



Jane Rainie Opel

June 8, 1928 - April 16, 2013

Jane Rainie Opel, 84, of Gilford, New Hampshire and Tallahassee, Florida died at home of bladder cancer on April 16, 2013.

Jane was born June 8, 1928, in Lowell, Massachusetts, the daughter of Harrison and Alice (Bateson) Rainie.

Jane graduated from Winchester, Massachusetts High School in 1946 and Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1950. She also earned a certificate in business administration from the Harvard-Radcliffe Program in Business Administration in 1951. Jane was married to Wayne N. Opel of Leavenworth, Kansas for 46 years, who pre-deceased her in 2002.

Jane worked at Radcliffe College, first as Director of Reunions from 1975 to 1978 and then as Executive Director of the Radcliffe College Alumnae Association from 1978 to 1994, a job she truly loved and an institution she cared passionately about.

For most of her life, Jane summered at Lake Winnepesaukee in Gilford, New Hampshire, a special place that has been part of her family's life since she was a little girl.

In her retirement years, she enjoyed painting in both New Hampshire and

Florida and participated in writing and poetry groups in Florida. Most of all, she enjoyed her retirement years with her grandchildren, Winni (age 8) and Jasper (age 4). She was especially proud of her other two granddaughters, Rainie (21), a sophomore at Harvard, and Annie (18), who will be a freshman at Harvard in the fall.

Survivors include her two sons, Andy Opel of Tallahassee, Florida, and Mark Opel of Lebanon, New Jersey, her grandchildren Winni, Jasper, Rainie and Annie, and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her brother, Harrison McKinley (Mac) Rainie.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00pm on Monday April 22nd at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee for local family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, PO Box 766, Centre Harbor, NH 03226, (www.lrct.org), an organization dedicated to the protection of the lake and region Jane loved so much.

Previous Events

Service

APR **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
211 North Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32301