

Loss and Tragedy

THE GARDNERS MOURN THE PASSING AND CELEBRATE THE LIVES OF AUNT LOIS CARDWELL AND COUSIN TERRY AMES.



Hope and Renewal

THE MARRIAGES OF EDDIE PARSONS AND KYLEE PARENTEAU FOCUS THE GARDNERS ON THE FUTURE

GARDNER NEWSLETTER

THE GARDNERS EXPERIENCE LOSS AND TRAGEDY AS WELL AS HOPE AND RENEWAL

"Definition of Gratitude: The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness."

As *Psychology Today* puts it, "Gratitude is a social emotion and the expression of gratitude toward others compounds its benefits. The emotion literally pays itself forward." And that's why, in this issue of *The Gardner Newsletter*, we are not just grieving the loss of Aunt Lois and Cousin Terry, but we want to express our gratitude for their lives and appreciate the time they spent here on this earth.

What more can we say about Aunt Lois, who passed away on September 5th, that hasn't already been said within the pages of the newsletter? *Gardner News* has covered her life extensively over the years. The entire Fall 2017 issue of *Gardner News* was devoted to her 100th birthday. Why not pull that issue from the archives and re-read it again?

Should you go on-line to www.gardnernews.org and click on Aunt Lois' directed to her There you can see pictures and 100th, 101st, and day parties. Very times, indeed.



LOIS CARDWELL
1917 - 2021

You can also find Aunt Lois' newspaper obituary later on in this issue. As an Original Gang of Ten member, of Aunt Lois' life over-stated, and she has touched countless lives – not just the Gardners. She will be remembered as an icon of kindness, grace, and humility. Aren't we all grateful for that?!

In contrast, during all the years that *Gardner News* has

been publishing, not much has been written about Cousin Terry Ames (who died on August 26th). Perhaps it's because there are so many "cousins" that it would be impossible for the newsletter to cover all of them. What's noteworthy here, though, is that Grandma Gardner (Aunt Lois' mother) kept Terry and Patty's wedding newspaper article and photo in her scrapbook. You'll see those later on in this issue also. If that's not a testament to Terry's and Patty's successful and long marriage, nothing is!

Patty's and Terry's great love for each other is something really worth remembering and being grateful for.

While funerals help us remember all things bright and beautiful that happened in the past, weddings are signposts of all things bright and beautiful that are to come in the future. This issue celebrates two new couples, Eddie Parsons and Eva Qvicklund – and Kylee Parenteau and Cristian Ibica. Eddie Parsons is a Gardner

cousin who is a generation removed from the Original Gang of Ten's children. His mother is Gloria Parsons, daughter of Raymond Original Gang of Ten member. His mother is Gloria Parsons, daughter of Raymond Original Gang of Ten member.

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Gardner cousin generations re-the Original Gang of Ten member. Her mother enteau, daughter Rod Ames (Terry's Cousin Rod is the Ames, an Original member.

We've also included pictures of these events which we hope you'll enjoy as you reflect upon the purpose of

great loss and the healing effects of hope for the future. Let's learn to be grateful for all the lives of all those that are near and dear to us.

Finally, the author, Janice Kaplan, has a wonderful take on "gratitude." Here it is:

"I quickly realized that gratitude wasn't the same as happiness—it has a much deeper resonance. Most of us feel cheered when something nice occurs—a friend sends flowers, or we spend an afternoon in the park. But those moments can be fragile and fleeting, and what happens when they're over?

Because it's not dependent on specific events, gratitude is long lasting and impervious to change or adversity. It requires an active emotional involvement—you can't be passively grateful, you actually have to stop and feel it, experience the emotion. So, it creates an inner richness that's sustaining in difficult times as well as good ones."

AUNT LOIS CARDWELL'S OBITUARY

Lois Cardwell of Newport, Vermont, went to be with her Lord on September 5, 2021 at the age of 103. She was born on November 6, 1917, to Will and Olive (French) Gardner in East Charleston, Vermont.

She graduated from Lyndon Institute in 1935 and then moved to the North Shore Area of Boston where she worked at the First National Bank in Malden, Massachusetts for many years.

On June 19, 1971 she married Brooks Cardwell, who predeceased

her. On retirement, she spent her winters in Florida and her summers in Newport. She enjoyed playing cards with her close friends.

