

Good morning

My name is Meagan Reed and I would like to share some sentiments on behalf of Project Sunapee, a local non-profit board of which Alice was a member. In addition to being a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, Alice was also a wonderful community member. The mission of our organization is to “nurture the roots of our community”. As I think about Alice, I think she truly did this. We can see from the number of young people here today, Alice nurtured many children and they felt cared for by her. Alice supported children in a wide variety of endeavors and took an active interest in the youth of our community.

Alice also nurtured and supported parents and her fellow grandparents. She met so many of us at Dewey Beach or on the sidelines of a games, and always met us right where we were that day. Her kindness, understanding, empathy, support and positivity were palpable. She was a wonderful conversationalist and companion, capturing our hearts with her sincere interest in each of us as a person.

Alice also nurtured our community through her activism. She believed strongly in civic engagement and coordinated local candidates nights and events for families. As a citizen, she achieved a wonderful balance of being approachable, graceful, and open minded, while also having conviction, being unafraid, and willing to advocate for a cause. She thought carefully before she spoke, and once she took a stand she was tenacious. Alice was passionate, principled, clear on what she valued and she was dedicated to actively working to support what she believed in. She was wonderful to work with, as she was always a patient and easygoing teammate, readily providing encouragement and praise.

Although Alice found Sunapee later in her life, it didn't take long for her to establish roots here. Our town was enriched by Alice and she played a special role in bringing us all together. We will continue to incorporate her values into our work and not forget the example she set nor the contributions she made. We are so very grateful to have known her.