

Half Staff – Barbara Bridges-Elliott

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Barbara Bridges-Elliott, 88, of Gloucester, wife of the late Earl L. Elliott, passed away peacefully at her residence on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Barbara was born in Concord, NH on August 14, 1929, the daughter of the late Harold G. and Irene (Saidel) Vitagliano. She cherished her New Hampshire roots even after leaving to attend Westbrook College in Maine. Also from Concord was her beloved first husband David C. Bridges (son of the late U.S. Senator H. Styles Bridges). Barbara and David lived in Beverly Farms where they raised their family.

Barbara worked at the Country Store and enjoyed spending summers at West Beach and boating with family and friends along the New England coast. She loved spending time outdoors and was an avid tennis player and accomplished skier, which she enjoyed into her early 80's.

Following the death of her first husband, Barbara married Earl L. Elliott from Ipswich and they settled at the Old Yacht Club on Rocky Neck in 1974. In later years Barbara embraced the camaraderie of sailing with friends at the Sandy Bay Yacht Club in Rockport and enjoyed attending the music theatre with cousins Carole Carlson and Sarah Fitzpatrick.

Barbara loved adventure, travel and making new acquaintances, whether she was skiing the Alps, trekking an African safari, or sailing the Caribbean. In more recent years she was most happy closer to home where she never missed an opportunity to socialize . . . meeting friends for exercise class and coffee at the MAC, or opening her front door to chat with passersby about her spectacular view and sunsets over Ten Pound Island.

She is survived by her sons, Jeffrey C. Bridges and his wife Janet of Gloucester, Stephen H. Bridges and his former wife Dicsee Bell of Gloucester. Beloved granddaughters Sally and Anna Bridges, Georgia Dominick and husband Drew and two great grandchildren Andrew and Lula Dominick. She also leaves behind several nieces, nephews cousins and was pre-deceased by her brother H. Douglas Vitagliano of Ellicott City, MD.

In keeping with her wishes, services and burial will be held privately. A celebration of life for family and friends will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to: Cape Ann Animal Aid, 4 Paws Lane, Gloucester, MA 01930. Online condolences may be given at: www.greelyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are by the Greely Funeral Home, 212 Washington St. Gloucester.