

OBITUARY

Gertrude F. (Schwartz) Kropa, 94

MEREDITH — Gertrude Faye (Schwartz) “Gert” Kropa, 94, died peacefully in her Meredith, NH home with her loving family by her side on September 12, 2020.

Gertie was born on April 28, 1926 in Berne, Adams County, Indiana to Christian W.R. and Minnie (Sprunger) Schwartz she was raised on the family farm and was the youngest of six sisters and two brothers. The family also included one half-brother, two stepsisters and one stepbrother.

After graduating high school, Gertie moved to Fort Wayne, IN where she worked and became an active member of the local YWCA. It was at a mixer sponsored by the YMCA where she met her future husband, Gomer “Whitey” Kropa. After their marriage on July 1, 1950 the young couple moved to Indianapolis where they began their family. Ten years and 3 children later, the family moved to North Reading, MA, where they were blessed with their fourth child. In 1978, Gertie



and Whitey moved to Centerville, MA, on Cape Cod. It was during this time that the couple enjoyed traveling to Europe, Great Britain, Africa, South America, Australia, and New Zealand.

They were happily married for 54 years at the time of Whitey’s passing in 2004. Gert relocated shortly thereafter to Meredith, NH, to be near to her daughter, Susan, and family.

Gertie’s most cherished times were spent with her family. She enjoyed many pastimes such as sewing, baking, and singing in the church choirs. Throughout her life she was a woman of great faith. She will always be remembered by her positivity, her generous spirit and her meticulously crafted 14-layer Jell-O mold.

The family includes four children, Dale E. Kropa and wife Janet, William A. Kropa and wife Catherine, Susan M. Kropa and husband Greg Schneberger, and Wayne R. Kropa and wife Julie; 6 grandchildren,

Erik Kropa and his wife Jill, Evan Kropa and his wife Emily, Rachel Kropa and her husband Jack Whigham, Madeleine Burnley and her husband Lucas, Matthew Schneberger and Robin Kropa; 5 great-grandchildren, Brandt and Christian Kropa, Barlow and Winston Burnley, and Millie Faye Whigham.

She was predeceased by her youngest son, Wayne, who died tragically in 2000; her 5 sisters, Ruth Brown, Mary Bahner, Vera Lehman, Virginia Sprunger, Anna Gilliom; and her 2 brothers, Ernest Schwartz, Harold Schwartz; and her half-brother, Larry Schwartz. She was also predeceased by 3 step-siblings, Rosie Kuhn, Darrell Wagner, and Coleen Allamandinger.

Services will be held in Berne, Indiana, at the family’s convenience in early 2021.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Laconia, NH or the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association, Meredith, NH.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.may-hewfuneralhomes.com

William Angevine, 90

LACONIA — William “Bill” Angevine, 90, of Laconia, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 31, 2020, at Lakes Region General Hospital surrounded by family and friends.

Bill was born on September 19, 1929, in Boston, MA,

the son of Ernest G. and Helen (Crosby) Angevine. He graduated from Newton High School, Williams College, and received his MBA from Harvard University. Bill served as a first lieutenant in the Air Force during the Korean War where he was awarded the

Bronze Star.

Bill was formerly a resident of Gilmanton for many years and was a member of the Trustee of Trusts, chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, as well as an active volunteer at Gilmanton’s Old Home Day and the Gilmanton Public Corner Library. Bill was a member of the Gilmanton Community Church and First Congregational Society in Gilmanton.

Bill is survived by his wife, Barbara Angevine; two sons, William S. Angevine and his wife, Roxanne of Hollis, NH, and Richard Angevine and his wife, Kelly of Londonderry, NH; three granddaughters, Katherine Angevine Leary and her husband, Sean, Amelia Angevine Comeau and her husband, Edward, and Mary Elizabeth Angevine; two grandsons, Brett Angevine and Brian Angevine; one step-granddaughter, Chloe Phillips and her husband, Seth; and his great-grandchildren, Sophia, Mia, Olivia and Jude. Bill is also survived by his sisters, Faith Angevine Curran of Columbus, GA, and Heidi Angevine Smith of Mission Hills, KS; his brother, Richard Angevine and his wife, Susan of San Jose, CA; and a special cousin, Keith Angevin Argow and his wife, Lou of Vienna, VA.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at the Gilmanton Community Church, 497 Province Road, Gilmanton, NH 03237.

Adhering to the guidelines of the State of New Hampshire and the CDC, social distancing is strongly encouraged and face coverings will be required.

In lieu of flowers for those who wish, the family suggests memorial donations be made to New Hampshire Humane Society, PO Box 572, Laconia, NH 03246, or to the Gilmanton Community Church, C/O Book Award, PO Box 16, Gilmanton, NH 03237.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services and 603Cremations.com, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, NH, 03246, is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, please visit www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

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