

Janet Morse Bailey Obituary

Janet Morse Bailey, 82, "Aunt Janet" to most, passed away on Sept. 26, 2013. Aunt Janet was born on Jan. 15, 1931, to the late George Bailey Sr. and Dorothy Hunt Bailey. She grew up in McIndoe Falls, Vt., graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy (VT) in 1949, and Fisher College (Boston, MA) in 1951. After graduation from college Aunt Janet worked for what is now Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, retiring in 1996 after 45 years as a medical secretary.



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Janet Morse Bailey

She was predeceased by her sisters Joyce Bailey Wood and Jean Bailey Carter; brother George Bailey Jr.; brothers-in-law Douglas Wood Sr. and Richard Carter Sr.; niece Cynthia Carter; nephews Richard Carter Jr. and Daniel Carter; and great-niece Elizabeth Wood.

Aunt Janet never married and never had children, but was the beloved aunt to many -- the glue that held the family together -- especially after losing her siblings so early. Even with advancing poor health, Aunt Janet had the ability to bring her family together, reuniting cousins to form lasting relationships.

She leaves behind nieces Christine "Suki" Wood (Andrew) Higham, Joanna Carter (Paul) Aldrich, Diane Wood Allsop, Mary Carter (Roger) Hinds, Jennie Carter (Casey) Gawlak, Heidi (Carl Schofield) Carter, Sloane Bailey, and Heather Wood (David) Sulham; nephews Douglas (Jan) Wood Jr., Thomas Wood Sr., Brent Wood, David (Julie) Wood, and George (Laura Cole) Bailey

III; many cousins, great-nieces and -nephews, and great-great-nieces and -nephews. Aunt Janet also leaves behind her wonderful friend and neighbor Rosie Holmes and her childhood friend Marilyn Garrow.

The family would like to thank the Westboro House (assisted living facility in West Lebanon) owners and staff for taking such good care of Aunt Janet, especially during the last few weeks of her life. And David Ruel (of the Hair Shed in Lebanon, NH) for being a great friend and making sure -- for nearly 40 years -- our beautiful aunt's hair was always perfectly coifed!

It seems that in nearly every photo of Aunt Janet there was a cat or dog with her; she had a lifelong love and respect for our 4-legged furry friends. One of the hardest things she ever had to do was to give up her cats upon moving into an assisted living facility. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made in Aunt Janet's memory to the Upper Valley Humane Society, 300 Old Route 10, Enfield, NH 03748, www.uvhs.org, 603.448.6888.

A graveside ceremony and celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 at 3 p.m. in the Horse Meadow Cemetery, North Haverhill, N.H. Rev. Clinton Brake of the Woodsville United Methodist Church will officiate.