

Paula Whitney Wood

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Text: Paula Whitney Wood, 84 years old, died June 25 2024, Topsham, Maine

Paula was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on November 16, 1939, the daughter of Paul C. Whitney and Ruth Gayton Whitney of Belmont, where Paula grew up and attended public schools. Following high school she attended Mount Holyoke College, where she soon met the man who would become her husband, David V. V. Wood, a student at nearby Amherst College. The two were married shortly after her graduation with a degree in chemistry, and both began federal civil service jobs in Washington D.C. Dave was commissioned in the US Coast Guard in 1962, and the couple moved to Sitka, Alaska for a two year assignment; their first son, Kenneth (now of Winchester, MA) was born there a month after they arrived. Two other sons, Geoffrey (now of Mt. Desert, Maine) and Peter (now of Amherst, MA) arrived in the ensuing years as Dave changed Coast Guard assignments.

Once the kids were all in school, Paula took Montessori training and in 1976 she founded the Montessori School of Wayland, Massachusetts, where the family had moved the previous year. They settled in Newport, RI after Dave's retirement in 1992, and lived there until 2014, singing in the Swanhurst Chorus and doing considerable traveling-to Europe, and to Australia and New Zealand, before moving to The Highlands retirement community in Topsham, Maine. This put them close to Paula's family cottage on Peaks Island, and to Dave's family camp on lower Sysladobsis Lake in Lakeville, Maine.

Paula is survived by her husband, their three sons, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

0164944 Mrs. Paula W. Wood
Birth Name: Paula R Whitney
Deceased Date: 06/25/24 Reunion Class(es): 1961

Last Address of Deceased: (Preferred Address)
29 Frost Ln
Topsham, ME 04086-1453
Address Chapters:
1510-CENTRAL MAINE CLUB

Relations...:
Wood, Geoffrey - Son
- Source: RLA
Wood, Kenneth - Son
- Source: RLA
Wood, Peter - Son
- Source: RLA
Whitney, Paul C.(Whitney) - Parent
- Source: PAR
Mason, Ellie A. - Step Granddaughter
- Source: FAP
Wood, David V. - Widow(er)
- Source: RLA

Employment

Employer	Start Date	End Date	Position
H&R Block	01/01/93	12/31/96	Tax Preparer
Montessori School Of Wayland	06/01/76	06/30/85	Director/Teacher
Tidewater Montessori	01/01/73	12/31/75	Teacher
US National Bureau Of Standard	01/01/61	12/31/62	Chemist

Volunteer

Organization	Start Date	End Date	Role
Class of 1961	07/01/05	06/30/06	Reunion Gift Caller

Education

Institution	Degree	Date Rcvd
Mount Holyoke College	AB	06/01/61