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Dear Bullseye Sailor,

It is with very heavy hearts that we have to tell you that Anne and Dave Burnham died within hours of each other last week. Their son Paul asked that I forward their obituaries below so that you would know about the services planned for them on June 21, 2014.

Dave and Anne served the Bullseyes in many ways when Dave was President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and was presently Historian. We never let him get off Executive Committee.

Anne Webb Burnham

Anne Webb Burnham, 87, of Rehoboth, MA, and Fishers Island, NY, died on June 4th at the Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center in Providence, the evening before her husband of 62 years, David Campbell Burnham, also died. They were the parents of three sons, Paul H. Burnham (Karen Birck) of Wilton, CT, John S. Burnham (Rachel Balaban) of Middletown, RI, and Stephen T. Burnham (Kryisia) of Newton, MA, and a daughter, Louise Burnham Packard of Lexington, MA, as well as ten grandchildren: Elizabeth, David, Isabel, Olivia, Sophia, John, Margaux, Samuel, Daniel and Anne.

Mrs. Burnham was born in Morristown, NJ, as a daughter of the late Bayard B. and Anita (Hunter) Webb; she was predeceased by her five siblings, including a twin sister Ruth (Micky) Martling. After living in Providence for 16 years, the Burnhams moved to Rehoboth. The Burnhams were long-time summer residents of Fishers Island, NY.

Mrs. Burnham was a math teacher at the Lincoln School in Providence until her retirement in 1994. She had previously taught at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, CT, where she was chair of the Math Department, and at Northfield School for Girls (later Northfield Mount Hermon School) in Northfield, MA. She was a graduate of both Northfield and Oberlin College, where she majored in Physics.

As an active member of the Community Church of Providence, Mrs. Burnham was both Moderator and Treasurer, and was a cherished member of the choir for more than 35 years. She was also a member of the Fishers Island Union Chapel. She was the longstanding secretary to the American Friends of the Collège Cévenol, the Fishers Island Yacht Club, and the Island People's Project, as well as the Providence Branch of the English-Speaking Union. Most recently, her teaching gifts were shared with the Handicraft Club, where she taught knitting.

Mrs. Burnham devoted each and every moment of her time on earth to her family, her friends, her students, her church, and to all those in need with whom she came in contact during her long and rich life.

David Campbell Burnham

David Campbell Burnham, 85, of Rehoboth, MA, and Fishers Island, NY, died in his sleep on Thursday morning, June 5th; his beloved wife, Anne Webb Burnham, died the evening before, June 4th. Mr. Burnham was born to Louise (Campbell) and Rufus B. Burnham in Larchmont, NY, and attended Loomis School, Yale University (BA) and University of Massachusetts.

Mr. Burnham was a life-long educator, starting as an English and Bible teacher and counselor at Mount Hermon School for Boys (later Northfield Mount Hermon School), where he met Anne, a math teacher. He later moved to Loomis-Chaffee School as vice-president for academic

affairs, then to Moses Brown School as headmaster. Mr. Burnham retired from Moses Brown after 16 years and accepted successive one-year appointments as an English teacher in Japan and interim headmaster at St. Andrew's School in Barrington, RI, and Northwood School in Lake Placid, NY. He then helped found a charter school in Providence, the Paul Cuffee School, which merged his love for education with his passion for all things maritime. He was particularly proud that Paul Cuffee is graduating its first class from high school this month.

Mr. Burnham was an avid sailor who won the national championship of the Bullseye Class several times; he served as president of the Bullseye Class Association, as commodore of the Fishers Island Yacht Club, and as chair of the board of trustees of the Herreshoff Marine Museum. He was also on the board of the Providence Branch of the English-Speaking Union and was the long-time coordinator of its Shakespeare Competition. He was a devoted member of the Community Church of Providence and Union Chapel (Fishers Island), where he sometimes guest-preached.

Dave and Anne Burnham leave behind three sons, Paul H. Burnham (Karen Birck) of Wilton, CT, John S. Burnham (Rachel Balaban) of Middletown, RI, and Stephen T. Burnham (Krysia) of Newton, MA, and a daughter, Louise Burnham Packard of Lexington, MA, as well as ten grandchildren: Elizabeth, David, Isabel, Olivia, Sophia, John, Margaux, Samuel, Daniel, and Anne.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate the Burnhams at 11am on June 21st, at the Central Congregational Church of Providence. Burial will be private. Donations in the Burnhams' memory may be made to the Anne & David Burnham Scholarship Fund at Northfield Mount Hermon School, 1 Lamplighter Way, Mount Hermon, MA 01354; to the David Burnham Maritime Fund, Paul Cuffee School, 459 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908; or to the Community Church of Providence, 372 Wayland Ave, Providence, RI 02906. Condolences may be left online at monahandrabblesherman.com or c/o the Community Church of Providence.