



Claire M Filliettaz

July 19, 1931 - July 18, 2015

AUBURN – Claire M. Filliettaz 83 a resident of Schooner Estates formerly of Lewiston and Peaks Island passed away peacefully Saturday July 18th at her residence following a three year period of failing health.

She was born in Lewiston, July 19, 1931 a daughter of Brig. General Charles M. and Catherine F. (Conley) Filliettaz. She attended the former St. Joseph's Elementary School and was a 1949 graduate of Lewiston High School where she had also been a member of the LHS Marching Band, and a member of the girls basketball and softball teams.

Following high school she was a 1953 graduate from the University of Maine majoring in Home Economics. She then began employment for seven years with New England Telephone and Telegraph Company until 1961. It was at that time she began her career teaching mathematics and algebra at the former Webster Junior High School in Auburn . In 1963 Claire received her Master's degree in Education from the University of Maine in Orono and later points beyond her Master's in Mathematics at Colgate University in 1965 and at Xavier University in 1969. During her teaching career she was also very active in the Auburn Teacher's Association having served as a negotiator for Auburn teacher's union contracts. After a 25 year career of teaching she retired as a Math teacher from Auburn Middle School in 1987.

Claire was an independent woman who loved traveling with family and friends to Europe and around North America especially Florida in her later years. She introduced alpine skiing to her nieces and nephews and supported them fervently which resulted in them all becoming lifelong ski enthusiasts. She was a former member of the National Ski Patrol having patrolled at Lost Valley Ski area back in the late 60's and early 70's. She also took part in the opening ceremonies of the 1971 Sugarloaf Mountain Tall Timber Classic Alpine World Cup as a National Ski Patrol member forerunner.

In 1976 Claire invested in an island property on Peaks Island affectionately known as "Just-A-Mere Cottage" where she introduced her siblings and their families to Island living. Together both she and her early childhood friend Monique Levesque shared their island cottage with summer vacations with their families as well as hosting several summer LHS '49 Class reunions at their island home. It was on Peaks they developed a long list of great Island friends as well as their fellow island parishioners of St. Christopher's Church

where both Claire and Monique served as Eucharistic Ministers. In 2011 Claire returned to Lewiston to live with her sister and brother in law, Joan & Paul Lynch, Monique also returned to her surviving family to live with her sister, Denise Sprinkle in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Claire is survived by one sister, Joan M. Lynch of Lewiston, and two brothers, Henry L. Filliettaz and wife Betty of Hampden and Richard B. Filliettaz and wife Sylvia of Cape Neddick. Three nieces Karen Perry, Susan Chaitin and Mary Beth LaBarre;, seven nephews, James, Brian and Kevin Lynch along with Chuck, Patrick, Peter, and Michael Filliettaz as well as 14 grandnieces and grandnephews. She is also survived by her long time childhood friend Monique Levesque.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by, her very close Aunt Louise E. Conley, one brother, Daniel H. Filliettaz, one sister, Mary E. "Betty" Crowley, one brother in law, Paul R. Lynch.

Claire's family would like to thank first and foremost Nicole Sylvester who was Claire's caregiver prior to Schooner Estates who also cared for her after entering Schooner with such gentle kindness as did her other fellow professional staff members at Schooner Estates Memory Unit including Amy, Vicki, Lucy, Nadine, Carol, Leissa, Emily, Melissa, as well as Chris the Repairman. Also special thanks go out to her medical team Amy Bergeron, NP and Dr. Ray Tardif as well as the wonderful visiting nurses of Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice. A Mass of Christian Burial honoring Claire's life will be held SATURDAY July 25th 11:00AM at Holy Family Church 607 Sabattus St., Lewwiston. Graveside committal prayers to follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery Mt. Hope Avenue Lewiston. Memorial donations in Claire's memory may be sent to Friends of Lost Valley C/O Lost Valley Ski Area Auburn, ME 04210

Family and friends are invited to visit Friday , July 24th 2-4 & 7-9PM at the PINETTE DILLINGHAM & LYNCH FUNERAL HOME 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Lewiston, 784-4023 Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com .

