



## Lois (Keniston) Penney

December 28, 1928 - February 16, 2022

Lois Keniston Penney, 93, died February 16, 2022, in Cromwell, CT. Lois was born December 28, 1928, in Medford, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Charles E. Keniston and Ruth (Dixon) Keniston. Lois was a graduate of Bates College in Lewiston, ME where she met her late husband, Rev. Hugh B. Penney with whom she celebrated 67 years of marriage.

Until her retirement in 1988 Lois had been employed by the New Britain Council of Churches, New Britain YWCA and the New Britain Chamber of Commerce. During her many years in New Britain and Cromwell, Lois volunteered for numerous eleemosynary agencies including South Church of New Britain, Center Church of Hartford, The United Church of Christ, Women's Fellowship, Larrabee Fund Association of Hartford, Literacy Volunteers of America, New Britain YMCA, RSVP and the New Britain Museum of American Art. Lois and Hugh were avid supporters of Bates College, and they received awards for many years of involvement and support. Lois and her husband hosted over 100 international students and guests in their home for extended periods and traveled together to all 50 states and 80 countries on all seven continents. Lois, always colorfully dressed, was the ultimate hostess, animated conversationalist, attuned listener, voracious reader, and creative writer

Lois is survived by her five children and their families: Hugh and Susan Penney of New Haven, Bruce and Jan Penney of Arlington MA, Paul and Angela Penney of Briarcliff Manor, NY, Shakeela Penney of Milford, CT, Kurt

and Andréa Penney of Rockport, ME, 13 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Services will be private and donations in her memory can be made to Literacy Volunteers of Central Connecticut, <https://www.literacycentral.org/donate>.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lois made an indelible mark on our organization over the many years she volunteered with us. We were all inspired by her passion for literacy and her interest in the wonders of the cultures our many students brought to our doors. She was a great ambassador for the Literacy Volunteer mission. Lois will be missed dearly!*

*Literacy Volunteers of Central CT*

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**Lynne Prairie** - March 04, 2022 at 11:43 AM

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“ *To The Penny Family,  
Shakeela, I send my heartfelt condolences to you, and all of your family! Although I didn't know your mom, just by reading her obituary, I could see that she was a very smart and strong woman! Very well known and respected! A very good life, and well lived! Hold on to all the memories, tuck them into your heart, and they will last forever!  
Kelly and I, spent the day together on Monday, we spoke of you and your mom, and how you, and your family just lost her.  
Again I send my condolences, and I am so sorry for your loss!  
Sent with my warm love and hugs!  
From Cecelia Sanders  
(Celie)*

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**Cecelia Sanders** - March 03, 2022 at 09:45 PM

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“ Lois was a South Congregational Church friend along with her husband Hugh to our family. When my mother continued her life after the loss of our father , Lois and Hugh conveniently sat Charles Kinney and my mother Norma side by side at a dinner party. They were married three years later. A wonderful gift to us, and another example of Lois' loving intuitions! Prayers and Comfort to all her family. Priscilla Snow Reed, Plymouth, MA

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**Priscilla Reed (Snow)** - March 03, 2022 at 04:36 PM

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“ Lois was an outstanding woman whose incredible life was all about giving. Surely, God met Lois with open arms and said " Welcome home, Lois. Well done".

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**Marilyn Krackowsky** - February 28, 2022 at 03:07 PM