



## Cynthia "Cis" Coonley

February 27, 1916 - December 11, 2007

PITTSBURG, New Hampshire – Cynthia “Cis” Coonley, 91, of Pittsburg, NH, died peacefully on Tuesday morning, December 11, 2007, at her home in Pittsburg.

Miss Coonley was born February 27, 1916, in Chicago, Ill., the youngest child of the late Howard Coonley and Leslie (May) Coonley of the Lake Sunapee region.

After graduating from Miss Hall’s Boarding School in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1934, Cis attended Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. At Stanford, she was a member of the Tri-Delta sorority, president of the Women’s Athletic Club, and she played field hockey, as well as other sports. She graduated from Stanford in 1939 with a bachelor’s degree in social services. Following her time at Stanford, she attended Columbia University in New York, and then worked in the Human Resources Department at Sperry Corporation during World War II. It was at that time that her father was an aide to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Cis was introduced to Eleanor Roosevelt. Cis and Mrs. Roosevelt lunched together in New York City on numerous occasions.

Miss Coonley acquired her pilot’s license and became an officer of the Women Flyers of America Club. Later in life, she owned the Fox Chase Resort in Bradford, NH. She also bought a yacht and traveled up and down the

eastern seaboard. After an early retirement, Cis moved to Pittsburg and enjoyed living close to the First Connecticut Lake. She loved to hunt, fish, ride her snowmobile, and hold court at Young's Store. Cis especially loved to play tennis, and she played her last game at the age of 89.

She leaves behind two nieces and a nephew, as well as many friends in the Pittsburg area. She was an enigma with a wonderful sense of humor, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Miss Coonley is preceded in death by four brothers, Dudley, Howard, Jr., Lester and Johnny.

At Miss Coonley's request, there are no calling hours or services.

Condolences may be offered on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just came across this while looking up old family memories..  
Cynthia was my cousin (perhaps second). I will never forget her free  
boarding behind the boat Sasa II. She would sit on a folding stool on  
the board and go around the lake with what was probably a beer in  
her hand. I still have a movie of it.

Richard A.Hollis  
Cleveland Heights, OH

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Richard A. Hollis - March 14, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ I am so thankful I was blessed to have known Cis and to see her  
every 2 weeks for the past almost 7 years. It was a pleasure to see  
her even if she did not need a Schwans delivery I would pop in to  
say hi and I missed her if she was away. She always put a smile on  
my face and I always left Echo Valley happy. We had some really  
good conversations over the years. She was one very interesting  
and amazing lady and had a lot of spunk for her age. I will miss her  
very much!!

Krys Mull##imported-begin##Krys Mull##imported-end##

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December 31, 2007 at 06:31 PM



“ Cis Was My Second mom I will deeply miss her She was Great influence in my life and a wonderfull mentor Without her I would never have gotten Through some very hard times. I learned Piloting and seamanship With her and My Mom (Ginny) sitting on either side of me at the Power Squadron courses. I was a Boy Scout Because of Her Help and support. Her Charity and Dedication to Help others Set a great example for me and The others of whom lives she touched.The long conversations we had over the years of the Arts, Sciences, The importance of education, I will miss Those late night talks. It is with Great regret that I say Good Bye, With Infinite Admiration and Love I say Thank you Cis You are truly Unique. Your Son in everyway but Blood Love Johnny (John Edward Royal)###imported-begin###John Edward Royal###imported-end###

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December 25, 2007 at 09:29 PM



“ Cis I will miss you as you were a second mother to me and were always there when I needed some one to talk to. You gave all you had when you took in my family and helped my mother raise the six of us. You will be greatly missed###imported-begin###Kathryn M. Davis###imported-end###

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December 20, 2007 at 01:11 PM



“ cis was always there to help and support me all my life ,thank you.you will be missed by every one.###imported-begin###Matthew Royal###imported-end###

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December 20, 2007 at 02:27 AM



“ My loving, understanding and always 'there' auntie, you became the mother I lost at such a young age and always were there to support and advise when I strayed. So many good times and hard times we shared and such knowledge you gave. The pictures I have of my sister Lynn, you and myself will always keep the memories alive. Your sense of humor was wonderful and with your help getting the family once again united will be a memory we shall all hold dear.##imported-begin##Prentiss Coonley Parenteau##imported-end##

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December 14, 2007 at 05:55 PM



“ Cis, my adorable, fiesty, unique, loveable aunt, is going to be missed. I lost her for years (had no idea where in this country she was) and then found her a few years ago when, via the internet, I located my half sister, Prentiss. Pren and I made two special and wonderful visits to Pittsburg where we reminised, shared great stories and simply enjoyed the company of our Cis. I remember how Pren and my father, Lester, loved her; I did too.##imported-begin##Lynn Coonley Harris##imported-end##

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December 13, 2007 at 07:45 PM



“ You were quite the lady! We'll sure miss you.##imported-begin##Judy and Wayne Kimball##imported-end##

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