



Joan Walsh

October 9, 1924 - February 8, 2008

COLEBROOK, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- Mrs. Joan (Norton) Walsh, 83, formerly of Colebrook, New Hampshire, passed away early Friday morning, February 8, 2008, at the Grace Park Personal Care Facility in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Walsh was born on October 9, 1924, in Hackensack, N.J., daughter of the late Robert C. and Margaret (McCormack) Norton.

Mrs. Walsh attended local schools in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., and graduated from Hasbrouck Heights High School in 1942. She attended Columbia University in New York City from 1947-1950, and received her B.A. degree in History from Lyndon State College in 1976. She received her Master of Arts degree in Liberal Studies from Dartmouth College in 1985.

Before her marriage to her late husband, Thomas M. Walsh, she worked in libraries in New Jersey and New York City. She served as the part-time school librarian for six years and as the full-time school librarian for Colebrook Elementary School and Colebrook Academy for 21 years. Following her retirement, she worked part-time at the Colebrook Public Library.

Mrs. Walsh was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary, holding the office of Auxiliary President for one year. She was also a member of the

Colebrook Education Association, the New Hampshire Education Association, and National Education Association. She served as secretary of the Metallak Retired Teachers Association in Colebrook for six years, and was a member of the Area Resource Group and Colebrook Area Historical Society. She was also active as the Secretary of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Coos County for two years and as a member of the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Assembly of Overseers. An active reader, traveler, concert goer and walker, Mrs. Walsh also enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren and especially enjoyed following their activities.

Mrs. Walsh is survived by her daughter, Kerry W. Mattes of Budd Lake, NJ; two sons, Thomas M. Walsh, Jr. of Manchester, NH, and Mark D. Walsh and wife, Renee, of Bedford, NH; six grandchildren; a sister, Helen Bennett and husband, Robert, of Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ; a sister-in-law, Nancy Walsh of Ramsey, NJ; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Walsh is preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband, Thomas M. Walsh in 1977.

At her request, there will be no calling hours. A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, February 10, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook with The Reverend Craig Cheney officiating. An interment service will be held in the spring at St. Brendan's Catholic Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Kerry, Butch, and Mark
I am so sorry for your loss, your mother was a very special lady. She opened a lot of doors for a lot of children and expanded their worlds. She made such a contribution to education in Colebrook and was a shining example for many of us, myself included. I will always remember her in a special place in my heart.
Janeane##imported-begin##Janeane Pike##imported-end##

February 24, 2008 at 08:05 PM



“ Mrs. Walsh was the librarian in the junior high school building when I attended Colebrook schools many those years ago. I will never forget what a truly kind woman she was. I spent many wonderful hours in her library enjoying her company and her warm and sincere enthusiasm for my love of books and reading. Please accept my condolences.##imported-begin##Jill Mountain##imported-end##

February 17, 2008 at 09:40 PM



“ Our Sympathy on the loss of your Mom.##imported-begin##Anne-Marie (Lemieux) & Gregory Nadeau##imported-end##

February 17, 2008 at 03:57 PM



“ To the family of Joan
What a wonderful lady. She was a great mentor to my son, Peter,
and to many other students through the years. She was also a good
example to the rest of us teachers to never stop learning and to
never stop reaching out. I am in FL so was unable to attend the
memorial but know you have my sympathy. God be with you. Patty
Hart###imported-begin###Patty Hart###imported-end##

February 15, 2008 at 12:28 PM



“ sorry to here joan walsh died take and hope you have a nice
day###imported-begin###charles young###imported-end##

February 15, 2008 at 10:56 AM



“ To the family,

We were so sorry to hear of Joan's passing. We have many fond
memories of her. She was an extraordinary woman who brought
much to our community with her intelligence and dedication. She'll
be sorely missed.
Sincerely,
Michele and Rick Johnsen###imported-begin###Michele and Rick
Johnsen###imported-end##

February 14, 2008 at 06:11 PM



“ Dear Mark, Kerry & Butch. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Joan was such a neat lady. I will never forget her. I remember telling my mother that I wanted to wear my hair short like Mrs. Walsh when I was older. I admired that she had the spunk to be herself and not match everyone else who at that time was permed and teased. That was just one example of Joan being "original". I feel blessed to have known her.##imported-begin##Deborah (Cummings) Wells##imported-end##

February 14, 2008 at 10:49 AM



“ My sympathies on the loss of your mother. She was a sweet lady and I am sure that you all have many wonderful memories of her. She and my mom were in many Memorial Day parades together.##imported-begin##Rosemary Riendeau##imported-end##

February 13, 2008 at 03:13 PM



“ Butch, Mark & Kerry,
We were saddened to hear of the loss of your mother today. She was a terrific lady with alot of spirit. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Cookie (Boudle) & Yvan Lambert##imported-end##

February 11, 2008 at 03:51 PM



“ Miss Joan will be very missed by many. To Butch, Kerry and Mark and your families, you all had a wonderful lady in your hearts. I have had lots of fun with your Mom for many years, both at school and out. I recently broke my leg so have been semi house-bound, but have thought of you all and be assured I was there with you in thought and prayers.

Love,
Sarah Jane and Bill##imported-begin##Bill and Sarah Jane Cummings##imported-end##

February 11, 2008 at 01:34 PM



“ Kerry:

Just a note to express how sorry I am to hear of the loss of your mom. She was truly a great lady and I must say has probably seen and heard it all from her experience at C.A. and the Public Library in town. Didn't seem to matter what we said or did, she always had a smile and a bit of advice for us. I don't get up there much anymore but I did see her a few years ago at the Library. She was a warm and loving person and a great inspiration to all. Hope you find comfort in knowing that you have the support of a "community" behind you all at this time. Love to you and your family.

Georgie##imported-begin##Georgie Johnson##imported-end##

February 11, 2008 at 12:01 PM



“ Dear Walsh Family:
I hope your fond memories will decrease your sadness at this time. As a frequent host to the "Golden Girls", I am sure Naida and Margaret were waiting for her with open arms, rest assured. What a gal! I am truly blessed to have known her. My sincere sympathies.

Don Vashaw##imported-begin##Don Vashaw##imported-end##

February 11, 2008 at 07:55 AM



“ I have many fond memories of discussing books with Joan at the Colebrook Library. I'm very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Pat Beauregard##imported-end##

February 09, 2008 at 05:54 PM



“ Joan was a wonderful friend to both my mother, Viola, and me. My thoughts are with you Butch, Kerry, and Mark and your families as you remember your terrific Mom. I wish I could be with you to share stories on Sunday.

Lucille##imported-begin##Lucille Sutton##imported-end##

February 09, 2008 at 04:44 PM



“ It was with great sadness that I heard of Joan's passing today. What a Gal! She was a strong, resourceful, and independent woman who loved her family deeply. Her spirit will be missed by all who knew her. My deepest sympathy goes out to you all. Peace##imported-begin##Torrie Mattes##imported-end##

February 08, 2008 at 09:05 PM