She is survived by a brother, Raymond Gardner of Reading, Massachusetts and a sister, Beulah Griffes of Newport, Vermont. She is also survived by two step children, Brooks Cardwell and Pamela Weeks.

Lois did not have any children, but she was like a mother to many nieces and nephews who also survive her.

She is now walking with her Savior Jesus in heaven because of her walk with God, in faith

on Earth.

A graveside service was held at 3:00 P.M. on Friday September 10, 2021 at Pine Grove Cemetery in Newport.

In Lieu of flowers, donations, in Lois's memory, may be made to East Charleston Church of the Nazarene or United Christian Academy, Newport, Vermont c/o Beulah Griffes, 426 Farrant Street, Newport, Vermont, 05855 or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 1100N, Bethesda, MD 20814.



THE COTTAGE AT FAIRVIEW LAKE, THE BEAUTIFUL SETTING WHERE TERRY AMES' FUNERAL WAS HELD.



**LOCAL NEWSPAPER
CLIPPINGS OF TERRY'S
AND PATTY'S WEDDING
THAT GRANDMA GARDNER
(AUNT LOIS' MOTHER)
KEPT IN HER SCRAPBOOK**

Miss Patricia Esther Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wright of the Airport Road, Newport, and Terrence Lyndol Ames, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyndol Ames of Derby, were united in marriage on Saturday, February 15.

The Rev. John Genco officiated at the double ring ceremony which took place at 2:00 p.m. at the United Church of Derby. Bouquets of mixed flowers decorated the church altar, and the pews were marked with tiny clusters of colored roses.

Paul Gray, a young cousin of the bride, lighted the altar candles.

Mrs. John Genco was organist. Wedding music included vocal solos by Miss Lisa Genco, who sang "If" and "Friendship." A duet, "Go Gently Through the Years," was sung by Lisa and Lori Genco.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length gown of white satin and lace made by her aunt, Mrs. Silverine Wright. The empire bodice was fashioned of flowered lace, which also trimmed the skirt and panel of the attached train of crepe back satin. Her bouquet was of red sweetheart roses and gypsophila.

Mrs. Irene Ames of Derby, sister-in-law of the groom, was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Sharon Griffes of East Charleston, cousin of the groom, and Mrs. Trudy Labounty of Newport, aunt of the bride.

Miss Lisa Labounty, a cousin of the bride, was junior bridesmaid, and Brenda Labounty, another cousin, was flower girl.

The matron of honor wore a full-length dress styled with skirt and sleeves of pink crepe and bodice of maroon velvet. The maroon velvet collar which set off the V-neckline, and matching velvet cuffs were accented with crepe ruffles. She carried a single long-stemmed pink rose.

Gowns of the bridesmaids, junior bridesmaid and flower girl were styled like the matron of honor's, but in pale blue crepe and a deeper blue velvet. They each had a single long-stemmed pink rose, and the flower girl carried a basket of daisies.

Rod Ames of Derby, brother of the groom,

was best man.

Ushers were Duane Wright, brother of the bride, and David Ames, the groom's brother, while Adam Ames of Derby, the groom's nephew, was ring bearer.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Wright wore a long dress of aqua in empire style. Aqua brocade trimmed the collar and cuffs of the full length sheer sleeves, and her corsage was of red carnations. The groom's mother wore a long-sleeved full-length dress of blue and green floral print on a white ground, and had a corsage of white carnations.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall at the church where refreshments of finger rolls, sweet breads, punch and coffee were served. The couple made the initial cut in the beautifully decorated three-tier wedding cake which was made by Mrs. Rachel Westover of Newport Center. Blue swans and pillars divided the tiers of the cake, which was formed with four cakes at the base. The top tier featured an ornamental staircase and replica of a church window which served as the background for a miniature bride, groom and attendants dressed in colors corresponding to those worn by the wedding party.

