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Name: Joanne M. Wilde
Age: 83
Residence: East Boothbay, ME
Date of Birth: 03/02/1932
Date of Death: 08/19/2015

Obituary / Death Notice
Joanne M. Wilde, 83, of East Boothbay, ME, died in her home on Ocean Point Road on August 19, 2015. She was surrounded by family and friends when she passed, following a long battle with cancer. Joanne was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1932 to Preben W.M.A. Menzel, a soldier in the King's Royal Palace Guard, and Phoebe Ebling of New York City, a member of the family which owned the Ebling Brewing Company founded on Saint Anne's Avenue in 1868. Her father Preben served as a leader in the Danish Resistance movement during WWII, and after being captured in 1943 survived 18 months in the Fraslev concentration camp until Denmark was liberated from its German occupiers in 1945. She moved from Copenhagen to New York City as a young girl, and grew up on Charles Street in Greenwich Village. She attended Smith College in Northampton, MA, where she earned a degree in English Literature. In 1952, Joanne married Wilson "Bill" Wilde, a WWII Navy veteran and graduate of Williams College. The couple settled in West Hartford, CT where they raised four children. The family spent part of every summer on the Wilde family property on Linekin Bay in East Boothbay. In the 1980s, Joanne and Bill built the first of two year-round houses adjacent to the original Wilde properties on Linekin Bay. The couple moved to their home in East Boothbay fulltime after Bill retired from his work as Chairman and CEO of The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company in Hartford, CT. Joanne was a devoted and passionate reader, as well as a dedicated fan of classical music and ballet. Following her husband's passing in 2013, she enjoyed the company of many close friends and relatives across the Boothbay region and was an avid supporter of Smith College, The Boothbay Opera House, The Boothbay Region Historical Society, and Bigelow Labs. She is survived by her children David W. Wilde, Elisabeth L. Wilde, and Richard A. Wilde, a son-in-law Dr. Steven D. Smith, and seven grandchildren: Tucker, Eben, Kyle, Skyler, Ryan, Tyler, and Christopher. She was predeceased by her husband and by her son Stephen W. Wilde, who passed away in 2006. In lieu of flowers, Joanne requested donations be made to support the work of The Boothbay Opera House, The Boothbay Region Historical Society, and Bigelow Labs. Her family will hold a private memorial. You are welcome to at www.hallfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Hall Funeral Home and Tribute Center of Boothbay, 975 Wiscasset Road, Boothbay.