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WEISMAN, HELEN

Helen T. Weisman

NEWPORT – Helen T. Weisman, 68, died Feb. 24. She was the wife of Al Weisman. They had been married for 44 years.

Born in Newport on Feb. 21, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Florence (Werner) Tobak Goldberg and the late Leo Tobak. She was the stepdaughter of the late Edward Goldberg. She lived in Westford, Mass. for 26 years before returning to Newport.

Before her illness, she had been the president of Potter & Co., her family's clothing store on Thames Street in Newport. She had been an executive assistant at Digital Equipment Corp. in Littleton, Mass.

A 1959 graduate of Rogers High School, she wrote a Thanksgiving Day proclamation honored by the governor as the best essay in a statewide competition. A 1963 Simmons College graduate, she taught English at Thompson Middle School and later at Westford Academy.

In addition to her husband, she leaves her sons, Lawrence Weisman of Newport, and Andrew Weisman of Sharon, Mass; two grandsons, Jordan Weisman and Alec Dov Weisman of Sharon, Mass., and a niece and a nephew. She was the mother-in-law of Janine Weisman and Jill Weisman and the sister of Anne Navarro of Jackson, N.J., and James Tobak of Providence.

Donations may be made to the Potter League for Animals, 87 Oliphant Lane, Middletown, RI 02842 or the Visiting Nurse Services of Newport & Bristol Counties – Hospice Program, PO Box 690, Portsmouth, RI 02871.