



## Janie Mae Brown

November 4, 1949 - February 22, 2019

GORHAM - Janie Mae Brown, a lifelong Gorham resident, has passed away at age 69. She was born on November 4, 1949 in Portland, Maine to parents Jerry L. Brown and Bessie Garland Brown. She attended Gorham High School where she graduated in 1968 and continued her education at the Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute. She graduated in 1978 from SMVTI's School of Practical Nursing. Early in her career she was active in the Maine State LPN Association where she held officer positions and traveled nationally on behalf of the association.

Janie was dedicated to her faith and was a long-time member of the Windham Hill United Church of Christ. The church and her church community played an exceptionally important role in her life. She served as a member of the church's Board of Missions and Social Concerns, played in the hand bell choir, was a member of the Windham Hill Knitters and Hats Off groups, and participated in Bible study.

Janie was also committed to the mission of Food and Fellowship Inc., a local non-profit ecumenical organization whose Monday Meal program provides warm meals and good fellowship to community members in the Lakes Region. Janie was a long-time volunteer for the organization and served most recently as President and Coordinator.

In addition to her community service, Janie was a member of the White Rock Grange and the Cumberland Pomona Grange as well the Maine State Grange and the National Grange. She was also a member of the White Rock Historical Society and in her spare time cherished her beloved pets and working in her gardens.

She is survived by her church family at Windham Hill United Church of Christ. She is also survived by her close friends George and Carol Bragg of Gorham, Christine and Tim Dunlea of Gorham and daughter, Sheyanne Osmond, Jennifer and Jerry Desjardins and children Zoe and Ian of Buxton, Brian and Amy Bragg and children Kayleigh and Kaitlyn of Standish as well as close friends Michael and Linda Butler of Caribou, Lucas and Esther Butler of Dover Foxcroft and Shannon Butler of Kennebunk. Her beloved dog, Margarite

also survives.

A memorial service will be held at Windham Hill United Church of Christ on Sunday March 10, 2019 at 1:00pm with a reception to follow, the Reverend Sally Colegrove officiating. Donations in her memory may be made to the Windham Hill United Church of Christ Memorial Fund, 140 Windham Center Road, Windham, ME. 04062.