Tribute Wall

SD

“ I met Claire and Monique when I was living on Peaks Island year round in the late 80's at St. Christopher's Church one Sunday after mass. They were very kind and welcoming to everyone. I always enjoyed talking with both of them. My deepest sympathies to Claire's family. Stephanie A Dambrie

Stephanie A Dambrie - July 28, 2015 at 08:52 AM

BS

“ We are deeply saddened by Clair's passing. She played a very special role in our lives. Her renting "Just a Mere Cottage" to Sue, and then one Saturday taking her down to meet the 10:30 ferry to help a former teaching colleague (Hilma) and family move into a rental on the back shore, resulted in our meeting. We had both been widowed. Our wedding took place the following year at the 5th of Maine on Peaks. Since then, we all had wonderful times together on Casco Bay, the porch on Peaks, Sugarloaf, golf courses, and Florida. We will truly miss her.

Bill and Sue Stewich - July 23, 2015 at 08:28 PM

NP

“ Claire, we're all going to miss you. I can't believe you're no longer with us, but you certainly will be in spirit. How can you not be! You were a 1949 LHS classmate of mine and a 1953 UMO classmate as well. And the best memories were the LHS reunions held on Peaks Island with you and Monique and the walk around the island. Your life story is a wonderful one. I didn't know you had such a full life. Live it up-up there!

Nancy Schott Plaisted - July 23, 2015 at 12:10 PM

MM

“ My sincerest sympathies on the passing of Claire. I was fortunate enough to spend a couple of summers vacationing on Peaks Island at "Just a Mere Cottage" and I will never forget Claire and Monique's welcoming hospitality and great kindness to me, a stranger (the first time) from California. For all her class and elegance, Claire was such a lively, friendly lady; the first year I stayed there was at the height of beanie baby mania, and we chased around delightedly trying to find the most coveted ones. I remember riding on the back of her golf cart and stopping at several yard sales where I stared in awe as she hauled huge pieces of furniture around to refinish. I marvelled at her tales of island living and the trips she had taken. She spoke so lovingly of her family, especially her nieces and nephews, and "greats." I'm sure she is looking down fondly on you all now. She was very devoted to her church, and her Catholic faith, so I know she is at peace with the angels now.

Maureen McCabe - July 22, 2015 at 10:55 PM

AM

“ Ms. Fillietaz was my 8th grade math teacher too. She was a great teacher with a lot of spunk. I think she had eyes in the back of her head for she appeared to know what was going on even when she was not looking. My favorite comment "don't give me that Malachy ". RIP Ms. Fillietaz.

April Martin - July 22, 2015 at 12:18 PM

AB

“ With deepest sympathies to the whole family, thoughts and prayers for Claire, may she rest in peace and God be with her. Anthony W. Bussiere

Anthony W. Bussiere - July 22, 2015 at 08:58 AM

EN

“ Miss Fillietaz was my 8th grade math teacher. My fondest memory of her happened when she was collecting homework. I had written Miss Fillie on my paper. She came back to my desk with a grin from ear to ear. She said to me you do know that a fillie is a young horse right. I said yes Ma'am she said to me you made my day thank you!!! She made learning enjoyable Thank you Miss fillietaz you were awesome may you rest in peace!!! My thoughts & prayers go out to her family & friends

Eugene Nickerson - July 22, 2015 at 01:04 AM

AF

“ Ms. Filliettaz was my 8th grade math teacher and she and I had a lot in common, as we were both the daughters of high- ranking officers. So to say we were both quite independent would be putting it mildly. I had summered on Peaks since the age of 7, so when Claire moved down, we became friends as adults. She always welcomed me with open arms and took keep interest in my life, which was gratifying to experience with a prior teacher. Her twinkling blue eyes and mischievous smile will be missed. She was quite an accomplished Lady. My most sincere sympathies to her family.

Ann Marin Frizzell - July 21, 2015 at 11:28 AM

VA

“ I am so very sad to hear of Miss Filliettaz passing. There are teachers whose influence stays with us for a lifetime and for me, Miss Filliettaz was one of them. I remember thinking even at a young age what a spunky woman she was and hoped I could be like her when I grew up. My condolences to all of you and may the memories stay with you forever. Valerie

Valerie - July 21, 2015 at 10:18 AM