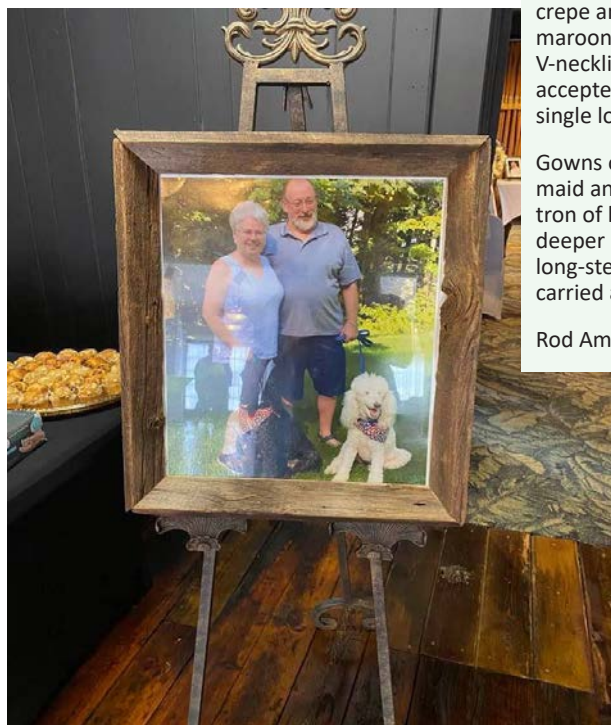
For traveling the bride wore an empire styled dress with navy skirt and white bodice.

Mrs. Ames, a 1970 graduate of North County Union High School, was graduated in 1972 from Champlain College in Burlington, and has been employed as secretary for Ames Home and Appliance Center in Newport.

Her husband, a 1966 graduate of Derby Academy, served four years in the U.S. Navy. He is employed as an electrician for Ames Home and Appliance Center.

The couple will make their home at 50 Glen Road.

Guests attended the wedding from Kingston, Ontario, Quebec, Massachusetts, New York, Essex Junction and Jericho, as well as surrounding communities.



**PICTURE OF PATTY AND TERRY AMES DISPLAYED
AT TERRY'S MEMORIAL SERVICE**

REACTIONS TO THE DEATH OF TERRY AMES

Terry Ames sadly passed away on Thursday, August 26.

Terry and his wife Patty were married for over 40 years. Not only partners in life, but partners in business creating exquisite wedding cakes with their company, Cake Designers.

Friends and family gathered at The Cottage at Lake Fairview and shared some favorite memories and stories, to laugh, to cry, and remember a wonderful person who will be greatly missed.

There was a service at 4 pm. Mourners and celebrants wore the color blue, as it was Terry's favorite color. Beverages and light snacks were provided.

"This goes out to the Ames branch of the Gardner family. We love you, and I'm sure I speak for the family as a whole when I say we grieve with you as you have begun to absorb the shock and celebrate Cousin Terry's life.

Words fail, but please know this is written with great affection and a desire that you feel the warm presence of those around you, both through your loved ones and through the God of comfort."

Kelsie Griffes

Event Industry in Florida Recognizes Terry Ames

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of Terry Ames of @Cake Designers, a treasured friend loved by so many in the Orlando event industry, to the brutal grip of COVID-19 yesterday."

"We are heartbroken for Terry's wife Patty Ames. They were a true team and inseparable partners in life and in their business."

"We are immensely sad to hear about the passing away of Terry Ames which was made through several notices that we came across through the social media on August 27th."

"Celebration of Life for Terry Ames was beautiful! Thanks, Shannon Tarrant, for organizing it! It was truly a lovely day spending time with the Wedding Industry to celebrate his life!"

"We, the wedding industry, are a village. As I work with Patty to put together a celebration of life for [Terry Ames](#), it's amazing the way our caring and empathetic wedding pros will rally behind someone when one of us is in need. Thanks for your patience as more information on how you can help and pay your respects will be out before the end of the day."

Shannon Tarrant



ANOTHER PICTURE OF PATTY AND TERRY AMES FROM GRANDMA GARDNER'S SCRAPBOOK



HERE IS A VINTAGE PHOTO OF THE NUCLEAR AMES FAMILY.

PICTURED: COUSIN ROD AMES, COUSIN DAVID AMES, AUNT NITA AMES (ORIGINAL GANG OF TEN MEMBER), UNCLE LYNDOL AMES, COUSIN TERRY AMES, AND COUSIN DAWNITA AMES

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN ARTICLES FOR OUR FIRST ISSUE IN 2022!

