



Mrs. Doris R. Theriault

September 27, 1935 - May 29, 2020

Auburn – Doris R. Theriault, 84 of Lewiston and formerly of Winthrop died peacefully on Friday, May 29th at the Hospice House in Auburn with her children by her side. Doris was born on September 27, 1935 in Lewiston to the late Alfred Eccles and Roseamande (Fortin) Eccles. Doris' mother passed away when she was only two years old and she later lived with her aunt, Florence Eccles. Doris grew up in Lewiston where she was educated and started her first job in its mills.

In 1957, she married Alfred Theriault and they had five children together. Doris spent many years as a homemaker devoted to bringing up her children who were the absolute center of her life until her passing. She knew when to provide her children with the warmth and caring they needed but also when to run a tight ship in a household of seven. As a result, her children grew up loving and respecting her for it. She worked tirelessly to build a strong family bond between her children. Doris supported her children through school and in the extra-curricular activities they were involved in, such as baseball, basketball, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, gymnastics, track and soccer. She loved taking her kids to the beach, blueberry picking and apple picking. As each of her children carved out different journeys through life, she supported them and constantly expressed her immeasurable love for each of them.

In 1974, Alfred and Doris divorced and she began working outside the home more while still bringing up five children. Doris worked as a hostess at the Steer House Restaurant in Lewiston. Afterwards, Doris worked as a hostess/dining room manager at the Roundhouse Motor Inn in Auburn for several years. She later became the Sales Director at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston where she worked for many years. It is in this position that she made connections with many local business leaders and set up events hosting national leaders such as George and Barbara Bush. Doris took pride in making special events such as weddings and anniversaries memorable for all involved. During this time Doris also worked to support the March of Dimes, a cause that she felt deeply about. After retiring she worked for TD Bank for a brief time.

Prior to her retirement Doris took a trip of a lifetime with her daughters Linda and Susan, while Linda was stationed in Germany. They travelled through four countries; Germany, France, Austria and Italy. On this trip, Doris got to see Neuschwanstein Castle, St. Mark's

Square and Basilica and got to walk up inside The Leaning Tower of Pisa.

One of Doris' absolute joys was helping to bring up her grandchildren. She was blessed with ten grandsons and one great granddaughter. She setup a room in her home just so they could take turns sleeping over. They absolutely adored their grandmother and loved staying over her house. In this way, Doris was once again helping to create the strong family bond that she cherished so deeply. Whatever help or support her grandchildren needed she was there for them. She transported them to activities and sporting events and attended these events with them. She travelled to Winthrop, Texas and California just to spend time with all of them. She especially enjoyed her time on the beach in Newport, California with her grandsons.

Later in life Doris was fortunate to be able to move into her own section of her daughter Susan's home and lived comfortably there for many years. She also spent many months in Murphy, Texas with her daughter Jane and extended trips to stay with her daughter, Linda in Utah and Colorado. It was during one of her visits out West that she was able to travel with her sister Pauline and they enjoyed a wonderful visit to Yellowstone National Park.

Doris is survived by her five children, Richard Theriault and his wife Sheri of Auburn; David Theriault and his wife Karen of Auburn; Linda Theriault-Eason and her husband Stuart of Denver, Colorado; Susan Nason and her husband John of Winthrop; and Jane Anderson and her husband Kevin of Murphy, Texas; grandsons Joseph Theriault, Kyle Theriault, John Nason, Jeremy Theriault, Jacob Nason, Corey Burgiel, Christian Burgiel, Ryan Theriault, Jordan Anderson and great- granddaughter Riley Theriault, sister Pauline Albert, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her grandson Christopher Theriault.

Visitation will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 7, at Pinette, Dillingham and Lynch Funeral Home, 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Lewiston. Attendance at the wake will be limited to 50 people at any one time. The family asks that all visitors wear masks to protect others. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 8, at Holy Family Church, Sabattus Street, Lewiston. Because of the local COVID-19 restrictions, attendance at the Funeral Mass will be by invitation only. Internment and committal prayers will take place immediately following the Funeral Mass at St. Peter's Cemetery Deer Rd., Lewiston. Donations in Doris' memory may be made to:

Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice

15 Strawberry Avenue

Lewiston, Maine 04240

207-777-7740

<https://androscoggin.org/donate/>

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at
www.lynchbrothers.com

Cemetery

Events

**St. Peter's
Cemetery**

217 Switzerland Rd.
Lewiston, ME,

**JUN
7**

Visitation

02:00PM - 04:00PM

Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation
Services

305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US,
04240

Comments



“ Rick, Dave, Susan, Janey, and Linda, I just learned of your mother's passing yesterday. I am very sorry to hear of this. Although it was long ago, I want to share one of the best memories I have of her. I remember back in the day how she enjoyed her bottle of Beck's Beer after a long, stressful day of work at The Ramada. One day she asked me why in God's name was I drinking Coors Light and not Beck's. "You need real beer, Dan, try one of mine." I remember the short conversations with her and how she always gave me advice on what to do for a career. She encouraged me to go to college. Years later, I did. I ended up getting my Masters in Toxicology. Anyway I was fortunate to have met up with her again many years later at Christopher's wake. I remember him well too and I was sorry to hear of his passing which is why I wanted to come and show my support. Doris recognized me right away and hugged me. Anyway, Susan, I have no doubt that you and your husband took wonderful care of your mother in her final days and know that she will always be with you all. My sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathies to your entire family in this trying and difficult time.

Daniel Potvin - July 05 at 12:01 PM



“ Doris was a true inspiration in guiding me in my hospitality career. I had the true pleasure and honor to work along side her at the Ramada. My deepest sincere condolences to the entire family and friends. She is already sadly missed.
Ralph Black



Ralph Black - June 09 at 03:37 PM



“ Linda and family, sending our condolences and prayers at this difficult time. You mother was a beautiful lady.
Doug and Carol Stackpole

carol - June 06 at 02:40 PM



“ David,
I'm so sorry for your loss. No matter when or at what age losing a parent is always difficult. After reading the obituary, I realized your Mom helped me with many events at the Ramada. We always worked well together and she was always very helpful and pleasant to work with.
Hugs, Sue Turgeon

Suzanne Turgeon - June 06 at 10:47 AM



“ Linda....prayers of peace and comfort to you and your family.
Sincerely,
Gaylene Weber

Gaylene Weber - June 04 at 11:58 AM



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Funeral Staff - June 03 at 01:21 PM



“ Honored to work with Doris at the Ramada for many years. She was 1 of the most dedicated hard workers I've known. My condolences to all the family.

Cindy - June 05 at 08:44 AM



“ Very honored to have worked with Doris for many years at Ramada....She was the very best! Sending all of the family my condolences

Bud - June 05 at 12:32 PM