

Beatrice LeBlanc - Obituary

Born on Jan. 19, 1916, Beatrice Cordelia LeBlanc was a remarkable woman who lived all of her 98 years in her beloved hometown of St. Johnsbury. She was the daughter of the late Madelene J. (Page) LeBlanc and Valmor N. LeBlanc Sr., and sister to the late Valmor N. LeBlanc Jr.

Bea was a 1935 graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy. She was first employed at Sears and then worked for many years at the First National Bank on Main St., which became the Howard Bank. During WWII, Bea was trained as an Air Raid Warden. She continually volunteered in her community, running errands for the elderly, even into her ninth decade.

Throughout her lifetime, Bea enjoyed her community, frequenting the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, and the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium. Rugged in both body and spirit, Bea was a true nature girl, even in her final days. Bea had "gone green," long before the term was coined, and was happy to walk, never owning a car. She also helped to beautify the town's common areas, and was recognized for her efforts in cleaning the Courthouse Park. Bea was an old-fashioned do-gooder, and she enjoyed as much as anything, giving more than her fair share.

Bea was a great animal lover, with a ready lap for each and every one of her furry little companions. She also loved to read, and lived her life in perpetual wonderment. A devout and proud Catholic, Bea was a parishioner of St. Aloysius, and later, of St. John the Evangelist Church. In her later years, she also enjoyed taking Tai Chi classes with the Good Living Senior Center. Bea made numerous, special friends in class, and inspired them with her resolve, and amazing supply of pure, quality chi.

Bea is survived by her dear nephew Mark V. LeBlanc, formerly of St. Johnsbury, and currently of Naples, Florida. Many wonderful friends and admirers will also miss Bea, her kind spirit, strength of character, and vivaciousness.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Johnsbury this Monday, March 17 at 11 a.m. with Fr. Luke Austin, celebrant. There will be no visiting hours.

Bea will be laid to rest this spring in Mt. Cavalry Cemetery, and will live fondly in the memories of those who fulfilled her well-lived life.



Contributions may be made in her memory to either the Fairbanks Museum, 1302 Main St. St. Johnsbury Vt. 05819; the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main St., St. Johnsbury Vt. 05819; or to SAD/SAC, c/o Caledonian Record. PO Box 8, St. Johnsbury, Vt. 05819.