

## Barbara Hayden Muir



Barbara Hayden Muir, who died in Portsmouth, NH January 24, 2015, was President of Piscataqua Pioneers 1979-80 and later served as our Chaplain for ten years. She was a vibrant woman who grew up in New Castle, NH and loved life. At one time a special needs tutor and bookkeeper at Weston (MA) High School her interests included reading, all varieties of music, travel, the Celtics, quilting, knitting and crossword puzzles. She returned to her beloved New Castle in 1995.

A number of Pioneers attended Barbara's memorial service in March at the New Castle Congregational Church. It was a joyous occasion celebrating her 89 years of life. In one corner of the sanctuary was a jazz combo setting the tempo of the morning and leading the congregation in a number of Barbara's hymn and jazz favorites, including *When the Saints Come Marching In*. Those of us on the Piscataqua Pioneers Council especially identify Barbara with the New Castle Church as that is where our meetings have long been held. Barbara would make sure that the social room was ready for us with very tasty refreshments at our May and October meetings. (This May Ellen Dennett had some delectables for us in Barbara's memory.) Piscataqua Pioneers was very important to Barbara and Barbara was very important to Piscataqua Pioneers.

Fred Boyle, P. P. Past President