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HARRISON MARSHALL DOANE was a lifelong member of the Bakersfield Community. Growing up on the Doane home farm, he attended and played basketball at Brigham Academy. He served two years in the Army, returning home to work and eventually take over the farm.

When Lucille Lovejoy came to teach at Brigham, he met the love of his life. Together, he and Lucille raised four children, ran the farm, and served their beloved town. They employed and mentored numerous young people, anxious to pass on a love of farming and teach the fine arts of dairy farming, sugaring, and logging. Today their grandchildren are becoming the next generation of family farmers.

Over the years, Harrison gave back to Bakersfield in a myriad of ways. He served as School Director at the time of the Brigham Will dispute. He served many years on the Cemetery Committee, insisting on meticulous care of the grounds and stones. He was a charter member of the Historical Society, providing a wealth of information and remembrances. He served for a number of years as a much-loved janitor at BEMS, and thoroughly enjoy his time with students.

Harrison was also a faithful life-long member of the Bakersfield United Methodist Church and its successors the Tri-Church and present United Church. He loved people. He loved caring for people whenever he saw a need. He loved talking to people and sharing his stories of life in the town he loved. Harrison will be greatly missed and it is with deep appreciation that we dedicate to him the 2017 Bakersfield Town Report.



PATRICIA BELLE CURTIS grew up in the town of Bakersfield and had a love and appreciation for the town and the people in it. She had a special place in her heart for children and endeavored to do whatever it took to help each child succeed at whatever they wanted or needed to do. As needs arose and Pat was able to, she stepped into roles she may not have considered for herself previously.

She envisioned high quality education so became a School Board member in order to influence the leaders and educators in the schools. When she felt the basketball team could play better, she became a basketball coach. Pat was President of the Brigham Academy Alumni Association for six years and enjoyed meeting and greeting the alumni. Pat was known for making connections with people, for being genuine in her interest of individuals and sincere in her desire for all to develop to their highest potential.

Quality and dedication were a lifestyle for Pat. She served on the Bakersfield School Board for over 20 years, being recognized by the State of Vermont for her service. She served on the Planning Commission, and had hopes that Brigham Academy would one day be restored to its former beauty. We honor her by dedicating to her this 2017 Annual Report.