



## Florence M. Howes

July 18, 1926 - October 4, 2018

Florence Avery Mueller Howes, 92, of Averill, Vt. and Canaan, NH, died at her home in Canaan surrounded by her family on Oct. 4, 2018, after a brief period of declining health.

Florence was born on July 18, 1926, in Jackson Heights, NY, to the late Frederick and Dorothy (Avery) Mueller. She graduated from Great Neck High School in 1944 and earned a BS in Home Economics from the University of Vermont in 1948. She lived many years in East Hartland and Tariffville, Conn., and Longmeadow, Mass.

Florence later earned her teacher certification at Westfield State College. She taught nutrition and creative arts at the R.L.Putnam High School in Springfield, Mass., retiring in 1991 after serving as Coordinator of Adult Education and Interim Assistant Principal. She took a two-year leave to open The Meadow Mouse, a quilting, knitting, and needlework shop in East Longmeadow with her daughter, Holly. After retiring, she moved to Gale Street in Canaan, Vt., where she lived for over twenty years. During that time, she was always busy with spinning, knitting, felting, and crafting items for Creative Natives and local fairs. She enjoyed demonstrating spinning at the Lancaster Fair each year and winning ribbons for her handspun yarn and handmade items.

Florence was very active in the Grace Methodist Church and later the

Monadnock Congregational Church, singing in the choir and assisting at many events. In 2013, she moved to Canaan, NH.

Over the years, Florence was active in square dancing, playing bridge, writing news for the News and SENTINEL, and serving on the local and state board for the Canaan Woman's Club and the General Federation of Women Clubs. She also worked part-time at Creative Natives until 2017.

Ever since her college years, Florence enjoyed spending summer vacations at Averill with her family and later purchased her camp on Cottage Road. As a teacher, she spent her summers there and continued that practice even after moving to Canaan, Vt. She could often be seen water skiing, out in her paddle boat, or taking walks with her golden retriever, Tigger and later Rocksie. She enjoyed playing cards and never missed a Red Sox game. Everywhere she went she made wonderful friends, which were so special to her.

She was predeceased by her son, Jonathan Hatheway Howes, on Dec. 4, 1979, her brother, Robert A. Mueller, and her sister, Janet Elizabeth Pearson.

Florence is survived by four of her children, Holly Howes of Canaan, NH, Seann Xenja of Sebastopol, Calif., Beth Ann Howes of Canaan, Vt., and Jennie Avery of Farmington, Conn.; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and eight nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by all.

There will be a memorial service at 11 am on Saturday, Oct 27, 2018, at the Grace Community Church in Canaan, Vt. A reception will follow at the church. Interment will be later in the day at the South Canaan Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Florence Howes can be made to the Canaan Women's Club Scholarship, % Solange Poulin, PO Box 104, Canaan,

VT 05903.

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

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church  
Gale Street, VT Route 114  
Canaan, VT

# Tribute Wall

RL

“ *What a wonderful lady. It was a delight to meet Florence at the Lyme NH library a few years ago. We met every week to knit and exchange knowledge and have some conversation and laughs. All the ladies enjoyed her. I'm glad she was able to stop by once this past summer. I will miss her. Condolences to the family.*

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**Regina Laraway** - November 13, 2018 at 09:38 PM

SB

“ *Beth and Holly and family, Your Mother was a very lovely and friendly person to Sam and myself. Our prayers are with all. Sam and Joan Bird*

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**Samuel and Joan Bird** - October 19, 2018 at 03:06 PM

BC

“ *Our heart felt sympathy and prayers are with you, Holly, and all of the Howes family. Flo was a true treasure full of love, great humor, vim and vigor, and oh so talented who lived a long and full life. She was a very special lady who will be remembered and missed by all who knew her. May she rest in peace and God Bless her wonderful family. Love, John and Betsy*

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**Betsy Cobbs** - October 16, 2018 at 11:51 AM

SA

“ We were so sad and sorry to read about Flo's passing in the Valley News this week. I'd been meaning to send her another box of my ginger cookies I would give her when she was at Isabell's and heading up to Canaan, VT!. Recently I pulled out an empty jam jar that I'd written Flo on so thought I'd surprise her again! Not soon enough. Bev at Isabell's said that I probably took a photo of Flo's last visit and I'll see if I can find it! We know that she followed the rules and had her ear phones around her neck when she was at Isabell's because her family worried about her! What a lovely person whom we have been missing a lot!!

