

Eleanor Bisbee, 74; visitation Sunday

Eleanor Bisbee, 74, of Smyrna, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, at Carteret General Hospital combating cancer.

Eleanor will be sorely missed by her husband, Frederick; her daughter, Sarah; her sons, David, Daniel and Steven; her grandchildren, Olivia, Lilian, Cameron, Chase and McVey; her brother, Richard Morse; and the many other friends and relatives her life has touched so meaningfully. Sadie and Maggie will also miss walking by her side and watching the tides flow in and out of Middens Creek.

Before an active retirement as proprietor of The Nature Corner gift shop in Smyrna and as a founding member and key supporter of the Down East Library, Eleanor had a 40-year career as a registered nurse, serving the communities of the Susquehanna Valley in Pennsylvania in both care giving and administrative roles. Eleanor and Fred raised their children on Hideaway Farm near Selinsgrove, Pa., where she passed along the values of hard work and responsibility she acquired during her own childhood on a farm in the Catskill Mountains of New York.

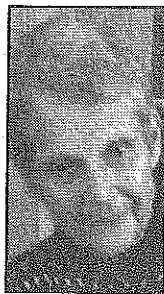
Her favorite adventures included travels to Australia, Costa Rica and Scotland and kayaking along the Crystal Coast. Her knitting expertise is on display in the wardrobes of family members small, medium and large, and she will be remembered as an inspiration to all those who took her water aerobics class.

Eleanor was born Jan. 8, 1940, to Olive and A. Buell Morse in Jewett, N.Y., and was valedictorian of her high school class. She lived in New York City for a time and graduated from Cornell School of Nursing before meeting and fulfilling the dreams of a young man searching for a caring and loving woman with whom he could start and raise a family. For half a century, they shared countless blessings.

The family will host a visitation with friends and neighbors from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the family house, 180 Whitehurst Road, Smyrna. A memorial service will be held for friends and family in Pennsylvania.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Eleanor M. Bisbee to Carteret General Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 1619, Morehead City, N.C. 28577 or via the CGH Foundation website to support the cancer center.

Arrangements are by Munden Funeral Home and Crematory Inc. of Morehead City. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.mundenfunerahome.net.



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