

Big Moose Community Chapel
2025 Memorial Service
Sunday, August 10, 2025

July 13, 2024

Guy Philip Ellsworth

Born in Michigan in 1937, Guy's parents moved to Big Moose where he grew up in the Ellsworth house on Big Moose Road. His parents were charter members of the Big Moose Community Chapel in 1931. Despite moving to Texas, Guy continued to enjoy his love for outdoor recreation and rescuing wild animals.

August 28, 2024

Karen Lee

Karen Burgess Lee was well-known to everyone as the Old Forge Library's librarian. She and her Forest Ranger husband moved to Inlet's Limekiln area in the 1966. Karen was the first female police officer in the town of Inlet. Heavily involved in all sorts of activities in the communities of both Inlet and Old Forge, Karen was a private but determined force.

September 5, 2024

George Rote

Longtime owner of the Glenmore boathouse, George raised his family of three girls with wife Patricia. Renovations of the living quarters were a labor of love as George worked to create a fall hunting club and explore his hobbies of woodworking, snowmobiling and golfing. Predeceased by Patty, George eventually remarried and sold the boathouse. He and wife Dorothy had another camp right next door where they continued to enjoy Big Moose with their blended family and grandkids.

September 29, 2024

Scott D Bennett

Beloved son of Doug and Bonnie Bennett, Scott lived his formative years here in Big Moose, developing his culinary and hotel management expertise serving the community. Scott loved his wife, children and grandchildren more than anything in this world. Brandishing a huge heart and an empathetic soul, Scott was particularly attentive to humanitarian causes.

October 13, 2024

John J Evans

Longtime owner of Adirondack Saddle Tours, in Eagle Bay, John touch many lives through his horseback riding passion. His idea for a train robbery enactment was a popular tourist attraction in Thendara for several years. So many people loved riding his horses, and the trail ride to Cascade Lake was a local favorite. John helped many veterans and

handicapped children to discover pieces of themselves they never could have without a horse.

October 28, 2024

Joyce Wightman

In the 1950's, Joyce found summer employment at the Waldheim, where she was the first of three generations of Wightmans to work at the resort. She met her husband, Henry Wightman, Jr, at Big Moose, and would spend summers at the family's North Shore camp with their family. She enjoyed many crafts but Quilting was her greatest passion that included opening a shop that sold supplies and offered classes. Many family members and friends continue to enjoy her handiwork.

December 1, 2024

Jeannen Warn Pearson

Dear friend and neighbor of Olga Adams, Jeannen was a caring and friendly soul known for her delicious baked goods and who was always willing to lend a helping hand. She particularly enjoyed visiting Big Moose Chapel when she came to the lake.

December 3, 2025

Robert D. Wilson

Beloved husband to wife, Jane, for 48 years. Following a 28 year career at General Electric, in 2007 Bob & Jane moved into one of the Lakeview camps year-round. Bob drove the boat for waterski shows for many years, and then passed it on to Cindy Munsell as he grew older.

January 3, 2025

Cheryl Holmes

Longtime dedicated volunteer to the Big Moose Chapel, Cheryl served as Trustee and Bazaar Chairperson. A passionate kayaker and rower, Cheryl loved to explore the shores of Big Moose Lake. When not exploring the world, Cheryl was a dedicated quilter. Husband Hap Holmes, and multiple children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews cherish memories of her going above and beyond for those she loved.

January 12, 2025

Ellen Levis Wilcox

Over the years, her students from her time as an elementary school teacher for 30 years, customers of the Old Forge Hardware Knitting Room, and friends from school days to Big Moose Lake were blessed to experience Ellen's gifts. However, there is no one more

blessed than her family who got to experience Ellen as a Mom (or Grandma) her greatest gift and always her "most favorite job". Being around Ellen always brought a sense of comfort to others.

June 10, 2025

Elizabeth Mae (Jarvis) Dudley

Raised in Big Moose by parents Ted and Harriet Jarvis, who ran the Deerhead Inn for several years, Elizabeth married husband William Dudley in the Big Moose Community Chapel in June of 1957. As a nurse she served in a variety of locations including New York, California, Germany, Okinawa (Japan) and Maryland. She enjoyed reading the Big Moose Chapel Newsletter to keep abreast of the community.