**Ethelyn P. Giles**

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Ethelyn P. Giles, 98, died Wednesday, October 9 at the Gregory Wing in Boothbay Harbor.

Born September 22, 1904 on Southport Island, she was the daughter of Charles and Izetta Brewer Pinkham.

She was a graduate of Southport High School and Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kents Hill. She also attended Gorham State Normal School. She taught school for four years at Southport, Readfield and Fairfield schools.

In 1935, she started selling real estate until she sold her business to her sister, Phyllis Cook, in 1985.

Ethelyn was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Crescent Chapter #54, East Boothbay and Mount Pisgah Chapter. She was an original member of the Chamber of Commerce in Boothbay Harbor and held several positions. She was a member of the Monday Club, Eucleias of the Methodist Church, Coastal Club, Senior Citizens, Lincoln County and Boothbay Region historical societies, and a trustee of the Southport Historical Society. She was also a member of the National Association of Realtors, Maine State Association of Realtors and the Lincoln County Board of Realtors Association.

Among her many accomplishments, she was the first female selectman of Boothbay Harbor. At age 13, in 1917, she was the first female driver. She was also the first female car owner and cab driver in the Boothbay Region.

Survivors include her sister, Phyllis Cook of Southport; three nephews, Ron and his wife, Ralva Orchard, of Southport, Alan Orchard of Bath and Fred Cook of Bar Harbor; one niece, Priscilla Bissell of Goodwins Mills; and several great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 19 at the Southport United Methodist Church. The Reverend DanaBeth Wells-Goodwin will officiate. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery in Boothbay.

Contributions in Ethelyn's memory may be made to the Hendricks Hill Museum, Southport, ME 04576

Arrangements are by Simmons, Harrington & Hall Funeral Home, Boothbay.