EPIC TUG-OF-WAR ALONG THE SHORES OF WILLOUGHBY LAKE



By: *Katrina Jenkins*

Once postponed and much anticipated, Edwin Raymond Parsons married Eva Louise Quicklund in a beautiful ceremony overlooking Willoughby Lake on September 4th, 2021. Westmore Vermont is a place that anchors our family in familial love and in nature's beauty

Uncle Homer and Aunt Elizabeth helped my parents to find a little log cabin by Lake Willoughby with a for sale sign in or around 1975. When Eddie and Eva got engaged at Burke Mountain in the summer of 2019, the camp, our affectionate name for that little cabin, was the place they came to tell us the news and to celebrate.

During Christmas of 2019, Eva and Eddie asked if I would officiate their wedding and asked my sister, Robyn, to do a reading for them. Of course, we were surprised and honored. Over the months (and months) that followed Eddie, Eva, and I crafted a short but sweet ceremony that felt right to the couple and to myself.

I couldn't help injecting a little bit of Robert Frost into my words to my brother and his bride because Frost lived at the lake for a time and because my father, who we know was with us in spirit, loved Frost's poetry. So: "Two such as you with such a master speed, Cannot be parted nor be swept away, From one another once you are agreed, That life is only life forevermore, Together wing to wing and oar to oar."

Their photographs with the backdrop of the lake are stunning. When the ceremony ended, the couple played "The Willoughby Wedding Games" in which all the guests were split into two teams, the Groom's team (with black bandanas) and the Bride's team (with white bandanas). The games kicked off with an epic, and very well dressed, tug of war followed by lawn games of all types. If you won a game you were to mark it as a point for your team. The winner, Eddie or Eva, would get a trophy at the end. I won't say who won but I will say that the trophy is standing on display at its new home in the Camp on Willoughby Lake.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A BRIGHT 2022 TO ALL THE
GARDNER NEWSLETTER FAMILY AND SUBSCRIBERS. SEE
YOU IN 2022!**

EVA AND EDDIE PARSONS' WEDDING CEREMONY ON THE SHORES OF LAKE WILLOUGHBY



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: ROBYN DEMAND, KATRINA JENKINS, EVA PARSONS, EDDIE PARSONS, RAYMOND GARDNER, GLORIA PARSONS

TYLER SEEHOLZER IS A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF STEM CURRICULA IN HIGH SCHOOLS



Captain Tyler Seeholzer (Cousin Lorraine Gardner Shelton's son) is an Air Force Global Hawk Pilot and was a keynote virtual speaker at a recent STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) conference which was held for California high school students.

Captain Seeholzer remotely pilots a plane like the one pictured here, the RQ-4 Global Hawk.

In the RQ-4 name, the "R" is the Department of Defense designation for reconnaissance and "Q" means unmanned aircraft system. The "4" refers to the series of purpose-built remotely piloted aircraft systems.

The Global Hawk is operated by the 12th Reconnaissance Squadron at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., and the 348 RG at Grand Forks AFB, N.D. The 1 RS provides formal training and is located at Beale AFB.

Marian Murphy Shaw, Educational Services Director at the Siskiyou County Office of Education, introduces Captain Seeholzer with the following write-up:

"Working at Beale Air Force base in Yuba County sounds interesting in itself, but Captain Tyler Seeholzer has the added opportunity to remotely fly large aircraft on missions around the globe from right here in the North State. After 19 years in his career, Tyler remains enthusiastic about how much he

values opportunities to continue learning and being curious.

Starting as a social psychology major may not seem like a path to being an Air Force Global Hawk Pilot, but he summed it up very well when he said, "STEM is the practical application of curiosity". His job requires him to lead and train others, and to evaluate people, equipment, and procedures.

