



Frances Huse Boothby

September 21, 1915 - September 6, 2020

Frances (Huse) Boothby, 104, beloved wife of the late Clyde V. Boothby, entered into eternal peace on Sunday, September 6, 2020. Born on September 21, 1915 in Atkinson, NH, Frances was the daughter of the late Oscar and Marion Huse.

Frances was a lifelong learner and believer in education. A graduate of Gorham High School and Gorham Normal School (now USM), she began her career as an English teacher in South Paris, ME. Frances later taught in the Gorham school system. She went on to earn a masters degree from Boston University and became the guidance director at Westbrook High School, retiring in 1978. Well into her nineties, Frances continued to take senior courses at the University of Southern Maine, becoming especially close with her writing group members and being published in the school's "Reflections".

A fabulous cook, baker and knitter, Frances delighted countless people with her old-time recipes and knitted creations. She was honored to follow her sons as an inductee to the Gorham High School Sports Hall of Fame. A parishioner of the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham since childhood, Frances listened to Sunday services from home since the pandemic. She remained in touch with many former students and was touched by the visits and notes of appreciation from former students over the years. Frances felt blessed to be able to enjoy 73 summers with her family and friends at the Prouts Neck cottage in Scarborough.

Frances was a caring and devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She is survived by her cherished children, Marion Eckhard (Carl Allen) of Keene, NH, Margaret Lyon (Jeffrey) of Naples, FL, Ronald Boothby of Westbrook, ME, C. Arthur Boothby (Kelley) of Simsbury, CT; her adored grandchildren, Felix Eckhardt (Kate) of Nashville, TN, Kelly Sproul (Dwight) of Millersville, PA, Suzanne Carbonneau of Westbrook, ME, Gregory Lyon (Teresa) of Lititz, PA, Scott (Karen) Lyon of Egg Harbor Township, NJ; her precious great grandchildren, Kate and Jordan Sproul, Adam, Sarah and Lindsay Carbonneau, Malachi, Evan, Brennan and Simeon Lyon, London Eckhardt, Abigail and Jameson Lyon; her many special nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband and parents, Frances was predeceased by her six siblings.

The family will hold a celebration of life gathering for family and friends to come together at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Frances to the First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church Street, Gorham, Maine 04038 or The Frances H. Boothby Scholarship, Gorham High School, Attention: Debbie Sterling, 41 Morrill Avenue, Gorham, ME 04038. Arrangements are in the care of the Gorham Chapel of Dolby Blais & Segee, 76 State St., Gorham, ME 04038.

Comments



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Huse Boothby.



September 15 at 09:24 PM



“ What a lady! She welcomed my husband David into her home with love, humor, and straight talk. He loved her in return. she made a lovely afghan as our wedding gift and it is still in use on my bed, 40 years later! I truly believe Heaven is singing a welcome home to Mrs. Boothby. My deepest sympathies to you all.
Brenda MacDonald

Brenda MacDonald - September 13 at 04:39 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. Boothby. I was a student at Westbrook High School and graduated in 1963. Mrs. Boothby was beloved by all my classmates. She always took the time to talk to us when we needed help. She will be remembered as a wonderful role model to all of us who knew her.
Sincerely,
Janice St.Cyr

Janice St.Cyr - September 13 at 11:11 AM



“ This beloved grand lady was such a loving inspiration to so many, certainly myself included. I have always been so thankful and proud to call her my 2nd Mom. Her calming grace was cast broadly to all she met during this incredible life. We are all so fortunate to have had the gift of Frances in our lives.

Neil Libby

Neil Libby - September 12 at 11:48 AM