



JoAnne M. (Barrett) Blood

November 3, 1935 - July 18, 2023

PETERBOROUGH, NH / TOWNSEND: JoAnne M. (Barrett) Blood, 87, of Peterborough, NH formerly of Townsend and Pepperell died Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at Rivermead, Peterborough, NH.

Mrs. Blood was born in Westford, November 3, 1935 the daughter of F.J. and Catherine (Sheehan) Barrett and grew up in Townsend. She was a 1953 graduate of Townsend High School and continued her education at Fitchburg State College where she was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

For over thirty five years Mrs. Blood taught at the elementary level at Spaulding Memorial School and later Squannacook Elementary School, both in Townsend. She retired in 1993 and spent nearly 15 years wintering at the Breckenridge Golf and Tennis Community in Estero, Florida.

She leaves her husband of 65 years, Robert E. Blood; her son, Robert E. Blood, Jr. and wife Elzbieta of Waldorf, Maryland; her daughter, Cathleen D. Blood and husband Jeffrey of Cos Cob, CT; her brother William Barrett of Townsend; five grandchildren; Aimee Cotton, Robert E. Blood III, Alice Bardos, Cas Bardos, Sophie Bardos; six great grandchildren, Grace Cotton, Caroline Cotton, Samuel Cotton, Owen Cotton, Silas and Rowan Blood.

She was the sister of the late John Barrett and Robert Barrett both of

Townsend, and great grandmother to Jackson Cotton.

Mrs. Blood and her husband attended St. Peter's Church in Peterborough, NH and were former members of St. John's Church in Townsend. JoAnne was an active lifetime member of the Hampshire Hills Racquet Club in Milford, NH, a member of the Friends of the Peterborough Public Library, the Peterborough Garden Club, Historical Society, and Women's Club.

JoAnne was an avid competitor on the tennis, pickleball and bocce courts, and at billiards and croquet. She mentored many on the intricacies of Mahjong, Cribbage and gardening. Spending time with her family was what she loved most. She was deeply grateful for her many friends and for the truly caring support of all the Rivermead staff.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 AM Saturday, August 5, 2023 at St. John's Catholic Church, 1 School Street, Townsend.

Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Pepperell.

All those who were taught or touched by JoAnne are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, and to honor JoAnne's love of teaching and gardening, please consider making a donation to the Peterborough-based nonprofit, www.cornucopiaproject.org in her memory.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street Townsend Center is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

40 Heald St.
Pepperell, MA 01463

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Church
1 School St
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2291

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Mrs. Blood was my favorite teacher. I know my father must have pulled some strings back in the day to get me into her class because everyone wanted to be!*

My daughter recently finished second grade and I told her all about the one and only Mrs. Blood! There are just certain teachers that one never forgets and she was that for me.

Sending heartfelt condolences to her family.

Sincerely,

Marni Hamilton-Naumann

Marni Hamilton-Naumann - August 25, 2023 at 08:41 PM

CB

Hi Marni! You are right about her class being in high demand! The kids usually left her second grade class reading at a level 1 to 2 years beyond the other second grades... So lucky you :) She truly loved teaching. I used to wonder if she would have been a teacher if other careers had been open to women at the time. And the answer is a definitive YES! Thanks for sharing. Cheers! Cathy Blood

Cathleen Blood - September 25, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ Jo Ann and Bob were the first people we met when we moved to Peterborough in 1994. We actually met at the Greenfield Inn...they were doing renovations in their Taylor Ct house and we were waiting to close on our house on Arundel Rd. Once we were settled in our homes, Jo Ann and Bob invited us to their home and introduced us to the Lessards and the Reillys. And she told us all about St Peter's Church. Jo Ann was so welcoming and kind. Over the most recent years our interaction was meeting at CVS by chance. We would spend several minutes catching up with each of our families and of course the “doings” of what was going on in town. I will miss bumping into her. May she rest in peace. Claire and Ed Juengst 🙏

Claire Juengst - July 29, 2023 at 11:11 PM

CB

Thank you so much for sharing those memories Claire. I really enjoy hearing that my mum was reaching out, welcoming others and making friends even before they moved into their new house! She never stopped being the 'Welcome Committee' after they moved to RiverMead. Cheers, Cathy Blood

