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Antoinette Kent, 88

ABINGTON — Antoinette "Toni" (Diani) Kent, 88, of Abington, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, at Pierce Memorial Baptist Home in Brooklyn.

She was the wife of the late Robert A. Kent, who died in 2003. They were married in 1980.

She was born Sept. 12, 1922, in Grafton, Mass., daughter of the late Annibale and Speranza (Cerutti) Diani. Her family moved to Pomfret in 1925 and in 1949 moved to the Abington section of Pomfret.

She graduated from Putnam High in 1941. She worked at the former Russian Bear in Thompson for a short time. Then Toni worked at Lucchesi's Fruit Store until 1958 when she took a position with the Postal Service in Abington, Toni served for more than 29 years as clerk and then postmaster of the Abington Post Office until her retirement in September of 1987.

She was a member of Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret.

Toni enjoyed gardening, baking, and cooking. Her favorite place to visit was Danville, Vt. Toni served for many years on the Town of Pomfret's Planning Commission, the Pomfret Fire District, the Wolf Den Grange Society #61, and was Treasurer of the Abington Social Library. Toni has performed many acts of kindness and works of charity over the years and has been a good friend and neighbor to all the citizens of Pomfret. She

was known as a baker of delicious cakes and cookies. She was proclaimed by the town of Pomfret on May 10, 2002, as being named Antoinette Toni Kent Day. She was a member of the Pomfret Seniors Association. She was recognized by the Connecticut State Grange as one of the Silver Star Builders of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry and as a 50-year member of the Grange she received a Golden Sheaf Certificate. She was a life member of the Woodstock Agricultural Society, active with the Woodstock Fair.

Toni is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her three brothers; Charles, Peter and Marino Diani. Funeral was held Monday, Jan. 3, from Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove St., Putnam, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret St., Pomfret. Calling hours were held Sunday, Jan. 2, at the funeral home. Burial in Abington Cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, I-91 Tech Ctr, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To share a memory with her family "Light a Candle" at www.smithandwalkerfh.com.

Edwin J. Adams, 78

EAST KILLINGLY — Edwin J. Adams, 78, of Chestnut Hill Road, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, at home.

He was born May 3, 1932, son of the late Ernest and Vera (Cameron) Adams.

He was the husband of the late Marie (Hart) Adams who died May 17, 2002.

He is survived by his son, Timothy M. Adams and wife Tina of Hong Kong, China; his daughter, Tammy J. Adams of Dayville; two brothers, Robert Adams of Massachusetts and Chester Adams of Arizona; three grandchildren, Joseph and Joshua Blain and Riley Adam and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins who spent time with him and considered his home their second home.

He was predeceased by his brother, Harold

Adams.

Mr. Adams served on active duty in the Army from 1953-1954.

He was plant manager at Hale Manufacturing where he worked for 32 years until its closing in 1989. He then worked for Spirol International and was last employed at Network Inc. in Dayville for several years until his retirement.

His funeral service was held Tuesday, Jan. 4, in Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St., Danielson. Burial, with full military honors, was in Westfield Cemetery.

Donations in his memory may be made to The Hope Academy at Union Baptist Church, P.O. Box 175, East Killingly, CT 06243.



John Thomas Kempes, 75

DAYVILLE — John Thomas Kempes, 75, of North Main Street, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010, at home.

He was born in Manchester on April 2, 1935, son of the late John George and Marjorie (Stanfield) Kempes.

He worked at Rogers Corporation for 35 years, retiring in 1997.

He was a graduate of Putnam Trade School.

He was the husband of Nancy (Milhomme) Kempes. They were married May 12, 1990.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his chil-

dren, Nicole Belt and husband Josh of Brooklyn, Felicia Johnson and husband Keith of Morrisville, N.C., and Shawn Smith and wife Barbara of Oxford, Penna.; his twin sister, Joan Robbins of Dayville and his granddaughter, Natasha Morgan Belt.

Mr. Kempes served in the Army National Guard for 13 years.

Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St., Danielson directed the arrangements.



Barbara Frances Weaver, 83



THOMPSON — Barbara Weaver, 83, died Dec. 26, 2010, of complications associated with central nervous system lyme disease.

Born in Boston, Mass., on Aug. 29, 1927, her parents were Leo F. Weisse and Nina M. (Durham) Weisse.

She leaves her daughter, Valerie Clark, son-in-law Dave Clark, and grandson Jesse Clark, all of Thompson. She also leaves a sister, Janet Bennett of Boonton, N.J., as well as seven nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, George Weaver, as well as by a brother, Leo Weisse.

