



## Helen A. Woodbrey

January 20, 1928 - August 23, 2019

Gorham - Helen A. Woodbrey, 91, of Gorham passed away at her home surrounded by her children, August 23, 2019. She was born in Portland Maine on January 20, 1928, the daughter of Lawrence C. Andrew and Helen R. Andrew.

Helen grew up in Portland, ME and graduated from Deering High School. She attended Smith College graduating with a BA in Art History. Helen married Edward F. Woodbrey in 1950, and shared 33 years as a family raising their four children. They settled in Gorham in 1955, where Helen became active in the First Parish Congregational Church and the Women's Fellowship. In her earlier years with her family, she enjoyed skiing at Sugarloaf, playing tennis and spending time at her family camp on Trickey Pond. She was a loving fan of her children and grandchildren and faithfully supported their sports, arts, scouts, and church activities. Helen's husband, Eddie, passed away in 1983 and following his death, she helped oversee the ownership of his business, Lovell Lumber Co. now run by their son, Mark. Helen had a love of history, gardening, art and travel. She started an antique business as a hobby and was admired for her knowledge of primitives and artwork. Through the years, she did beautiful handiwork, and was an avid rug hooker until she passed.

Helen is predeceased by her husband and parents, her son Edward F. Woodbrey, Jr, her son-in-law, Paul E. Lachance, and her five siblings, of which she was the youngest. She is survived by her daughter, Anne W. Lachance; son, Mark L. Woodbrey, wife Vicki; daughter Jane W. Bennett, husband Peter; 8 grandchildren: Andrew E. Lachance, Rachel A. Lachance, Timothy J. Giggey, Jr, Thomas G. Bennett, Craig L. Woodbrey, Mallory A. Woodbrey, Jamie W. Edwards, and Joan W. Crocker; and 7 great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Home Instead of Gorham and Northern Lights Hospice for their respectful and loving care of Helen in her last weeks of life. A memorial service will be held Saturday September 7th, at 2:00 pm at The First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church St Gorham, ME. A private burial will be held at a later date with family members. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pine Tree Society, 149 Front St, Bath, ME,

04530, at [www.pinetreesociety.org](http://www.pinetreesociety.org); or Portland Museum of Art Annual Fund, Seven Congress St, Portland, ME 04101 at <https://www.portlandmuseum.org/>

# Events

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**SEP** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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First Parish Congregational Church  
1 Church Street, Gorham, ME, US, 04038

# Comments

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“ Anne, Mark and family,  
My deepest sympathy to you and your family. May memories of your Mom give you strength and peace through this difficult time.  
Julie Frank

Julie A Frank - September 06 at 08:45 AM

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“ Anne,  
May your memories bring peace and a smile at this sad time. Your mother was very fortunate to have had you and your family there for her. My Mom recently shared with me the first time she met your parents - It seem that they closed on their new Gorham homes on the same day at Gorham Savings in 1955. Who knew... and then in more "recent" years shared some good times watching grandchildren play ball. Family is everything. Take care of you and your family.  
Fondly,  
Jane (Philbrick) Goldsworth.

Jane Goldsworth - September 05 at 03:45 PM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Helen A. Woodbrey.



September 03 at 08:47 PM