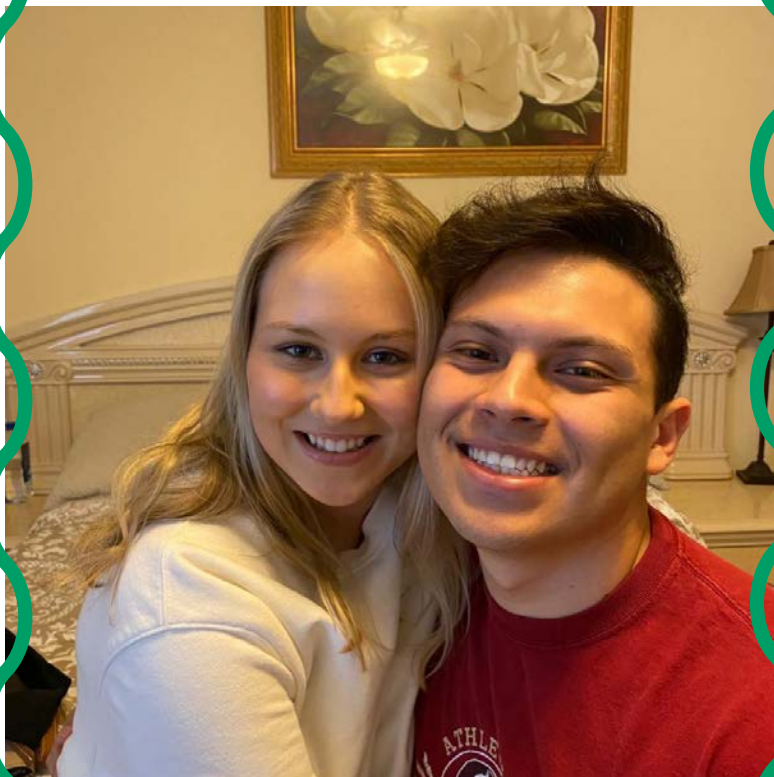


He noted these things take a lot of different skills, being good with people and a good communicator among them. Some of these skills he developed along the way, but many of them were things he had a natural talent for and found he could use in increasingly more interesting job assignments.

When asked what he considered essential education for doing his job he was quick to say you have to know how things work. "You have to have a baseline understanding of the physical world, things like basic electromagnetic waves, education has to start there."

At present he is responsible for making sure all the RQ-4

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ROD AND IRENE'S GRANDDAUGHTER,
KYLEE PARENTEAU, FOR MARRYING CRISTIAN IBICA!**



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Global Hawk pilots at his base are up to the technical skill level they need for their jobs. He also makes sure they understand how their aircraft, its flight plan, and the satellite links it depends on all work together for a successful mission. They need to use that 'understanding of the physical world' daily.

It is this need for interdisciplinary breadth that Tyler highlights as his biggest drive for encouraging STEM education. While not every Pilot needs to be an Aeronautical Engineer, it is absolutely critical that they understand the principles that make their aircraft work. He's learned that knowing a little about a lot of things makes him a safer Pilot, and is grateful for the engineers, scientists, and mathematicians that have made his style of aviation possible."



**CRISTIAN AND KYLEE'S
WEDDING CAKE MADE BY -
WHO ELSE - CAKE DESIGNERS**



WHY NOT SEND A CONGRATULATORY CARD TO OUR RECENT NEWLYWEDS AT THEIR ADDRESSES LISTED HERE!?



EDDIE AND EVA'S ADDRESS IS:

EDDIE AND EVA PARSONS
12 INDIAN SUMMER LANE
METHUEN, MA 01844

**KYLEE AND CRISTIAN HAVE
MOVED TO EL PASO, TX,
BECAUSE CRISTIAN IS IN THE
MILITARY.**

THEIR NEW ADDRESS IS:

KYLEE AND CRISTIAN IBICA
240 Desert Pass Street
Apt. 2003
El Paso, TX 79912



**DO YOU PLAN ON VISITING VERMONT NEXT SUMMER (2022)? IF SO, PLEASE READ PATTY'S
ANNOUNCEMENT AND MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!**

**Special Announcement
from Patty Ames.**

**"Celebration of Life" for
Terry Ames to be Held in
Vermont – July 9, 2022**

Patty Ames, Cousin Terry's wife, is clearing Cake Designer's wedding cake schedule during the month of July 2022 so that all the Gardners and their families and friends can attend a "Celebration of Life" for Terry in Vermont. The tentative date is July 9th, but is subject to

change. We'll be publishing updates to this event in the Winter 2022 and Spring 2022 issues of the newsletter.

Also, check regularly on the Gardner News Group's Facebook page for updates - and please post comments about how you feel such an event might unfold. Right now, Patty is considering all avenues as to how this event might take place.

Who knows – perhaps Terry's "Celebration of Life" might evolve into some kind of family reunion at the NorthWoods Stewardship Center.

Our last reunion was held there on July 5th and 6th, 2019 and many of you have expressed interest as to when the next one might occur. Whether or not that happens, of course, depends on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic which is still raging on.

In any case, Terry's Celebration of Life event will indeed take place and we need your help to make it happen.