

# Amy Ann Cross



FREEDOM, MAINE--Amy Ann (Cole) Cross died peacefully Monday, August 27, 2012, at Springvale, the family farm in Freedom, Maine where she and her husband Rick (Myrick) Cross and younger daughter Katherine retired a year ago. During the summer, older daughter Carrie Cross and husband David Choi with Amy's two cherished grandchildren, five-year-old Tristan and two-year-old Acadia, have lived at the farm together with (Mrs. Stephen) Hazel Cross, Amy's mother-in-law.

Amy was born in Brewer, Maine, the daughter of Chesley and Paula Pinkham Cole of Bangor, Maine. She was predeceased by her grandfather, Cap'n Grafton Wilber Pinkham of Seal Harbor, Maine, and grandparents Albert and Amy Stone Cole of Bangor, Maine. Amy loved summering on Cold Stream Pond in Enfield, Maine, and more recently in Bar Harbor. She is survived by five sisters: Leslie Kadlec and husband Charlie, Acton, MA; Joanna Stevenson and husband Bernie, Bar Harbor, Maine; Sharon McPhail and husband Jim, Bar Harbor, Maine; Robin Corey, Bangor, Maine; and Holly Ericson and husband Steve, Martinez, GA. She has many nieces and nephews and cousins. Her sister-in-law, Ruth Tyler-Cross and nephew Stephen Elohim live in Reston, VA.

Amy graduated from Bangor High School and has degrees in Early Childhood Education from Endicott College, Beverly, MA and the University of Maine, Orono, Maine. She had an illustrious career teaching and loving hundreds of Kindergarten children in York, ME; Headstart Program, Bangor, ME; Greenville, ME; Muncie, IN; No. Windham, ME; Maine Migratory Program in Aroostook County; Saco, ME; Baltimore, MD, and Cape Cod, MA.

Amy was a gifted soloist and sung in many church and community choirs from General Seminary in New York City, Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore, to Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole, MA. She sang lead roles as Golda in "Fiddler on the Roof" and Mother Abbess in "The Sound of Music," at Ricker College Community Theater in Houlton, ME. She was a truth-teller, survived a severe bout with Polio at age seven, and a debilitating stroke four years ago. She was a strong woman of integrity and always an advocate for the poor, handicapped, and those on the fringes of society. A person of deep faith, Amy practiced the art of spiritual healing wherever she went, praying and singing her way through life.