



Obituary

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Bettie (Hardy) Noble Pacy, died unexpectedly in her sleep on Saturday August 20, after a full day of running errands, enjoying cheesecake with her husband Richard, and talking on the phone.

Born in 1936, she grew up in Ramsey and Chatham New Jersey an only child of Eleanor, an elegant woman from rural Pennsylvania and Frank, a World War I veteran from England and Bell Labs engineer. She spent some years in the western United States with her first husband Donald Noble with whom she moved to Acton in 1966. She remained close with her in-law family from her first marriage.

Though second in her class at Oberlin College her freshman year, she left to be a wife and mother. However, she earned her bachelor and graduate degrees while working full-time as a single mother. She worked in the insurance, financial planning, and publishing fields, but decided she had missed her calling as an engineer. Her last part-time job was for the Town of Acton, one she quite enjoyed as she got to learn even more about her chosen hometown.

She leaves a large circle of family that find her exceptional and irreplaceable. Her enthusiasm, irrepressible curiosity, thoughtfulness, and feistiness were infused with her overall delight in living. Though always taking on more than she could chew, especially when it came to helping others, she would insist on time to swim at Long Lake, water her flowers, chase fascinating factoids about the world, and enjoy rainbows and baby woodpeckers eating at the hummingbird feeder.

She leaves her heartbroken husband Richard Pacy with whom she has been with for 47 years, her children Thomas, William and Jean, her stepchildren Kim, Mark, Donna, and Cheryl, her step-grandchildren Tarah,

James, and Justin, her sister-in-law “out-law” Mary Ellen Noble, and a huge circle of extended family and others who knew her and have heard stories of her amazingness. She frequently commented that despite her difficulty remembering faces and natural shyness, she ended up feeling like a social butterfly when on Richard’s arm.

All are invited to visiting hours on Sunday, August 28th from 2:00-6:00PM in the Acton Funeral Home 470 Massachusetts Avenue (Rte. 111) Acton. A graveside service will be held on Monday, August 29th at 1:00PM in Westlawn Cemetery, 7 New Estate Road, Littleton.

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