

Dorothy M. Foley

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BELMONT - Dorothy Mary (Colburn) Foley passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at Franklin Hospital, surrounded by her family.

Dorothy was born Feb. 19, 1930, in Goffstown. She was the daughter of Luther and Alice (Manfield) Colburn and was the wife of Forrest Lee Foley.

She grew up in New Boston and moved to Marlborough after graduating as valedictorian from New Boston High School, class of 1947. Dorothy married Forrest Foley on May 22, 1948. They were married 59 years.

Dorothy was predeceased by her brothers David Colburn and Martin Colburn and by her sister Hazel Wallace.

She is survived by her sisters Margaret Ford of Boscawen, Frances Ellingwood of Laconia and Shirley Hooker of Tilton.

Dorothy is survived by six children, Brian Foley of Troy; Bernard Foley of Henniker; Bonnie Champagne and her husband, David, of Center Harbor; Steven Foley and his wife, Mary, of Franklin; Benjamin Foley of Pittsfield, Mass.; and Rachel Malco and her husband, Jorge, of Belmont.

Dorothy is survived by grandchildren Laura Foley, Adam Foley and his wife, Maria, Jared Foley and his wife, Naha, Joshua and Mathieu Foley, Carmen, Isaac, and Jacob Malco and Jonathan, Sean, and Cory Malcolm, and by great-grandchildren Tyler Foley, Sara and Quinn Lambert, Alex Malcolm and Jordan Labrany. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Many others also loved her as a mother and grandmother. Dorothy loved getting together with her family to celebrate holidays and special events.

Dorothy had many interests, including baking, sewing quilts and costumes, traveling, learning new things, collecting teddy bears and antique toys, and playing Scrabble. After raising her family and caring for many foster children, Dorothy decided to return to college. She received her master's degree in elderly and adult services from New Hampshire College (now Southern New Hampshire University) in 1963.

She worked as a social worker for the Department of Elderly and Adult Services in Keene. She retired in 1989 and moved to Belmont.

Dorothy enjoyed sewing and helping others. In 2000, she and her daughter Bonnie Champagne founded the nonprofit organization Baby Threads of New Hampshire. Last year, between September and December, Dorothy made more than 275 quilts and blankets for needy New Hampshire children at Christmas. Dorothy was always busy in the sewing shop, making things for Baby Threads.

Dorothy was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Calling hours will be held today from 6 to 7 p.m. at Laconia Chapel on Old North Main Street in Laconia.

Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. at the church. A reception will follow.

Burial will be held tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at Pine Grove Cemetery in Marlborough.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Baby Threads of New Hampshire, P.O. Box 713, Belmont 03220.

Thibault-Neun Funeral Home in Franklin is in charge of the arrangements. For more information, log on to neunfuneralhomes.com.