



## Dorothy Rector Lazear

July 31, 2014

Dorothy Rector Lazear, 88, of West Hartford and Cuttyhunk Island, MA., died on Thursday (July 31, 2014), at Duncaster in Bloomfield where she had been in residence since 2001. Married for 54 years to her childhood sweetheart Robert A. Lazear, who died in 1999, Dorothy was known as the First Lady of the Kingswood-Oxford School during her husband's tenure there as Headmaster from 1967 to 1988. An expert seamstress, cook, baker, and warm and generous hostess she opened her home to students, faculty, alumni, trustees and distinguished visitors to the school. Through her involvement as a volunteer, incorporator, and auxiliary board member of Hartford Hospital, she enriched the community beyond Kingswood-Oxford. After Bob's retirement the two spent more time on Cuttyhunk where Dorothy will be remembered for her beautiful smile, the loaves of bread she baked for friends and the island fishermen who brought her lobsters and striped bass, and for her work with the Cuttyhunk Historical Society. She is survived by her sister, Marjorie Richeson; by her daughters, Barbara Ascher and Rebecca Okrent; son-in-law Daniel Okrent; grandchildren Rebecca Ascher-Walsh, and John and Lydia Okrent; and by great granddaughters Dahlia and Athena Ascher-Walsh. A memorial service will be held on Cuttyhunk, Sunday, August 31. In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: The Cuttyhunk Historical Society, Museum of the Elizabeth Islands, P.O. Box 181, 23 Tower Hill Road, Cuttyhunk, MA 02713; or The Robert Lazear Scholarship Fund, Kingswood Oxford School, 170 Kingswood Rd. West Hartford 06119.



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“ *This expresses the gift of friendship I have from my connection to our beloved, Dotsy.*

*The Gift of Friendship*

*FRIENDSHIP is a PRICELESS GIFT that cannot be bought or sold,  
But its value is far greater than a mountain made of gold -  
For gold is cold and lifeless, it can neither see nor hear,  
And in the time of trouble it is powerless to cheer -  
It has no ears to listen, no heart to understand,  
It cannot bring you comfort or reach out a helping hand -  
So when you ask God for a GIFT, be thankful if HE sends  
Not diamonds, pearls, or riches, but the love of real true friends.*

*Helen Steiner Rice*

*My family has been so lucky to have shared so many wonderful moments with Dotsy.*

*With loving thoughts and thanks,  
The entire Joe Alissi Family*

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**Jo-anne Alissi** - August 13, 2014 at 05:40 PM