

Betsy J. (Sherburne) Byrd, age 88, of Shelburne, NH passed away on February 21, 2024, from heart failure, in the arms of her daughter at their California home. She was pre-deceased by her husband Roy E. Byrd, of Roanoke, VA, who worked for the Mount Washington Auto Road, and her only sister, Carole (Sherburne) Harris, of Lee, NH. Betsy was a 1953 graduate of Our Lady of the Mountains Academy in Gorham, NH.

Hired as a secretary by Hut System Manager Bruce Sloat, in 1966, she served AMC for many years, her long tenure marked by her wit, competence, a generous smile and a true caring for colleagues, especially newly hired staff at Pinkham Notch Camp, whom she guided. In September 2023, the OH Association made her an Honorary OH and presented her a beautiful print of Tuckerman Ravine by artist Sally Dinsmore Baldwin (OH) and a citation: “For her decades’ dedication supporting the Hut System, her prowess as lead secretary to successive Huts Managers and other AMC executives, her sparkling office welcome to hutboys of the all-male era who, each on seeing her, wanted to cry *woo-woo!* yet reserved himself, we the grateful OHA Steering Committee, on behalf of hut alums worldwide, do hereby bestow on Betsy Byrd the permanent, irreversible title—meaning she can’t get rid of it—of Honorary OH, *Cum Laud*, with Krummholz Clusters. And may all of us remember, Betsy, that though the nation has had its Madams Secretary of State, of Commerce, of Treasury, of Education, etc., the

White Mountains are blessed with but one MADAM SECRETARY OF HUTS.

‘Tis you, and you are beloved.’

Betsy and Roy loved living in Gorham and Shelburne. Their cross-country adventures with dog Trilby, in their RV, listening to country music, stopping along the way to visit friends and family. brought her many happy memories.

Their daughter Kathryn L. Byrd, born 1954, married Jack Pierce, now deceased. They lived in Citrus Heights, CA and Betsy happily wintered with them. Sunning by the pool was a favorite pastime. Another was spending time with her son, Jarrod C Byrd, born 1968, of Gorham, NH and giggling at his antics.

Betsy will be forever loved and missed by her children and Betsy’s granddaughter, the sunshine of her life Shelby Byrd-Binette, and husband Zach Binette of Gorham, NH; Betsy’s grandson Tristan Byrd, his wife Alexandra Jandreau, and Betsy’s great grandson Raymond, all of Derry NH; her other “daughters,” Jennifer Byrd and Kim Sherburne (OH), and her many nieces and nephews, and friends far and wide. Happy trails, Betsy.

A mass and celebration of life is scheduled for September 2024. Interment will be in the Byrd Family plot in Wheeler Cemetery, Shelburne, NH.