Cathleen Blood - September 25, 2023 at 12:15 PM

JF

“ Cathy, Rob, and families- Joe and I were so sad to hear of JoAnn's passing. She was such a kind and giving neighbor. Taylor Court hasn't been the same since your parents moved. May her faith and yours be a source of comfort to you all in this difficult time.
JoAnn and Joe Fletcher

JOANN Fletcher - July 28, 2023 at 03:20 PM

CB

Thank you JoAnn & Joe! My parents loved their neighbors so much and you guys were the best winter watchers ever! We can only hope to have the closeknit community that you all enjoyed for many years on and around Taylor Court. Cheers! Cathy Blood (if you ever need to reach me, cateblood@gmail.com :)

Cathleen Blood - September 25, 2023 at 12:13 PM

JR

“*JoAnn and Bob Blood were our first friends when we moved into Breckenridge. So many wonderful memories: bingo, mahjong, casino, shopping with JoAnn; talking about books with Bob (he called me Judith and I called him Robert), lunches, and just talking around their kitchen table. Bob was our cat sitter when we were away. You couldn't ask for better friends and I missed them when they moved away but we always kept in touch. Always talked about their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Will always remember them with love and glad they are together.*

Judy Robertson



Judy Robertson - July 27, 2023 at 03:57 PM

CB

Hi Judy! So nice to hear from you. My mum loved spending time with you and showing me your newly renovated den when we were down. I'm so glad that you had the chance to speak with her last week. Bingo was always a highlight of our visits! Cheers, Cathy Blood, 203-247-0360/cateblood@gmail.com

Cathleen Blood - July 27, 2023 at 05:43 PM

GG

“ Jo Ann was such a nice person & neighbor 😊 :) I'll always remember how kind she was:)

Our country & world need more people like she ❤️ (& her husband) 💙

Condolences to all family & friends 💔💔💔
Love Always, Gloria (Breckenridge neighbor)

Gloria Gutter - July 27, 2023 at 02:41 PM

CB

Gloria, thank you for the fond memory of my parents. Mum loved her peeps at Breckenridge, and was thankful to have made such great friends. She very much wanted to return for a visit. Unfortunately she never made it. Best, Cathy Blood (JoAnn's daughter)

Cathleen Blood - July 27, 2023 at 05:47 PM

MB

“ Mrs. Blood was my second-grade teacher back in 81-82. She was always kind to me and encouraged me to do a lot of math...thanks, Mrs. Blood. May you rest in Peace

Mandi Sue (Brown) Bleau - July 25, 2023 at 04:09 PM

CB

Hi Mandi Sue, thank you so much for your memory. Mum took great pride in teaching - I hope you got to get a treat out of her famous 'treat box' when you did well! If you are local, please come to any of the funeral celebrations that you are able to make. There will be a casual lunch at St. John's hall at around 12:15-12:30 after we return from the Pepperell cemetery. You may meet some fellow students there! Best, Cathy Blood (JoAnn's daughter).

Cathleen Blood - July 26, 2023 at 12:44 PM

CM

“ My Aunt JoAnn, was also my godmother my 2nd teacher at Spaulding. Most of all she was always a caring friend inviting us to stay with her and Bob at there Florida home in Breckenridge, she taught me how to swim when I was a child and how to play slot machines at the mini casinos in Florida as an adult. I loved her and will miss her so much. I have so many memories to treasure. I know she is free from pain now and pray my grandparents and my father where there to bring her into the house of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. Amen



Cheryl McMahon - July 24, 2023 at 12:51 PM

CB

Thank you Cheryl! She loved spending time with you! And you were the only one who would take her to the slot machines when she returned from Florida!

Cathleen Blood - July 26, 2023 at 12:45 PM

SS

I was so sorry to hear of JoAnn's passing. I didn't know her well, but I always enjoyed her company and respected her as a teacher. May peace and comfort be with you all at this time of sadness.

Sandi Starrett

Sandra Starrett - July 29, 2023 at 12:03 PM

KA

Cathy, Rob and children, we are thinking of your family during this difficult time. JoAnn was my mentor when I was hired at Spaulding. She was always willing to share her knowledge and her materials. I learned so much from her - she was so gifted. But more than that, she was a kind and generous friend. Bill and I enjoyed spending time with both Bob and JoAnn chatting about old times in Townsend and Pepperell and our families, playing cards, shooting pool, and swimming at the lake and at the Cape. I will miss her.

Karen - August 04, 2023 at 12:42 PM