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**sandie Anderson** - October 12, 2018 at 02:48 PM

LK

“ We were sorry to hear about Flo's passing. She was a wonderful person and we enjoyed her company and friendship.

*Pat and Les Klinefelter*

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**Leslie Klinefelter** - October 12, 2018 at 07:40 AM

PC

“ It is with sadness that I write this note. Florence was a very special person. When coming to Canaan, N.H. she was looking for a group to play hand-and-foot, a card game. Luckily for us she joined our group. Ever a stickler for the rules, we had a lot of laughs. She played to win and we loved her for it. She also loved playing cribbage at the senior center. We are going to miss her, as I know her family will. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Patsy Carter

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**Patsy Carter** - October 11, 2018 at 05:06 PM

CM

“ *Prayers to the Howe Family - you have lost an extraordinary woman- friend to all she met. Her hand crafts were the best of the best. Flo will be greatly missed.*  
*Lovingly,*  
*Claire Martineau*

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**Claire Martineau** - October 10, 2018 at 02:05 PM

DZ

“ *Holly and all the Family*  
*Many times I was able to have lunch with Flo and Holly at Isabel's Cafe which was always an enjoyable time. In reading her obituary there was much I didn't know about her. She had a very full and accomplished life, being creative and making others happy with all she did for others. May God give you all strength, comfort in knowing hers was a life well lived. Take care of yourselves.* *Doris Zappala*

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**Doris Zappala** - October 09, 2018 at 09:42 PM

MB

“ *Holly and family*

*Please except me deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mother. I have wonderful memories of her visiting my parent's house, playing cards, playing dice and gambling for pennies, bringing my Mother wonderful things that she had made and rollerskating with my Uncle, Dad and I.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Shelly Williams Brill*



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**Michell R Brill** - October 09, 2018 at 09:54 AM

RP

“ *Robert Paige lit a candle in memory of Florence M. Howes*



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**Robert Paige** - October 08, 2018 at 01:28 PM

AG

“ *We were very sorry to hear about Florence and send our sympathy to the family. May God comfort you with happy memories of this lovely lady.*  
*Lindsey and Ann Gray*

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**Ann Gray** - October 07, 2018 at 11:12 AM

CK

“ *Flo was a friend and fellow crafter for many years at Averill Lake. Her enthusiasm for spinning and fiber crafts was contagious and an inspiration to all of her friends. Spinning on her porch while sharing memories of Averill past and present will remain some of my (Carol's) happiest memories from the lake, as will be her cheerful and animated presence at dinners at our cottage. Her family and everyone who knew her will remember her with love, respect, and admiration. Our condolences to her family.*  
*Carol and Walter Knox*

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**Carol Knox** - October 06, 2018 at 10:17 AM

CK

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



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**Carol Knox** - October 06, 2018 at 10:02 AM

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*Photo taken by Walter in August 2014 at Creative Natives in Colebrook.*

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**Carol Knox** - October 06, 2018 at 11:05 AM

RP

*So sorry for your loss she was a great lady she will be missed by family , friends and all who knew her. My Deepest Sympathy to her family. Robert, Cathy & Hermance Paige*

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**Robert Paige** - October 08, 2018 at 01:24 PM

BC

*What a beautiful picture. Thank you Carol for sharing it.*

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**Betsy Cobbs** - October 16, 2018 at 11:54 AM

DR

“ *Condoleances to the Howes family.*

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**DIANE DROUIN Royj** - October 06, 2018 at 08:07 AM

JO

“ *My deepest sympathies for the family. You and your family are in my prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Joanne O'Brien** - October 06, 2018 at 04:09 AM