

Big Moose Community Chapel
2024 Memorial Service
Sunday, August 11, 2024

July 6, 2023

Elizabeth “Betsy” Vander Veer Casscells

“Grandma Betsy” was married to her husband Dave for 62 years, mother to 2 daughters, grandmother to 5 grandchildren, and great-grandmother to 2 great-grandchildren. A very talented crafter and seamstress, she devoted time endlessly to giving back to the community. Her love of summers at Big Moose Lake and community involvement was endless.

August 31, 2023

Nancy Schroeder Carpenter

As part of a family tradition, Nancy vacationed on Big Moose Lake with her husband David and their three children since the late 1960’s. They enjoyed many summers as guests at Covewood Lodge. In later years, she and David stayed with their daughter Sara, and son-in-law John at their camp on Crag Point. Nancy treasured her summer visits to the lake, and especially valued the time with family. Big Moose continues to be a favorite gathering place for the Carpenter children and extended families.

December 12, 2023

Donald Edward Lux

Donald Lux was born in 1928 and made his first trip to Big Moose the same year. He met his wife, Marylou Strack while working at her family’s summer resort, The Higby Club. They were married here in the Big Moose Community Chapel. Don enjoyed two happy marriages; his second wife was Gloria Armstrong. He was an artist whose talents were shared here at the lake. For those who remember, he painted the murals in the Higby Club Play House, and his drawings on the balsam pillows and greeting cards of the Chapel were used for decades. His happiest moments were with family and friends on Big Moose Lake.

December 23, 2023

Leslie James Knox, Jr

As one of the auspicious Adirondack 46’ers, Les hiked all the high peaks through year-round weather. An avid traveler, he and Nelle traveled to all 7 continents. Peaceful summers were enjoyed on Big Moose Lake, spending time with family and friends.

December 24, 2023

William P Burrows

Since building his beloved camp on Crag Point in 1970, Bill summered at Big Moose Lake. He enjoyed doing most of the finish work on his camp, building a lean-to with his sons, canoeing, and fishing. Bill treasured his family and lake friends. He was actively involved in community service both here and in Syracuse, N.Y. Bill served as past President and Trustee of Big Moose Chapel, legal counsel to the Big Moose Property Owners Association, and President, Crag Point Road Association. Bill and his beloved wife Ann leave an inspiring legacy in legal, social and family affairs.

January 24, 2024

Jane Nathalie Atwood Barlow

Jane lived an exceptional life devoted to education, writing, and archaeology. She enjoyed summers on Big Moose Lake starting in the 1950s. She served as Editor-In-Chief and an author of the 2004 award-winning *Big Moose Lake in the Adirondacks: The Story of the Lake, the Land and the People*. For twenty years, Jane participated in the Cornell excavation in Cyprus, and she was Associate Director of the Cornell Expedition there.

March 25, 2024

Ruth Ferris Merrill

Mother to Karen and Kristen Schunck, Ruth was a dedicated educator, teaching 27 years in the Syracuse City School District. Her summers were spent on the St. Lawrence River with family and friends. Serving her church and her community were important aspects in Ruth's life, and she instilled those same values in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ruth enjoyed visiting her family on Big Moose Lake and worshipping with us in The Big Moose Community Chapel.

April 7, 2024

Stephen G. Kutsko

A Big Moose Station summer resident, raised in Rome, NY. Stephen served honorably in the US Army during the Vietnam War. Athletic, he was an expert downhill skier, nature photographer, accomplished tennis player, and Adirondack History buff. His love of hiking the Adirondack Peaks and trails was extensive, as was his love of kayaking. Stephen proudly joined the Big Moose Canoe Crew on many excursions.

April 7, 2024

Russell William “Bill” Matthews

A 50-year summer resident of Eagle Bay, Bill passed away at age 77, on the ski slopes of Utah. He especially loved the Adirondacks where the Matthews had a lakefront cottage in Eagle Bay. Bill and his own young family spent 50 summers in the mountains, where Bill served as the director of the horseback riding program at the YMCA Camp Gorham in Big Moose, NY. His calm and gentle teaching techniques were instrumental in introducing countless children to the joys of horseback riding.

May 19, 2024

Remington Hazard Rimato

Beloved son of Susan Hazard Rimato, brother of Rex Rimato, and nephew of Jeanne Selander Miller. Remy was born on October 6, 1988, and died unexpectedly on May 19, 2024. He loved the outdoors whether he was in the Adirondack Mountains of New York or at the ocean in Vero Beach, Florida. He was an avid surfer and an accomplished fisherman. His love of music came naturally from his father, singer and songwriter, Robert Hazard. Remy was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

July 26, 2024

Konstance Anne McCaffree

Konnie and her partner John Deasy camped and hiked all over the central Adirondacks in the 1980s, rented on Big Moose in the 90s, and settled on Twitchell Lake 25 years ago. Konnie is remembered by scores of friends, colleagues, and students as an exceptional educator, social scientist, and trainer of a series of beloved German Shepherds who achieved national ranking in their agility trials.