



## Laura Walker Toothaker

March 1, 1922 - March 11, 2019

FAYETTE – Laura Virginia (Walker) Toothaker, 97, Boston Post Cane holder for Phillips, Maine, passed peacefully at the home of her youngest son, Richard, in the early morning hours of Monday March 11, 2019. She was born on March 1, 1922, in Avon, a daughter of Dana and A. Edith (Hinkley) Walker. She was salutatorian of the Phillips High School Class of 1939.

She was a devoted mother who raised five sons and faithfully served her beloved hometown of Phillips as Town Manager for 36 years, retiring at the “young age” of 84. She also served as a volunteer EMT and Board Member for AMPS Ambulance Service for over 20 years. Laura was also a woman of strong faith. She was a member of the Phillips Congregational Church and was a 50 year member of the church choir; choir rehearsals were often held at her home on the River Road on Thursdays.

She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the (8 & 40). In her early 90’s, she received the State of Maine Auxiliary “Person of the Year” Award. Prior to her failing eyesight, she enjoyed daily crossword puzzles and was a very serious cribbage enthusiast. For so long as she was able, she enjoyed knitting, crocheting and reading and she always enjoyed caring for God’s creatures, welcoming birds at her feeders and deer at her son’s home.

She is loved by her three surviving sons: Dana of Strong, David of Florida and Richard of Fayette; 8 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews; a grateful community and lifelong collection of friends. She was predeceased by two sons: Virgil and Everett; a brother, Everett Walker; three sisters: Ethel Bubier, Margaret Bachelder and Bessie Walker.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday May 10, 2019 at 11 AM from the Phillips Congregational Church., with Rev. Susan Tierney officiating. Following services, a comfort reception, hosted by the Hospitality Committee, will be held at the Avon Community Hall. All are welcome. Her family suggests remembrance gifts be given to the church at PO Box 273 Phillips, Me. 04966 c/o Church Moderator Mary Dunham. Private family committal at the Evergreen Cemetery, Phillips. You are invited to share a memory or kind word on her memorial wall at [www.wilesrc.com](http://www.wilesrc.com). Cremation and memorial service arrangements are in the care of the Wiles Remembrance Center, 137 Farmington Falls Rd., (Rtes. 2 & 27)

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# Comments

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“ It saddened me to learn of Laura's passing. She was to be admired for her courage and determination. Each May I have tried to visit her when I travel to Phillips at Memorial time. She met life head on and I admire her for that. I will miss her.  
Ann Thomas, cousin to Monty

**Ann Thomas** - March 18 at 06:50 AM

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“ Karen Toothaker lit a candle in memory of Laura Walker Toothaker



**Karen Toothaker** - March 13 at 08:11 PM

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“ A strong lady not soon forgotten. Sad news to hear, RIP dear lady.



**Penny Ross** - March 13 at 06:31 PM

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“ My condolences to Richard and the rest of the family. I only met Laura a couple times but she was a very nice lady with a true Maine grit about her. Undoubtedly the world is a bit darker with her passing.

Todd Hartford

**Todd Hartford** - March 13 at 10:20 AM

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“ I can't remember my life without my neighbor and friend in it. From the many meetings I sat through as a child, the occasional babysitting she did for my mom of me, the trips in her beetle car, her always mowing her lawn, her dog Sammy coming to visit and how she wouldn't let me keep him because he was her sons , my horse faithfully rolling in her newly planted garden every spring and how she would laugh and just replant it, to many evening visits discussing town, fire department and school board issues with her insight and knowledge. Our last visit she knew her time was limited but she took it in stride.. Thank you for enriching my life Laura. RIP and God's speed

**Jane Thorndike** - March 12 at 07:21 PM

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“ Laura was an honorable lady, truly devoted to her community. She was an icon and a genuine leader to the town of Phillips for many years. Thank you Laura for all of your dedication to others. RIP- Sandra Curtis & Tami Bredeau



**Tami Bredeau** - March 12 at 07:01 PM

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“ Kent Wiles lit a candle in memory of Laura Walker Toothaker



**Kent Wiles** - March 12 at 03:04 PM