

OBITUARIES

Florence L. Steeves, 86

Florence L. (Martel) Steeves, 86, a longtime resident of Quincy, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family at her home on March 27.

Born in Laconia, N.H., she was a daughter of the late Irene Martel and Yvonne (Sevigny). Proudly French-Canadian, Florence was raised in an entirely French-speaking household and learned English only upon entering first grade in 1939.

Florence was employed by the Stop & Shop Supermarket Co. in Quincy as a cashier for many years, a job she loved, retiring in 1997. Additionally she was a volunteer at the gift shop at Quincy Hospital, and Care-One at Weymouth.

Florence was what some might call a sports fanatic, following all of the Boston sports teams including the Boston Red Sox, the New England Patriots, the Boston Celtics and the Boston Bruins. Flo rarely missed a game on television or an opportunity to tell you what one or another of the teams was doing wrong and how it could be corrected.

One of the greatest joys of her life was the Red Sox World Series victory in 2004 when her hooting and hollering from her living room during the late night finish was later reported to have been heard from the International Space Station. At the time of her death, she remained disappointed in Tom Brady's tragic decision to leave the Patriots.

Florence was the beloved wife of the late Eugene K. Steeves, and the devoted mother of Nancy M. McDonald and her husband Tim of Quincy, the late Martin L. Steeves who died in 2013, and a dedicated caregiver and constant companion of her daughter, Carol Steeves of Weymouth.

She was the proud grandmother, known lovingly as Meme, of Eliza, Maeve, and Fiona McDonald all of Quincy and attended every



FLORENCE L. STEEVES single one of their dance recitals and every play and musical in which they ever appeared at St. Ann School, St. Agatha School and Fontbonne Academy.

She was the sister of Grace Montplaisir of NH and Alice Parzek of FL, Robert Martel of SC, Donat Martel of NH, Helene Stentiford of Wakefield, and the late Laurette Baillargeon, Rachel Pelczar, Blanche Mansour, Lucille Houde, and Lucien, Edmond, Leo, and Rolland Martel. She is also survived by more than 100 nieces and nephews.

In light of current circumstances, immediate services are private. A memorial gathering and service is planned for this summer or early fall, and will be announced on the funeral home website.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Florence's name to Fontbonne Academy for the The Good Fountain Players C/O Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Rd. Milton, MA 02186.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

Traditionally, the funeral is an opportunity for the community to gather in support of one another. Although we cannot gather together with Florence's family at this time, friends may still offer their support by visiting www.Keohane.com and sharing a special memory or message.

For those who cannot access the website, call 1-800-KEOHANE to have your message added.

Harold J. Merrill, Jr.

Harold J. "Harry" Merrill, Jr., age 94, of Braintree, formerly of Quincy, passed away, peacefully, March 29, at the John Bertram House in Salem, in the comfort of his loving family.

Beloved husband of the late Clara M. (Marcucci) Merrill.

Devoted father of Robert J. Merrill of San Diego, Calif., Lynn Raymond and her husband Reid of Norfolk, Va., and Debra M. Martineau and her husband Philip of Beverly.

Loving Pa of Jeff, Amy, Kimberly, Philip, Andrew, Brian, Brenda, Shawn, and Kelly.

Cherished great grandfather of eight.

One of three siblings, he was the dear brother of Mary E. Priscella of Braintree and the late Catherine E. Elliott.

Harry is also survived by many nieces, nephews, friends, and devoted neighbors who provided caring support for him over the past several years.

Born in Quincy, to the late Harold J. and Catherine L. (Roberts) Merrill, he was raised and educated in Quincy, and had lived in Braintree for the past sixty-three years.

Harry was a proud World War II veteran, having served honorably in the U.S. Army with the 355th Infantry Regiment. He participated in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and received the World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Service Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal.

A founding member of the Adams Heights Men's Club of Quincy, he served as a manager there for many years.

Harry made many dear friends over his lifetime. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor. He always knew how to make people laugh. Harry had a passion for his family and of life, and sincerely appreciated all those who cared for him. He "loved all sooooo



HAROLD J. MERRILL, JR. much!"

In light of current events, Harry's interment at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne took place privately. A celebration of Harry's life will be held at a later date.

For those who wish, donations in Harry's memory may be made to the John Bertram House, 29 Washington Square, Salem, MA 01970.

Arrangements under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

William E. 'Ed' Lambert, Jr., 78

William Edwin "Ed" Lambert Jr., a life-long resident of Quincy, died peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family on March 30. He was 78.

Born and raised in Quincy, he was the son of the late William E. and Mary A. (Pitts) Lambert. He was the beloved husband of Theresa A. (Chetwynd) Lambert, with whom he shared 60 years of marriage. Ed was the devoted father of Kevin M. Lambert and his wife Patricia of Vermont, Donna L. Kenney and her husband Daniel of Bridgewater, Bryan A. Lambert of Bridgewater,

Donna LaPenna (Iacovelli) passed away at her home after recent health issues March 30.

Donna was loved by so many. She loved to cook, sew, shop, take road trips, especially to Florida, watch crime shows, and be with her family, particularly her grandchildren. She always looked forward to her lunch dates with her school friends. Donna was always the one who made you laugh and always knew the right thing to say. She was the best Mother and Nonnie.

She is survived by her husband Bob, her daughters Dawn LaPenna, Carrie LaPenna-Sullivan, Lauren LaPenna, Donna Peterson and her son Michael J. Sullivan. Her grandchildren Andrew and Anthony Sullivan and her granddaughter Sophia LaPenna. Also her sister's Mary Ioannilli and Linda Grazioso her Brother Johnny Iacovelli and her many beloved nieces and nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Donna may be made to American



DONNA LAPENNA

Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

Normally, the funeral is an opportunity for the community to gather in support of one another. Although we cannot gather together with Donna's family at this time, friends may still offer their support by visiting www.Keohane.com and sharing a special memory or message.

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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in William's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Although we cannot gather together with William's family at this time, friends may still offer their support by visiting www.Keohane.com and sharing a special memory or message. For those who cannot access the website, please call 1-800-KEOHANE to have your message added.



WILLIAM LAMBERT, JR.

ter, the late Paul A. Lambert, the late Jeannemarie Bacon and the late William E. Lambert III. He was the loving grandfather of nine and the loving great grandfather of ten.

Services will be held privately at a later date.

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