

Doris E. Osborn

MARLBOROUGH — Doris E. Osborn, 79, of Marlborough and Palm Harbor, Fla., formerly of Bolton and Acton, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at the Whittier Rehab Hospital in Westborough. She was the wife of the late Abraham “Abe” Osborn, who died in 1995.

She was born in Arlington on Oct. 12, 1927, the daughter of Warren and Virginia Hartwell. Mrs. Osborn grew up in Acton, graduating from Acton High School in 1945. She received her teaching degree from Bridgewater State Teachers College in 1949.

Mrs. Osborn taught elementary school in Concord at the Peter F. Buckley School, and at the Douglas School in Acton.

Later she moved to California with her husband and was stepmother to his four children. She and her husband traveled the country extensively, visiting almost every national park. She continued her love for travel following her husband’s death, even venturing abroad.

Mrs. Osborn enjoyed reading, movies and corresponding with friends all over the states.

She was a founding member of the Mermaid Club at the Wayside Pool in Marlborough.

Mrs. Osborn volunteered in Florida, California, and Massachusetts at local libraries, hospitals, the Cancer society and the Tarpon Springs Cultural Center in Florida.

She is survived by two daughters, Laurie Andrews and her husband Peter of Groton, and Wendy Whitman of Ayer; five granddaughters; a great-granddaughter; her stepsons, Abraham “Skip” Osborn and Geoffrey Osborn; stepdaughters, Lori Osborn, and Anne Osborn in California; a sister, Phyllis Rich of Vernon, Conn.; her former husband, Ralph K. Peterson; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was also the sister of the late David Hartwell.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3 at the Pepperell Christian Fellowship., 17 Main St., Pepperell.

For those who wish, in lieu of flowers, contributions in Mrs. Osborn’s memory may be made to the Pepperell Christian Fellowship, P.O. Box 192, Pepperell, MA 01463, or the Women’s Alliance at the Unitarian Church, Foster Street, Littleton, MA 01460.

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