



Another one of our dear elders has passed on. Avis Howells died on Wednesday, March 15th at Tall Pines Nursing Home. She was 97 years old. She was a wonderful lady and although her body was crippled with rheumatoid arthritis, she always had a smile to greet any visitor and always had questions about what was going on at First Church. Many know of her for the fact that the First Church Wreath Project began on her mother's kitchen table at the house where she resided for many years, right down the street from the church at the corner of Court and Pearl Streets. There will be a memorial service sometime in June when her family can gather here. Please keep her and all those who loved her in your prayers. She will surely be missed.

BELFAST - Avis Holmes Howells passed away March 15, 2017 at the age of 97. Born in Belfast on May 31, 1919, she was the youngest daughter of Evelyn Morison Holmes and Clyde B. Holmes, Sr. She graduated from Crosby High School and attended Connecticut College where she met her husband, William B. Howells, a student at Wesleyan University. Mr. Howells died in 1987.

Avis was an antiques dealer for over 35 years, specializing in Shaker, early American furniture and Canton china. When her husband retired, they moved back to her childhood home in Belfast and he joined her in the business. A long-time member of Travelers Club, Avis was also a member of the First Church in Belfast, where for 30 years she was active in the Wreath Project and 8 O'Clock Club. She is survived by daughters Rebecca Ann Todd, Laurelyn H. Northrup and husband Robert; son William G. Howells; four grandchildren: Eric, Carah, Teresa and Chris; 11 great-grandchildren; nephews Tim Hazeltine with wife Sandy, Brian Hazeltine with wife Kathy, Clyde Holmes with wife Maina, Michael Holmes; and niece Candace Sigerson.

Avis' memorial service will be Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 2:00pm at The First Church in Belfast.

The family wishes to thank the staff of The Commons at Tall Pines for their loving care and the many family and friends whose visits meant so very much to mum. In her memory, donations may be made to the First Church in Belfast, UCC, 8 Court St. Belfast, Maine 04915 or Waldo County General Hospital, 118 Northport Ave., Belfast, Maine 04915.

Arrangements are under the care of Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.ripostafh.com.