

GRACE SIBLEY HATCH PERKINS

Obituary

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BANGOR - Grace Perkins, 103, died July 7, 2012, at a Bangor health care facility. She was born Grace Sibley Hatch, June 23, 1909, at Head of the Tide, Belfast, to Irene Russell Sibley Hatch and Willis Sherman Hatch. She attended a one-room schoolhouse, Head of the Tide School, through the eighth grade. She then graduated from William G. Crosby High School in 1925 and was valedictorian of the graduating class. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bates College in 1930, with honors in English. Grace Hatch and Norman C. Perkins were married June 6, 1936, at First Church, Belfast. Mr. Perkins was a coach and instructor at Colby College and longtime coach and administrator in the Bangor School System. He passed away in 1990. Mrs. Perkins taught school for many years. Her first position was at Crosby High School, from 1930 to 1936, where she taught English and Latin. She was an instructor at Husson College in the English Department from 1964 until her retirement in 1973. Prior to Husson she taught English at Fifth Street Junior High School. Graduate work included courses at Colby College and the University of Maine. She also was enrolled in a master's program at the University of Maine from 1969 to 1973. She was active in many associations. Her affiliation with the American Association of University Women included terms as president of the Waterville and Bangor branches, as well as president of the state of Maine division. She was a member of Society of Mayflower Descendants, Huguenot Society, Frances Dighton Williams Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society Magna Carta Dames, Athene Club, Bangor Garden Club and Norumbega Club. She was in the Hereditary Register USA 1980 and is listed in Who's Who of American Women, 1958. Mrs. Perkins was a covenant member of All Souls Congregational Church for 68 years, was a trustee, and a member of the diaconate and the Woman's Association. She is survived by a daughter, Caroline Gilmore Perkins of New York City; and a son, John Sibley Perkins who resides with his wife, Linda Brooks Perkins, in Yarmouth. Also surviving are five grandchildren, David Lobleby of

Rochester, Ind., Joseph Lobley of Waldoboro, John Lobley of Sands Point, N.Y., Kathrine Perkins of Cambridge, Vt., and Daniel Perkins of Oakland, Calif.; as well as six great-grandchildren and several cousins. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, July 12, at All Souls Congregational Church, Broadway, Bangor, with the Rev. Dr. James L. Haddix, pastor and teacher, officiating. Interment will be at North Belfast - Head of the Tide - Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Memorial Fund of All Souls Congregational Church, 10 Broadway, Bangor, ME 04401. A service of Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

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