



## Cora Crouse Briggs

February 20, 1933 - March 9, 2019

LIVERMORE FALLS -- Cora E. Crouse Briggs, 86, passed quietly at her home on March 9, 2019, in order to be with her beloved husband, Loren.

She was born February 20 1933, in Crouseville, the sixth child of Marshall and Albina Flewelling Crouse. She attended schools in Crouseville, Kents Hill, Presque Isle, and Auburn, Maine and Durham New Hampshire, graduating third in her class from Edward Little High School in Auburn in 1950.

She attended Brandeis University in Waltham, MA and Farmington State Teachers College prior to her marriage in Dixfield on December 25, 1952, to Loren T. Briggs of Dixfield. They resided there until moving to Livermore Falls in 1957.

In 1959 she became a correspondent for the Lewiston Daily Sun and served as editor of the Livermore Falls Advertiser from 1970-1988, dedicating over 50 years to reporting the local news for the two papers. During that time she and Loren raised five children in their Moose Hill Road home.

She was very active in First Baptist Church, publishing the newsletter for 14 years, serving on most boards and committees at various times, including the American Baptist Women and keeping the membership roll. Cora and her loyal crew of volunteers put on many rummage sales to benefit the American Baptist Women. She was a founding member of the former Community Information Resources Council which presented annual programs for senior citizens in conjunction with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. In addition she was a long-time member and officer of the Moose Hill/East Livermore Extension as well as a member of the New Norland Grange, the Washburn-Norlands Foundation, the Livermore/Livermore Falls Historical Society, and the Livermore Falls-Jay Senior citizens.

In her spare time, Cora enjoyed candle-pin bowling both with her family and as part of a league. She loved cats and always shared her home with at least one. Cora was also an avid "treasurer hunter" which resulted in a collection of over 400 decorative teapots.

Surviving are two daughters, M. Elaine Briggs of Wayne and Marsha Briggs of Livermore Falls and her son, Gregory Giggie II of Orono; one son, Thomas and his wife, Maureen, and sons, Michael and Cory; and a sister, Miriam Buchanan of Farmington.

She was predeceased by her husband, Loren in 2006, two sons, Phillip in 1994 and

Michael in 1986; a granddaughter, Autum Lee Cox in 1989; a sister, Jessie Holman, and three brothers, Arthur, Fred and Ivan Crouse.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church in Livermore Falls on Saturday, March 16, at 11 am with a potluck meal and fellowship in the vestry from noon to 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Moose Hill Cemetery Association, 96 Record Road, Livermore Falls, ME 04254. You are invited to visit her memorial wall at [www.wilesrc.com](http://www.wilesrc.com) to share a memory or kind word. Cremation care has been provided by the Wiles Remembrance Center, 308 Franklin Rd. (Rte. 133) Jay.

# Cemetery

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## **Moose Hill Cemetery**

Moose Hill Road

Livermore Falls, ME, 04254

# Events

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**MAR** **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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First Baptist Church

Church Street, Livermore Falls, ME, US, 04254

**MAR** **Reception** 12:00PM - 03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Thanks for many years of friendship and encouragement. Please give my regards to uncle Loren, my Gram and Mom. I expect we'll be getting a publication with the news from inside pearly gates very soon. I know your in good company but you'll be missed by us earthlings. Bryan



**Bryan Francis** - March 15 at 12:35 PM

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“ I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Cora. She was such a blessing to so many. We will be keeping you all in prayer for comfort.  
Bill and Ellen (Paine) Dimond  
Kezar Falls, Maine

**Bill and Ellen (Paine) Dimond** - March 14 at 10:15 PM

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“ Cora covered Livermore's public meetings for enough years that she truly was a fixture in the room. She was poised, professional and interested, yet compassionate enough to understand that most folks truly were trying to do their best. Over time, we developed a warm friendship, and I greatly enjoyed our conversations and appreciated her encouragement. She had one of the kindest souls I've ever known. God bless you, Cora, and my deepest condolences to your family.

**Kurt Schaub** - March 13 at 10:46 AM

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“ My sincerest condolences to Elaine and the Briggs family for your loss of your mother. I knew Cora from her reporting of school functions to that of the trials and tribulations of local politics. I admired and highly respected her gift to report the news that was fair, factual and consistent. Her commitment to community will be just one of her legacies.

**David Boothby** - March 13 at 09:33 AM

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“ Kent Wiles lit a candle in memory of Cora Crouse Briggs



**Kent Wiles** - March 12 at 03:05 PM

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“ "Mrs. Briggs is here with her camera!" The buzz on the playground at Livermore Falls Grammar School led us to pose and then watch the Polaroid magic happen -- 60 seconds later, the photo was ready. I have scrapbooks full of newspaper clippings, many of them with Cora Briggs' byline -- a whole generation of Livermore Falls grew up with her records of our lives. God bless, "Ye Ed!"  
Annie Stevens (LFHS '71)

**Annie Stevens** - March 12 at 12:40 PM

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“ I send my sincere and heartfelt condolences to Elaine and the entire family. Your mother was an inspiration to all who knew her, and you have some wonderful memories. i am sorry I cannot attend the service, I will be with you in spirit.

Dorothy Maxwell  
Cornish, Maine

**Dorothy Maxwell** - March 12 at 09:46 AM

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“ I'm so sorry, Elaine and Marcia. We bowled together, visited at many rummage sales and discussed LFA articles! Loren has waited patiently for her. Love to all.

**Pam Spaulding** - March 11 at 09:39 PM