



**Anna Schultz**

**Boston Post Cane Ceremony**

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For the past 40 plus years Anna Schultz has been a fulltime resident of West Brookfield and is still living in the same home on Lakeshore Drive Extension overlooking Lake Wickaboag. She celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 5<sup>th</sup> this year. She was born in Three Rivers, Massachusetts in 1920 to Joseph and Sophie Cichon. Anna attended local schools in the Palmer district. She met and married John Schultz and has a son, Joseph. While John served in WWII, Anna worked at an aircraft factory where she spent 9 hours on her feet on an assembly line. After the war, in 1950, she and her husband owned and operated Schultz's Market in Three Rivers, working 6 days a week.

In the 1950's, as her 16-year-old son Joe was developing an interest in waterskiing and had purchased a boat, Lake Wickaboag was found to be the perfect place for this activity. After a time, with the boat hauling becoming a chore, Anna's husband scouted for a property finally purchasing the vacant lot on Lakeshore Drive Extension. The cottage was built and became a getaway and a summer home.

Over the years this summer home had a Sunday open-door policy for any friends and family who wanted to drop by for waterskiing, swimming, or as Joe puts it – "just plain eating". When asked if she waterskied, Anna said she tried it once and Joe chimed in – "it was one and done". Swimming was more her style!

By the end of the 1970's, they became fulltime residents. After a well-deserved retirement in 1982, Anna and John joined in the activities at the Senior Center and volunteered where needed. One of her pleasures was going window-shopping mostly at the malls. They

spent winters in Florida socializing with friends from West Brookfield until John's passing in 2008.

Anna today finds much enjoyment in watching the lake activity both winter and summer with all the changes over the years. The other day – an amazing sight – she saw two adult eagles visiting under the bird feeder!



Anna's son Joe and his wife Carol live across the street, in close daily contact. Anna is doing well with assistance of a caregiver. She has two grandsons Thomas and Jay, four great-grandchildren Matthew, Alexandra, Juleanna and Hunter, and two great-great-granddaughters Hadley and Tatum.

Upon being notified that she was to receive the Boston Post Cane pin, she quipped, "I'm happy about it. It's not every day that you get it!"