



Mrs. Agnes M. Thompson

March 18, 1929 - December 5, 2020

LENOX, MA—Agnes Moore Thompson, 91, died on December 5, 2020, in Lenox, MA, while in isolation and under care for COVID-19. Family held her in their thoughts with the heart-wrenching hope she felt their love.

Agnes was born on March 18, 1929 in North Adams, MA, to Charles Jacob Moore and Helen Langham Moore. She grew up, a cheerful child, on several upstate NY dairy farms, the last being the popular Langmore Farm and Dairy Bar, Clums Corners, NY. In 1946 she graduated from Averill Park High School, Averill Park, NY, where she excelled in math and science. In 1947 Agnes, undeterred by mid-century gender roles, enrolled at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, to pursue a BS in Chemical Engineering. At the award of her 1951 diploma, she was among the earliest women to graduate from that institution.

Agnes met her husband, John (Jack) R. Thompson, Jr., a fellow RPI student, on her 18th birthday. They married on February 3, 1951 at the St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church in Troy, NY. Accepting jobs in New York City, Agnes an engineering position in the Manhattan, NY, offices of Cluett Peabody, the newly married couple settled in Queens, NY. Agnes held her engineering post until the birth of their first daughter. She and Jack enjoyed raising three girls, Amy, Maureen and Lesliejohn, in a home filled with love, laughter, books, music and art.

Work opportunities landed Agnes and Jack in Ossining, NY, Towanda, PA, and Clums Corners, NY, during their long and happy marriage. While in Pennsylvania, Agnes reentered the workforce as an educator. She earned an MS in Education from Elmira College, Elmira, NY and taught advanced mathematics at Towanda High School, Towanda, PA, and Tamarac Middle and High School, Troy, NY. She retired from teaching in 1985. As a reflection of her ability to foster passion for math and convey genuine interest in her students, many maintained contact with her after her retirement. She was also active in the New York State Retired Teachers Association and held officer positions in her local chapter.

Retired, Agnes and Jack, always a tight team, self-trained as cyclists and took part in US and European bicycle tours. They became avid campers and went on extended cross-country trips throughout the United States. They visited all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii. At home they gardened and raised several Bouvier de Flanders—most of them named Andre. Agnes took pride in fostering a close family dynamic so, in her later years, her daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren were an important part of her life. Long, informative phone calls and funny texts were frequent; visits were often. Two of her great-grandchildren inherited her mathematical proclivity, and that tickled her.

In 2004, Agnes and Jack moved to Lenox, MA, making Kimball Farms Retirement Community their last home.

Agnes was a brilliant, thoughtful, and resolutely independent woman. Aside from her prodigious skill in mathematics, she had talents in music, having taught piano for several years, cooking, computing, and encouraging orchids, a favorite flower, to bloom. She was an avid non-fiction reader and had a fantastic ability to understand and discuss a wide spectrum of complex subjects.

Agnes is predeceased by her husband and a grandson, Jacob Loucka. Carrying forward wonderful memories of Agnes are her daughters and their husbands, Amy Thompson West and Nils Westerlund, Las Cruces, NM, Maureen and Tom Phillips, Ashland, OR, and Lesliejohn and Jim Roche, Lenox, MA. Grandchildren are Gretchen (Loucka) Harris, Tucker Roche, Magda Rose (Phillips) Paz and Trevin Philips. Her great grandchildren, many of whom got to know their great grandmother, are Lupin and Escher Paz, Aymeric, Audrey and Agatha Harris, and Mae and Margot Phillips.

Agnes' family and friends will fete her for many years to come, for she was a unique lady. In the coming year family will celebrate her accomplished and beautiful life at private ceremonies in Lenox, MA, and at her favorite ocean-side spot in Bar Harbor, ME. In remembrance of Agnes' life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to the Berkshire Humane Society, <http://berkshirehumane.org/>, or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Amy, Maureen, Lesliejohn and your families. We just found out about your Mom and my heart is heavy. Besides being my godparents, I treasured the times I was able to spend with your Mom and Dad: in Medusa, at your house in Troy and PA, and visiting them in Lenox. I loved receiving the hand designed Christmas cards every year. We live in Topsham, Maine, now and would be honored to attend a ceremony in Bar Harbor when you have one. If you don't have my contact info, you can reach me on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). There must be a wild, musical celebration in heaven this holiday season. Much sympathy and love,
Jeannie Roulet Minchak



Jeannie - December 24, 2020 at 09:05 AM

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“ Lesliejohn Roche lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Agnes M. Thompson



lesliejohn roche - December 09, 2020 at 08:00 AM

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“ Dear Lesliejohn, Gretchen and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Your
Mother/Grandmother certainly lived a full life,
living 91 years on this earth. I know how hard
it is to say goodbye to a loved one who has
been in our lives for so long. Sending prayers for peace and comfort
in the days ahead. May all the beautiful memories sustain you as
you walk this road. God bless.

Sincerely,

BeckyKnox (retired grade 3 teacher)



Rebecca Knox - December 08, 2020 at 02:24 PM

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“ I met Agnes about 25 years ago. She was full of life and so happy to be spending time with her family. One of my first memories was at Tucker’s third birthday party and how happy and proud she was of him; her face lit up the room while watching him enjoy his special day. Over the years, I have had many fond memories, but in the most recent years, I was able to spend one to one time visiting with her for hours on end. Being with Agnes was like being in therapy. We shared so many memories of lives ups and downs over an iced cup of coffee or her favorite mocha chip ice cream sundae (with whipped cream.) Not only was she a great listener, but she was an amazing storyteller. She shared with me how she met her husband Jack for the first time on the old steps of RPI in Troy. That first day was the beginning of the rest of their lives. Agnes said that their love blessed them with three beautiful daughters that brought them so much love and happiness. Agnes adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren immensely. I will always remember and cherish Agnes for her kind heart, amazing advice, positive energy and encouragement forever.

Sending my love and deepest sympathy to your family from mine during this very difficult time.

Sincerely, Nancy Allen Hanson ❤️🙏❤️

Nancy Hanson - December 07, 2020 at 11:17 PM