

Maude Noel (Lombard) Grossman (1925 - 2015) Obituary

Maude Noel Lombard Grossman, 90, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, Monday, Dec. 14, 2015. She was sharing stories of her incredible life, joking with the nurses and talking about hospital protocol just days before passing.

Noel was born in Everett, Mass. on Oct. 3, 1925. She graduated from Everett High School, obtained bachelor's degrees in Microbiology and Biochemistry at Tufts University and a Master's Degree at Wellesley College. She went on to teach at Harvard where she met the love of her life, Richard P. Grossman. They were married June 16, 1951 and had three children. She and Richard would take the whole family hiking, camping and on family trips outside the country.

In retirement, Noel and Richard enjoyed many summers on Lake Winnepesaukee, skiing trips to Bretton woods and excursions to Cancun. Noel was an incredibly compassionate, creative and astute woman and had a quirky charisma that one could not help but admire. She was a female scientist in a time when women were not thought capable of such endeavors and she proved many people wrong.

As Director of the State of NH Water Pollution Laboratory, she designed and set up a state of the art lab that became the model for many others. As an instructor at the Concord Hospital School of nursing for 40 years, she touched many nurses' lives. She taught with a dedication and sense of humor such that even on the day she died, one of her previous students heard she was in the hospital came to see her. When the school of nursing closed, Noel went on to obtain a degree in Nutrition, became a registered dietitian and a Red Cross Instructor. She was an American Dietetic Assn., and NH Dietetic Assn. member in addition to a member of Sigma XI. TOPS Chapter NH4 was a staple in Noel's life, the members her companions in both losing weight and simply enjoying life's ups and downs.

Machine embroidery at Sue's became her creative outlet, where once again she forged lifelong friendships while sewing and enjoying hot fudge. To the very end Noel was swimming in Lake Winnepesaukee, feeding the birds, and sharing her life with her kitty Fluffy and her many good friends.

Noel is survived by her three children, Leslie Steenbeke and husband, Raymond, Richard C. Grossman and his wife, Nancy and Dr. Nancy L. Grossman and her husband, Mark Schmitz; three loving grandchildren, Richard Grossman, Elisabeth Ellis and Collin Schmitz; and three great-grandchildren