

Helen Marie Gaede Allen

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BANGOR - Helen Marie Gaede Allen, 97, died Saturday, July 2, 2011, in Bangor. She was born March 29, 1914, in Patterson, N.J., to William R. and Helen Davenport Gaede. She graduated from Dwight School for Girls, Englewood, N.J., in 1932, and from Bradford Junior College, Haverhill, Mass., in 1934. Her family owned and operated Gaede Silk Dyeing Co., Patterson, N.J. Helen Marie studied at McLane Art Institute, New York City, and Corcoran Art School, Washington, D.C. She married Francis Dickey Allen of Columbia Falls, April 16, 1938, in Ridgewood, N.J. The couple lived in Washington, D.C., and Wood Acres, Md., while Mr. Allen worked as assistant manager of Wardman Park Hotel. In 1945 they moved to Newport, where they operated the Jones Inn. Mr. and Mrs. Allen moved to Bangor in 1946 and resided at the Bangor House Hotel. Mr. Allen leased the hotel and operated it with his brother, Frank Fenlason Allen, who was married to Elisabeth Gaede Schneider, a first cousin of Helen Marie. Francis and Helen Marie Allen purchased a summer home, The Carriage House, Sullivan Harbor, in 1948. Helen Marie was active as an artist in Bangor and the eastern Maine region. A longtime member of Bangor Art Society, she taught art classes for 30 years, including at her studio at 108 State St. She received numerous awards for her paintings. Among the artists with whom she studied were Frank Hamabe, Bryce Miller, Bill Moise and Leonard Craig. Helen Marie chaired the Maine Artists Bookmark Series, a fundraiser for Penobscot Valley Health Association, of which she was a member until retiring in 1993. She was a member of the Shakespeare Club, Bangor Junior League, P.E.O. and All Souls Congregational Church. She was a devotee of Unity, the organization that produces the Daily Word. Helen Marie was an avid bridge player. She played regularly at her home at 172 Kenduskeag Ave., and later at Ross Manor. In her younger years she played golf and enjoyed fly-fishing, especially for brook trout. She often fished at Grand Lake Stream and at West Branch Pond near Greenville. She loved birds. Her husband, Francis, died Feb. 15, 1983. Mrs. Allen's children are Carolyn Gaede Allen Seaton and her husband, David, of Winfield, Kan., and Frances Page Allen Eastman of Bangor. A niece, Sarah Davenport Gaede Clauss, M.D., wife of Curt, is the daughter of William R. Gaede Jr. and Elizabeth Sofge Gaede. Dr. Clauss lives in Chanhassete, Minn. Another niece, Susan Sofge Gaede, died in 2001. Grandchildren are Elizabeth Gaede Seaton, Rebekah Carr Seaton and David Allen Seaton. Great-grandchildren are Eleanor Seaton Badeker, Anna Qinn Moynihan, twins, William Brooks and Miles Sullivan Moynihan, Isaiah Michael Huley, Owen Allen and Lillian Nichole Seaton. Curt Michael Clauss is a great-nephew. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Aug. 2 at All Souls Congregational Church, 10 Broadway, Bangor, with the Rev. Dr. James L. Haddix, pastor and teacher, officiating. Memorial gifts may be made to All Souls Congregational Church, 10 Broadway, Bangor, ME 04401 or P.E.O. Chapter B, Marguerite Mabee Foundation, 8 Cortland Circle, Bangor, ME 04401. A service of Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

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