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## **Joy Brass, 83, Adventurous Traveler Who Loved Gardening, Cooking, Knitting, Bridge and the Outdoors**

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Joy L. Brass, 83, a resident of Nichols Hill Road in Dorset, Vermont, passed away peacefully on Friday Nov. 15, 2019 at Bromley Manor in Manchester Center, Vermont.

The daughter of LeRoy A. and Christine (Johnston) LaRoche, she was born in Colonie, New York on Jan. 13, 1936. Joy graduated from Wells College in Aurora, New York with a B.A. in English literature in 1957.

She married her husband, Tom, on June 29, 1957. She later obtained a master's degree in library science with honors from the University of Oklahoma. Joy and her family lived in many places: Montclair, New Jersey; St. Louis; Wichita, Kansas; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Cleveland; London; Minneapolis; Darien,; and Dorset.

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She was an avid gardener, cook, collector, knitter, seamstress, bridge player and entertainer. She was a proud member of Mensa. She loved the outdoors where she enjoyed skiing, canoeing down many rivers, hiking and backpacking. She was always a ready traveler on the lookout for adventure and new experiences.

She loved to say "Carpe diem!" She will be ever so lovingly remembered and sorely missed by her family.

She leaves her husband, Tom; children: Andrew M. Brass, Nancy E. Brass, Robert S. Brass and Peter K. Brass; her daughter-in-law, Grissel Louise Weseman; her granddaughters: Audrey and Elsabeth; and her brother, LeRoy M. LaRoche. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Peter LaRoche.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Joy's memory to the United Church of Christ in East Dorset, c/o Brewster-Shea Funeral Service P.O. Box 885, Manchester Center, VT 05255.

A service to celebrate Joy's life will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 22 at the United Church of Dorset and East Rupert, with Rev. James Gray officiating.

—[an obituary](#) from *Brewster-Shea Funeral Home*