

Barbara Twombly



Led seniors group for many years

BELMONT - Barbara Twombly, 95, of 334 Hurricane Road, died at the St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Laconia on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009. She was the widow of Roscoe E. Twombly, who died in 1960.

Mrs. Twombly was born June 4, 1914, in Mendon, Mass., the daughter of Joseph and Alice (Coffin) Taylor. She graduated from Peter's High School in Southboro, Mass., and from the Worcester School of Business Science. While attending night school at the Worcester School of Business Science, she worked in the offices of Graton & Knight in Worcester, Mass.

In 1945, she married her husband, Roscoe, in Salina, Kan., where he was stationed in the Army Air Force. While in Salina, she worked at Lee Hardware Co. In 1946, she returned to Massachusetts and worked at Hodgman Rubber Co. in Frammingham.

In 1953, she and her husband moved to Belmont where she was active in the Belmont PTA, acting as secretary, treasurer or president at various times. She was also active in the Odd & Even Club of the Laconia Methodist Church. She also worked at the Belknap Mill for 22 years and worked part-time for Seth Keller and Contigiani's Catering before retiring. Later she was active in the Thursday Arts & Crafts Group at Sunrise Towers and served 10 years as co-chairman of the Belmont Seniors, retiring in June of 1995. She was also a former 20-year member and former president, secretary and treasurer of the Belmont Friendly Club and was also a member of the Laconia AARP.

Mrs. Twombly attended the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Fred J. Twombly, and his wife, Maggie, of Belmont; two daughters, Elizabeth Austin and her husband, Gordon, of Belmont, and Doris Capozzoli and her husband, Jack, of Sharon, Mass.; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Hazel Foote, of Southboro, Mass.; and four nephews.

In addition to her husband and her parents, Mrs. Twombly was predeceased by a daughter, Judith Geldart, and by a great-grandson, Dylan Ornelas.

A calling hour will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009, from 3-4 p.m. in the Carriage House of the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, followed by a memorial service at 4 p.m., also at the funeral home. Spring burial will be in the family lot in South Road Cemetery, Belmont.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Roscoe E. Twombly Scholarship c/o Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 7312, Gilford NH 03247-7312.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is in charge of the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial go to www.wilkinsonbeane.com.