

Marilyn Plissey – MS 1972 Food and Nutrition

Marilyn Bonney Plissey, 86, passed away July 16, 2023, while surrounded by family in Camden, Maine, after a lengthy battle with dementia. She was born February 14, 1937, in Lewiston, to Raymond and Elizabeth Mae (Smith) Bonney. Marilyn, an only child, was raised in Buckfield, where she graduated as valedictorian of her high school class in 1955. In 1959, she graduated from the University of Maine (Orono) with a BS degree in Home Economics. In 1972, she graduated from North Dakota State University with an MS degree in Food and Nutrition. In 1957, Marilyn married Edwin Plissey of Washburn. The couple raised five children during a 54-year marriage that ended with Ed's passing in 2011.

During the 1960s, Marilyn worked as an extension service home economist in Fort Kent. During the 1970s, she worked as a consulting dietitian for nursing homes in North Dakota and Minnesota. In the late 1970s, Marilyn returned to Maine where she was staff dietitian at various hospitals and elder care facilities located in Presque Isle and the Bangor area. In the 1980s, Marilyn served a term as president of the Maine Dietetic Association. In the late 1990s, Marilyn and Ed retired from their careers and moved to Machiasport. In retirement, they were both active in the Roque Bluffs Chapel and Machias Rotary. Marilyn enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Europe, visiting family, and wintering in Arizona and Florida.

Marilyn also enjoyed painting and crafts. Within her family, she was renowned for her perennial holiday gifts of handmade dishcloths, which over her lifetime she knit by the hundreds.

Marilyn is survived by her five children, eight-grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. They are Steven Plissey and wife, Catherine, of Boulder, Colorado; Jo Bobb and husband Stevan, of Fort Worth Texas, and their children Alexandra (and her children Ryan and Avery) and Rachel, Rebecca Poland and husband, Alan, of Tenant's Harbor, and their children Christopher and his wife, Paige (and their children Hayden and Leighton), Tyler Dobson, Meagan Dobson, and Hayley Poland (and her child Weston); Paul Plissey of Charlottesville, Virginia, and his daughters, Ella and Sofi; and Bethany Plissey of Lexington, Kentucky.

At a later date, a service and interment will be held at the Crouseville Cemetary in Washburn. Those who wish to remember Marilyn in a special way may make gifts in her memory to Down East Community Hospital, 11 Hospital Drive, Machias, ME 04654, attention: Lynnette Parr, CFO.