Barbara graduated from Jeanne D'Arc Academy in 1945 and later earned a bachelor of arts in mathematics from Radcliffe College. She also held a masters degree in library science from the University of Rhode Island, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in education from Boston University.

In the course of her career, Barbara worked as a photographer at Edgerton, Germanhauser and Greer (EG&G), working directly for "Doc" Edgerton. She participated in the photography of the atomic bomb testing on the Manhattan Project. She also worked for PhotoSwitch, division of the Electronics Corporation of America.

Barbara married George Briggs Weaver Jr. in 1951. During their marriage, she and George built and operated the first purpose-built private road racecourse in America, the Thompson Raceway. Over the course of the track's lifetime, the Weavers established a reputation for providing a combination of challenge, safety, and hospitality for competitors and guests from around the world.

Barbara and George were members of the SCCA (Sports Car Club of America). She and he remain honorary members of the Vintage Sports Car Club of America and are considered pioneers of sports car racing.

Barbara was a pilot, a gourmet cook, sports car enthusiast, an avid knitter (including work with Kaffe Fassett intarsia patterns), as well as a NY Times puzzler. She loved traveling worldwide and eventually visited every state in the United States, and nearly every continent on the planet. She was an open space advocate who enjoyed the beach and the sun, and loved swimming. In her later years, she was a pioneer for aging-in-place, living in her own home until the end of her life.

Barbara's later career was in library services working as head of the Thompson Public Library, director of Library Services for the Connecticut State Library System where she established the Interlibrary Loan System, assistant head of the Central

Massachusetts Regional Library System in Worcester, Mass., instructor at Simmons College, state librarian for the State of New Jersey and state librarian for the State of Rhode Island. She was the state of Rhode Island's first chief information officer and a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

Barbara was also a council member at the International Motor Racing Research Library in Watkins Glen, N.Y., a member of the Thompson Historical Society Board of Directors where she helped create the beautiful Ellen Larned Memorial Museum housed in the original Thompson Library Building and where she headed work on the East Thompson section of the "Echoes of Thompson Volume I" history book. She also was on the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Historical Society, a member of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, president of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies from 1986-1988, a member of the Council of State Library Agencies in the Northeast, on the Board of Directors of the Northeast Document Conservation Center, Chair of the American Library Association ASCLA State Library Agency Section and the Legislative Committee, Editorial Board Member for "The Bottom Line: A Financial Magazine for Libraries," and held the elected position of library director for the Thompson Library. She was one of the original members of the Thompson Together Environmental Group and held many other volunteer positions throughout her career.

She was awarded many significant recognitions including REIMA's Presidential Award in 1998 for outstanding library service, COLA Sweetheart of the Year in 1997, University of Rhode Island GSLIS Distinguished Alumni Award, Trenton YWCA Women in Industry & Government Award, Common Cause of Rhode Island State Governing Board Award and the WHCLIST Bessie B. Moore Award. As well, Barbara had many publications to her credit.

A memorial reception, in celebration of Barbara's life, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Inn at Woodstock Hill, Woodstock.

Please omit flowers. For those wishing to contribute in Barbara's memory:

- International Lyme & Associated Diseases Society (ILADS), P.O. Box 341461, Bethesda, MD 20827-1461; (301) 263-1080; E-mail: contact@ilads.org, ilads.org.

- Thompson Public Library, 934 Riverside Drive (Route 12), North Grosvenordale, CT 06255; (860) 923-9779; <http://thompsonpubliclibrary.org/>

- The International Motor Racing Research Center at Watkins Glen, 610 S. Decatur Street, Watkins Glen, NY 14891-1613; (607) 535-9044; Send e-mail to: research@racingarchives.org, <http://racingarchives.org/>.

Margaret Ann Weiler, 85



GREENE, R.I. — Margaret Ann (Kubay) Weiler, affectionately known as "Geechee," passed away Friday, Dec. 31, at Woodpecker Hill Nursing Home in Greene, R.I., where a loving staff had been caring for her

for the past seven years. She was born in Palm City, Fla., to Ida and Edward Kubay. She was the youngest of five siblings who survived many hard times, but made many happy memories playing amongst the Cabbage Palms.

The children moved to Miami Beach when Margaret was 10, and would remain strongly dedicated to each other even as adults. They were often featured in local papers for their health and longevity due to their devotion of a consistent pattern of healthy living and most importantly their positive outlook on life. Their motto — "What a Kubay Can't Do Can't be Done!"

