

2011 Morsels of News

2011 was a year of many changes in the Morse family, presenting the great joys of new births and the farewell sorrows accepting death. On their 69th wedding anniversary, August 6th, 2011, Betty and Dutch moved to an assisted care facility called The Birches in Concord, NH. The Birches specializes in dementia care. 2011 presented some health challenges for Betty. She has recovered fully from partial hip replacement surgery and now is happy in her new home at the Birches. Dutch had been adjusting to his new home less than two months when a series of heart attacks led to his passing. He died on September 22nd. His obituary and details about the upcoming memorial celebration are on the reverse of this newsletter. Son Chris adds: "We were able to do

many things with Dad in 2011, we got him to two Fisher Cats baseball games, I got him out trout fishing and he caught a nice one, he attended several meals at the Ragged dining hall, and he enjoyed swimming in the Ragged pond. It was challenging getting Mom to things as she was recovering from hip surgery but we were able to have Mom and Dad celebrate the 4th of July together at their Ragged home with a salmon dinner."

Son Chris and Maureen continue to live in Grafton, NH. Maureen is a licensed MSW for Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association. Chris teaches Art at Mascoma High School and is the Director of an enrichment program, Experiencing the Arts. Chris' daughter, Kendra Morse, is now enjoying her junior year at Holderness School with a challenging schedule of advanced placement and honors courses. She plays field hockey, ice hockey and is goalie on lacrosse. Barrett Morse is an 8th grader maintaining honor roll grades, playing football and loving his music. He made the All State Band with his bass guitar and also plays trumpet and guitar.

Daughter Sooze and her husband, John Hodgson, report: "On January 11, our first grandchild, Owen Michael Erik Anderson, was born to Emily and Dave. Owen has been walking for a few months now, has become enthusiastically pre-verbally vocal, and is a very happy, happy boy. He made his first trip to Ragged in August and enjoyed himself immensely. Dave and Emily look forward to bringing him back for many summers to come. Dave began a new job teaching high school Biology at Animo Charter High School in Venice, CA. He keeps his students very busy has already taken them on several whale watching and fishing field trips. Emily has presented papers at a few conferences (including one in England, with five-month-old Owen in tow); she is back to full-time teaching at USC now after a spring of maternity leave. This June, Michael and Kristin became homeowners. They and their French bulldog, Bogart, have moved out of the big city to Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. Kristin works at Teach for America. Kristin and Michael are now expecting their first child,

due in July. In early February Sooze, out for her typical pre-dawn run, fell on a patch of black ice and broke her leg just above the ankle. It was a nasty break, requiring surgical stabilization, and it handicapped her severely for quite some time. Fortunately, she has now made a good recovery."

Son Tom and his wife Nancy are happy and healthy. Nancy retired from teaching in June, and Tom is still practicing law in Concord. Their very happy news is the birth of their first grandchild, Jen and Patrick's son, Gavin, who was born on 9/10/11, a neat birthday. Nancy spent a month with them in California after he was born. He is an adorable baby. Son Chris and his lovely lady, Jen Dillon, are engaged to be married on June 30th; and they are both busy in the Pittsburgh area working on theater and production projects.



From left: Dutch, Tom, Nancy, Betty, John, Sooze, Paisley the dog, Chris, Maureen



A Celebration of the life of Mayland H. Morse Jr.

Sunday, July 15th from 1 P.M. to around 4 P.M..

Join us for an afternoon event with memorabilia and friends celebrating the life of Mayland H. Morse Jr. Refreshments and goodies to eat will be served. It will be at his home at 42 Lower Ridge Road East, Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club, Andover, NH, 03216. Please, RSVP to tell us how many of you will join us and to request directions, contact Christopher Morse, oculuspress@yahoo.com Thank you!



MAYLAND H. MORSE, JR.

ANDOVER - Mayland Herbert ("Dutch") Morse, Jr., 91, of Lower Ridge Road, Ragged Mountain Fish & Game Club, Andover and earlier of Concord, died Thursday, September 22, 2011 at The Birches of Concord.

Dutch was born August 18, 1920, in Cambridge, Mass., the only son of Atty. Mayland H. Morse, Sr. and Helen (Webb) Morse. He grew up in Concord, graduating from Concord High School in 1937 where he was very active in youth sports. He then completed a post graduate year at The Holderness School in Plymouth, a year he always said changed his life. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1942. At Bowdoin, he was a member of DKE fraternity, and a three-sport athlete, quarterback of the football team, captain of the hockey team, and on varsity tennis.

On August 6, 1942, he married his childhood sweetheart Elizabeth ("Betty") Slaker of Scarborough-on-Hudson, NY, whom he had originally met when they both were the age of 12 at a garden party given in Concord by Betty's sister Eleanor Hollis and her husband Atty. Franklin Hollis.

After marrying, Dutch went on to law school starting at Yale Law School when World War Two intervened. He served in the Army Air Corps as a pilot-instructor based in Albany, GA, where he taught French cadets to fly the B-25 bomber.

Following his Honorable Discharge from the service in 1945 as a Captain, he completed his law degree at Columbia. Moving to Concord, he joined his father's law firm which was then known as Morse, Hall and Morse, which firm would later become Hall, Morse, Anderson, Miller & Spinella, PA. Dutch practiced law at this firm until 1988, when he and Betty relocated to Andover, and he opened there a sole "country law practice," where he continued helping people well into his eighties. He served the bar as a judicial special master of the NH Superior Court for many years, and in 1991 was the recipient of the NH Bar Association's President's Award for Distinguished Service.

Active in many organizations, Dutch was a past president of Concord Rotary Club and was a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. He was a 33rd Degree Mason, and his extensive Masonic service included memberships in Eureka Lodge in Concord beginning in 1952, and later at Kearsarge Lodge and Grand Lodge of NH. He was Grand Master for NH in 1984-85. He served terms on the boards of Concord Public Library, Concord Hospital, and Colby-Sawyer College; and for 18 years was chairman of the board of trustees for Holderness School. He was a past president of Family Services of Concord, and the Ragged Mountain Fish & Game Club. He chaired the Concord chapter of the Red Cross and the NH chapters of Bowdoin College Capital Campaign and the National Ice Hockey Officials Association.

He was a past director of the former Lakeport National Bank of Laconia, and was an incorporator and director of the Indian Head National Bank of Concord, before that bank merged with Fleet, and later Bank of America. He was a past director and corporate secretary of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Beede Electrical Instrument Company, Inc.

Dutch was actively involved in The Episcopal Church, serving as vestryman and Clerk of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Concord, and later as Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of NH spanning the tenures of three bishops.

He enjoyed the outdoors, and the activities at the Ragged club, including hunting, fishing, tennis, skating and skiing even into his eighties. He also reveled in his membership in The Snowshoe Club of Concord. He had hiked all the 4000-foot mountains in NH. Along the way, he loved his succession of dogs, and often said they would all greet him wagging their tails if he made it to heaven. The family imagines he is walking with his dogs now.

Dutch is survived by his wife of 69 years, Betty, his three children, Atty. Thomas W. Morse of Concord, Dr. Elizabeth S. Hodgson of Princeton, NJ, and Christopher H. Morse of Grafton; and by four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, one great grandchild and one step-great-grandchild.

There are no calling hours. A service of celebration of his life will be held at a later date in 2012 at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Dutch's name may be made to The Holderness School, P.O. Box 1879, Plymouth, NH 03264, or to Ragged Mountain Fish & Game Club Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 1838, New London, NH 03257.