



Mara O'Connor

Westhampton - Mara O'Connor, 85, beloved mother, lover, friend, teacher, poet, and lady of the lake, passed away peacefully on Monday February 26th in Holyoke, MA. Born in Nashua, New Hampshire to Charles and Katherine (O'Connor) Adams in 1932, Mara graduated from the University of Vermont in 1954. She married Paul O'Halloran Jr. and raised her five children in Burlington, Vermont. She earned her degree in Psychology and had a private practice for 15 years before retiring to her dream home on Lake Champlain. Mara was active in the Unitarian

Church, Ferry Beach Park Association, and many social groups including the amazing Outrageous Group. Mara lived in Massachusetts with her daughter for the last 12 years, continuing to write, sing, and volunteer at the local hospital. A fierce and loyal friend, she was a lover of dancing, live music, and nature. She is survived by her children, Tom (Leslie), Kate (Rico), Dan (Sue), John (Mayda) and Jamie (Beth), and her four grandchildren Ashton, Shane, Nicholas and Keller. Details regarding a Celebration of Life will be provided to friends and friends Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge is directing arrangements. An online guestbook is available at <http://www.BelangerFuneralHome.com>