clicking here (<http://www.taylorchace.com/index.php?id=give>) Or by mail, c/o The University of New Hampshire, 9 Edgewood Road, Durham, NH 03824.