



Martha C. Pratt

January 13, 1918 - February 4, 2013

ST. CLOUD, FL—Mrs. Martha C. Pratt, 95, of St. Cloud, Fl., and Canaan, Vt., passed away on Monday, Feb. 4, 2013, in Florida.

Martha was born at her grandmother Sylvester's house in Coaticook, Qué., on Jan. 13, 1918, the daughter of Clark M. and Minnie (Sylvester) Haynes. The house still stands today. She graduated from Canaan Memorial High School in 1935, and later married Carl Crawford on Oct. 28, 1937.

The Crawfords raised their children on the family farm in the small town of Beecher Falls, Vt., on the Canadian border. When Carl went to work on the Maine Central Railroad, Martha managed the home-front for her 9 sons and husband--mothering, cooking, sewing, gardening, berrying, and keeping the old farmhouse warm with wood fires. She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Canaan, and taught Sunday school for many years. The annual "Sugar on Snow Social" was never complete unless Martha made her doughnuts. In 2001, the United Methodist Women presented a special Mission Recognition pin to Martha for her community and church involvement and service.

As years passed, Martha and Carl began visiting Carl's mother in St. Cloud, Fl., and eventually became "snowbirds," spending their summers in Canaan and their winters in Florida. After Carl passed in 1986, Martha married T. Chapin Pratt in 1987. They enjoyed many happy years together blending family and friends until Chapin passed in 2004. Martha enjoyed many good times with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her Christian faith was her foundation, and she cherished the many good friends she made over the years in St. Cloud and the First Baptist Church Life groups. She was a mom to many, grammy to others and "special" grammy to a select few. We all will miss her dearly.

She is survived by her sons: Stanley Crawford of St. Cloud, Fl.; Carol Crawford of Cocoa, Fl.; Rodney (Dot) Crawford of Webster, Mass.; Vernon (Bonnie) Crawford of Canaan, Vt.; Donald (Anne Marie) Crawford of St. Cloud, Fl. and South Burlington, Vt.; Harland

(Odette) Crawford of Canaan; and Calvin Crawford of Lancaster, NH; daughter-in-law June Crawford of Westfield, Wis.; step-sons, Chapin (Beverly) Pratt of The Villages, Fl.; step-daughters, Betty Brown of Joanna, SC, and Ginny (Dennis) Merrill of Ridgeway, Colo.; step-daughter-in-law Vivian Pratt of Gaysville, Vt.; sister-in-law, Leatrice Bacon of St. Cloud, Fl.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her life-long friend who she considered a sister, Birdena "Jackie" Joudrey of Winter Park, Fl.

Martha was predeceased by her husbands, Carl Crawford and T. Chapin Pratt; sons, Larry Crawford and Robert Crawford; step-son Wayne Pratt; brother Murray Haynes; and brother-in-law, Rodney Bacon.

Calling hours will be on Friday, Feb. 15, 2013, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 1 p.m., at the Grace United Methodist Church in Canaan, Vt., with The Rev. Paula Fletcher officiating. An interment service will occur in the spring at the Alice Hunt Cemetery in Canaan.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Martha may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church, Gale St., Canaan, Vt., 05903.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Arrangements in Florida were entrusted to the care of the Fisk Funeral Home of St. Cloud. Funeral arrangements in Canaan are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

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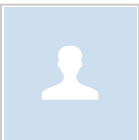
“ So sorry about your mother's death. I remember her warm smile; enjoyed seeing her at church in the summers. My Mom (Velma Ames) used to marvel about how your mother could get seven boys ready for church every Sunday, shirts always pressed, hair always combed and in church on time!! Martha will be missed - but always remembered.##imported-begin##Jean-Carol (Ames) Dunham##imported-end##

February 20, 2013 at 03:03 PM



“ I wish I could of grown up a lot closer to Grammy, and had more time with her then what I did. The first time I can remember seeing Grammy, was when I was a little kid, and she went to Wisconsin to my Dad & June's house. I remember sitting on the couch next to her, and she took her finger, and was making circles around my face real softly. I remember looking up at her and thinking, im so glad I finally got to meet her. After that I didnt get to see Grammy for a few years. Years went by, and I was a lot older the next couple of times I saw her. Everytime I saw her, she was always so sweet, and so caring. The last time I saw Grammy was in 2000, at the reunion. I remember being so happy and excited to go, because I was finally going to meet all of my Uncles, Cousins, see Grammy again, and my Dad and June were going to be there also. That was one of the best times of my life. Meeting everyone and talking with everyone, and being in Grammys' house for the first time. I remember my Dad and Uncle Calvin walking me down to the farm house so I could see it, and going inside and just imagining how Grammy raised 9 boys there, and how much strength she had to have. Im going to miss her so much, and I will always cherish every memory I have of her. I know she is home now, and i know my Dad was standing there with open arms waiting for her. They will both be in my heart forever. Until we meet again.##imported-begin##Stacey Bruff (Crawford)##imported-end##

February 13, 2013 at 03:03 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the whole family. She was a well loved lady at the Seniors dinner and everyone enjoyed her company. we will miss her. The Canaan Seniors and friends.##imported-begin##Denise Carrier##imported-end##

February 11, 2013 at 02:16 PM



“ Grammy Martha was very special to us. We send our prayers to our family members and Grams friends. Our memories of our times together will always be with us. We frequently speak of grams bread made with pecans. Hugs to our family.##imported-begin##Dean & Teresa Stearns##imported-end##

February 10, 2013 at 05:58 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Crawford family. I'm her cousin on the Haynes side of the family and I just talk with her about a month ago. She was a lovely person and will be miss by all Stanley & Eva Parker++##imported-begin##Stanley & Eva Parker##imported-end##

February 10, 2013 at 04:43 PM



“ Our condolences to the entire Crawford family on your loss. I remeber my grandparents going to Carl and Martha's to play 73 or pitch. During the summer I would run into Martha getting mail or groceries. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##

February 10, 2013 at 01:03 AM



“ My dear Martha, how you will be missed. we go back quite a few years, when you all lived on Halls Stream.Any one remember having Christmas all year?? we sure had fun, and your mom enjoyed having us all around, and what a cook she was.Sympathy to all of you, Keith and Billie Brockney

Will get the picture I took of her, last fall, at the senior dinner a couple days before she went back to Fla.##imported-begin##Billie ##imported-end##

February 09, 2013 at 06:28 PM



“ To all of Martha's family and friends:
Please accept our deepest condolences in the loss of Martha. She was such a wonderful person! She was a cousin (and neighbor) to my Nana Covieo (Dot) and I know that Nana just loved her! What I remember most about Martha is her lovely and warm smile and her very sweet Christian loving ways. We will be praying for your family during this time of great loss and may you be comforted by all your wonderful memories that you will be sharing in the days and weeks to come. God bless!##imported-begin##Lori (Parkhurst) MacDonald##imported-end##

February 09, 2013 at 09:51 AM



“ All our condolences to all the family.##imported-begin##Francine & Andre
Champagne##imported-end##

February 08, 2013 at 11:33 PM