



## Barbara (Coy) Thaxter

May 10, 1935 - November 5, 2020

TOWNSEND: Barbara (Coy) Thaxter, 85, of Townsend, died Thursday, November 5, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born in Lewiston, Maine, May 10, 1935, to parents Ulmer and Maxine (Dunton) Coy. She was a graduate of Edward Little High School in Auburn, Maine, and of the University of Maine at Orono with a degree in mathematics and where she was a member of the Tri Delta sorority, a member of the Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society and a lifetime member of the University of Maine Alumni Association.

From college Barbara moved to California and worked as a computer programmer at Douglas Aircraft Company, returning to the east coast to marry her college beau and start her family. She resided in Townsend on the state line between Brookline, NH and Massachusetts for almost 60 years, where she was active in the Brookline Community Church, where she also taught Sunday School, the Townsend Woman's Club, volunteered at the Townsend Town Library and with the Middlesex 4-H program. She owned and operated the Warren Barrel Company out of Townsend Harbor, and Warren, Maine, with her family. In recent years she was active with the senior center communities in both Brookline and Townsend.

She will be missed by her family and many friends. She leaves behind her five children and their families: James Thaxter of California, Charles and wife

Chayanin Thaxter of Pepperell, Jean Thaxter-Mehlhon and her husband Peter of Maine, Susan Yanovitch of Natick and husband Paul, Sarah Vannozzi of Virginia; 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren; and two siblings, Peter Coy of Maine and Steven Coy of Massachusetts.

She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, James Bruce Thaxter, and loving sister Patricia Lutterell of Maine.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date when people are able to gather safely. There are no calling hours. Interment will be in Maine at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Townsend Ecumenical Outreach (TEO) (<https://teo-ma.org/>) or Brookline Community Church (<http://www.bccnh.org/>) in support of others during these turbulent times.

The T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend Center, is assisting the family with arrangements. Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have many memories of Barbara. Traveling with her as a chaperone with NMR HS Band we were roommates. She told me I snored musically. We both had members in the band and were active with Band Boosters. Many memories from our children in school together. Now they work together. Many memories of trips with Lynn Pinkerton to places of interest. She was a very active helper at the Senior Center. My sympathy to the family.

*Louise Thorpe*

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**Louise Thorpe** - November 18, 2020 at 06:28 PM

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“ I wanted to send along condolences from all of us Hights! Kristine, Karolyn, Randy, Susan, Russell & Lisa. There are so many wonderful memories! From Barb's breadmaking to church functions, to making soap together, a lot of years of smiles and fun! Our very best to all you Thaxters- take care, and again, our love to you- we are so glad to have known Barbara, and by extension, you as well!  
Karolyn

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**Karolyn Haight Ehrenpreis** - November 16, 2020 at 08:42 AM

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“ Barbara was such a lovely woman. May you all enjoy your memories of being with her and may her life have been for a blessing. Laurie and Pam Shifrin

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**Laura E Shifrin** - November 11, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ *What a wonderful lady, we have known her for many years and enjoyed our visits at the senior center . She will be missed..*

*Jim and Sue Hamel*

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**Jim Hamel** - November 11, 2020 at 07:42 AM