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Mavis Twomey Cox, a lifelong resident of Shawsheen Village in Andover, MA and Great Boar's Head in Hampton Beach, NH, passed away on Sunday, November 11 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on October 8, 1928 in Andover, MA to Jeremiah J. and Hilda (North) Twomey. Mavis was educated in the Andover public schools, graduated from Abbott Academy in 1946, and received a secretarial degree from the Katherine Gibbs School. She was an active parishioner of St. Augustine's Church in Andover and a member of the Catholic Daughters. Mavis was employed for 40 years as a secretary in the Andover Public School System. For the first 25 years she worked for the Assistant Superintendent and in the Personnel office. After retiring in 1993, Mavis worked for 15 years for the principal of South School, Dr. Eileen Woods, and enjoyed close friendships with co-workers and being surrounded by children. In 1997 she was recognized by the Boston Globe as an "Unsung Community Hero" for her commitment to education and her enthusiasm and dedication in helping children. Family was the center of Mavis' life. She was actively involved in the education and extracurricular activities of her children and grandchildren and was very proud of their accomplishments. All of her children received college degrees. Mavis spent many happy summers relaxing at Hampton Beach, and her hobbies included gardening, reading mystery novels, and knitting sweaters for her grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling and visiting with family members in Texas, Alaska, Colorado, New Mexico, and England. Mavis is predeceased by her beloved husband of 49 years, George Cox, Jr., parents, and brother Gerard Twomey. She is survived by her sister Madge and her husband G. Robert Keepin, Jr. of Los Alamos, NM; cousin Daphne Higham of Southampton, England; her six children, including daughter Susan and her husband Gordon Whicher of Andover, MA and Houston, TX; son George (Joe) III and his wife Mary of Louisville, CO; daughter Lisa of Andover, MA; son Gerald and his wife Cynthia



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Lemere of Needham, MA; daughter Sara and her husband Jonathan Faulkner of Homer, Alaska; son Michael and his wife Lakshmi of Arlington, MA; 11 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter; many nieces and nephews and their families; and her faithful collie, Molly. A Funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 16, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. in St. Augustine's Church in Andover, MA. Burial will follow in the Spring Grove Cemetery, also in Andover, MA. Family and friends may call on Thursday, November 15, 2007 from 4 to 8 P.M. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA. Memorial contributions may be made to: Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Building 9, Lawrence, MA., 01843. to send online condolences or for more information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com.



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MW

Michael Winters posted:

god bless mrs cox- my mom away from home. mike and i were inseperable as kids and we gave her more than her share of problems. (innocent of course) i was sad to hear of her passing, and even though contact between us has dwindled, i feel a part of my childhood has passed as well. i will miss her. mike winters

March 7 at 8:00 PM

DC

Dr. Eileen Woods And South School Community posted:

Mavis was a very special person! She lived her life as a strong role model for others, and a dedicated professional who served the Andover Community she so loved for 40 years. Over the past week, we have shared so many stories and cherished times with Mav. She taught us so much through her gentle way; love of family, respect for others and passion for your work. I know that her legacy lives on through her loving family. You were the center of her life. She took quiet pride in all your accomplishments. I believe in the months ahead as you continue to share beautiful family stories and events you will all find comfort. Mav was simply the very best! We loved her and will deeply miss her at South. She will always be in our hearts. Love, Dr. Eileen Woods and the South School Faculty and Children.

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JU

Julie posted:

My Deepest Sympathy to everyone in the Cox family. My Thought and Prayers are with all of you during this time. Love Julie Boyd

March 7 at 8:00 PM

LC

Leslie Carrio posted:

Mrs. Whicher, Carter and I extend our deepest sympathies on the loss of your mother. She sounds like a wonderful woman.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

CM

Christine Manning posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Mavis was truly a sweet woman. I know my Mom (Virginia) will miss talking with her.

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Greg Boyd posted:

Everyone, I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences during this difficult time. You are in the thoughts and prayers of me, my family, and everyone from Boar's Head. ~Greg Boyd

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Suzanne Cloutier posted:

My deepest sympathy to all the Cox family. North Beach will never be the same. Sincerely, Sue Cloutier

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mavis Twomey by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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