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SEARSPORT — Elizabeth Jane Lovett passed away peacefully at home Jan. 15, 2022, surrounded by her family, 21 days before her 100th birthday.

BJ was born in Springfield, Mass., Feb. 9, 1922, the daughter of Anna (Williston) and Paul L. Wood. She graduated from Ludlow High School and worked briefly at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield before enlisting in the Navy during World War II. She was one of the first group of women to serve as

Waves, completing her basic training in Boston, and serving as a storekeeper 1st class while stationed in Key West, Fla. In 2019, she traveled with Honor Flight Maine to Washington, D.C., a highlight of her naval career.

On Oct. 19, 1946, BJ married Robert E. Lovett, built a home in Ludlow, and went on to raise six children. She worked at the Horseman's Yankee Peddler newspaper, and then served as administrative assistant at the First Congregational Church in Ludlow. After retirement, she built a home in Searsport, near her sister and brother, overlooking Penobscot Bay.

She had a special love of music, and encouraged the same in her children, and often used her love of needlepoint to recognize a special family occasion. She loved traveling, was an avid reader and spent much of her time hosting family during their regular visits.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Bob; her son, Mark; her brother, Brud; and her sister-in-law, Betty.

She is survived by her sister, Fritzie Walker, and sister-in-law Karlin Wood of Seminole, Fla.; her children David (Jackie) of Utah, Jayne of Massachusetts, Sally (Patrick Lonergan) of Oregon, Robert (Ellen) of Massachusetts, and Nancy (Lester) Burlingame of Massachusetts; her grandchildren, Kate (Christian) Scampoli and Christopher Lovett (Amber) of Massachusetts, Nash and Sarah Lovett (Steven Vargo) of Utah, whom she held dear. She was also "GG" to great-grandchildren Morgan and Brooke Scampoli, and was beloved by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the First Congregational Church in Ludlow, Mass., with burial following. A celebration of life will be held this summer at the Searsport home. Arrangements are with Young Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Searsport. Memories and condolences may be expressed at mitchelltweedie-young.com.