She married Welton Tyler, who predeceased her, and has two daughters, Terry (Tyler) Fleming and Sharon (Tyler) Hawes. She worked at Jordan Marsh in Miami for 20 years. She worked very hard to raise her daughters as well as helping to raise her oldest grandson, Tommy. After retiring, Margaret moved to Okeechobee, Fla., with her husband, Karl Weiler, where she fulfilled her lifelong dream of owning horses and other animals, her favorite being her Chihuahua Keech. She became an avid barrel racer, and always looked forward to making the grand entry at the Rodeo. She loved to share her passion for horses with her family, and especially her granddaughter Michelle. She had a bumper sticker made for Terry,

which read, "Mom drives this ole car, Michelle rides a new horse!"

She will be remembered for the many successful Kubay family gatherings she held in Okeechobee, where she managed to bring together family from around the country for good times and Geechee's delicious Hungarian cooking. Margaret and Karl later moved to the Bonifay, Fla. area, where she spent time, hours riding with her brother Ed and niece Susie, and carousing with her sister Dot. She and Karl also owned a leather business, which they brought to local flea markets where she passed around her radiant smile to all her customers.

When Karl passed away in 2003, Margaret moved to Connecticut to be with her daughters, but missed Florida and her family there very much. She was a very active lady who strongly believed in eating right and exercising. She loved country music and could dance to all the music a band could play. She also enjoyed arts and crafts, and making holiday decorations for herself and her family.

In addition to her daughters, who both live in Brooklyn, she is survived by her sisters Dorothy Carroll of Bonifay, Fla., and Yola Smith of Lorida, Fla.; her brother Edward Kubay of Monte Verde, Fla.; six grandchildren, Thomas Vincent of Plainfield, Dawn DeOliveira, Michelle Sigfridson, Erika Fleming, and Tyler and Delaney Hawes, all of Brooklyn; five great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter, 2075 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 100 Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

To share a memory with her family "Light a Candle" at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com.

Susan McNally Everson, 65



PUTNAM — Susan McNally Everson, 65, of Five Mile River Road, Putnam, died peacefully Sunday, Jan. 2, at home surrounded by her loving family.

She was the beloved wife of Peter K. Everson. They were married Dec. 23, 1967.

She was born Dec. 11, 1945, at the US Air Force Hospital in Waltham, Mass., daughter of Muriel (Grosvenor) McNally and the late Russell I. McNally, of Scotland, Conn.

She was a graduate of Putnam High School and received her bachelor's degree in child development in 1968 from the University of Connecticut. She taught school in Blytheville, Alaska, while Peter was serving in the US Air Force. They made their home in Kalamazoo, Mich., from 1970 to 1974; then Williamstown, N.J., from 1974 to 1994; and returned to Putnam in 1994 until the present.

Over the years she worked with several child related and civic organizations. She loved to read, enjoyed cooking, crossword

puzzles, sewing, and she especially loved making costumes and birthday cakes for her children. Susan will be remembered as a strong, capable woman, as well as a loving, nurturing homemaker for her family and loved ones.

She leaves her husband and lifelong partner, Peter K. Everson, her sons Benjamin R. Everson and his wife Leanne of Williamstown, NJ; Matthew K. Everson and his wife Christanne of Thorofare, N.J.; her mother Muriel G. McNally and brother Craig McNally of Scotland; sister Diane (Dee) Ross and husband Richard of Hampton; her grandchildren Alexandra, Jordan, Brandon, Jacob and a beloved extended family.

Memorial calling hours will be Saturday, Jan. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 4 p.m. at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. Donations may be made in her memory to the Putnam Public Library, 225 Kennedy Drive, Putnam, CT 06260.

To share a memory with her family, "Light a Candle" at www.smithandwalkerfh.com.

Beatrice E. Boutin, 91

PUTNAM — Beatrice E. Boutin, 91, of Ballou Street, died Dec. 24, 2010, at Day Kimball Hospital.

She lived in Putnam for many years. She and her husband moved to Lincoln, N.H., where they spent their retirement years.

She was the widow of Raymond J. Boutin.

She is survived by her loving children, Barbara Labonte of Putnam, Richard Boutin and his wife, Jeannette of Van Buren, Alaska, Gerald Boutin of Calis, Maine, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Arthur, Paul, Raymond and Leonard Duff, Rita Maynard

and Aurice Beaupre.

Born and raised in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Eva (Rasciot) Duff.

Mrs. Boutin was an inspector for Belding Hemingway in Putnam for 18 years before retiring.

She was a wonderful mother and homemaker.

Funeral and burial were private. Donations in her memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

For online messages of condolence visit andersonwinfield.net.

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104 Church Street, Putnam, CT 06260

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