

Winterport, about 3½ miles downstream from her home, Edie Smith, director of information for the [Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife](#), said in a press release.

Markowsky's family gathered around 3 p.m. at the Waterfront Marine, near the Bangor city line, where her body was loaded into a waiting hearse.

On behalf of the family, Markowsky's sister thanked those who took part in the search or who otherwise supported her and her brothers and sisters over the past few days.

"This is a time of profound sadness but also profound gratitude," Sara Kellogg Meade of Amherst, N.H., said Friday night.

"We appreciate the outpouring of support from everybody who was involved in the search coordinated by the warden service. How that all was coordinated was phenomenal," she said. "And also the Avalon Village staff. They were there for Judy before and they were for us for the last few days."

The response to the news that Markowsky was missing was one sign of the level of respect the community had for her.

"She was very special and the community adored her," Meade said. "It was very heartwarming and in a lot of ways, helped us get through the last few days."

Judy's former husband George Markowsky, who said that the couple was married for a long time and parted on good terms, said Friday that those who loved her are still trying to deal with the loss.

"It's tough," he said. "She was a really active individual, involved in so many efforts and so many fronts. She was very well known" and liked by all who met her, he said.

The accomplishments of Judy Markowsky "kind of speak for themselves," said her ex-husband, who lives in Orono. "The Fields Pond Nature Center was her tremendous achievement. She worked long and hard on that for many years. She did all the education, introducing children to nature and trying to get people more aware of the environment."

Judy Markowsky served as director of the Maine Audubon Society's Fields Pond Nature Center in Holden for 12 years between 1997 and 2009 and also was a weekly birding columnist for the Bangor Daily News.

"She was a real addition to the community and she really loved this place and the state," George Markowsky said.

Judy Markowsky lived in Orono for years and recently moved to Hampden.

Dozens of searchers scoured the banks of the Penobscot River this week for Markowsky, who last was heard from on Tuesday. Others searched by boat and plane.

Markowsky's brother Zip Kellogg and other relatives were involved in the search, which also involved a number of local volunteers, many of whom were friends or associates.

"We've known her for 30 years," Rick Pare of Orono said before she was found. Pare and his wife, Nancy, joined the search Friday. "Orono is a small town, and we all knew her."

The Pares are just two of many who searched for Markowsky, who left a note behind and her car in her driveway.

On Friday morning, "seven or eight dogs, one fixed wing [aircraft] and four boats, and probably in the neighborhood of 30 to 40 searchers" were looking for her, [Maine Warden Service Lt. Adam Gormely](#) said while standing near a command center set up by the Edythe L. Dyer Community Library.



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Judy Kellogg Markowsky



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Warden Michelle Merrifield and her K-9, Duchess, search the grounds of Avalon Village Thursday morning for signs of Judy Kellogg Markowsky, who was reported missing on Wednesday night.

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Volunteer groups Dirigo Search and Rescue, Maine Search and Rescue Dogs and Down East Emergency Medicine Institute assisted game wardens, the Hampden Police Department and Maine Marine Patrol. The local Salvation Army supplied food and water for those involved.

“They pulled out all the stops,” Stewart said.

Earlier this year, Maine Audubon honored Markowsky, who was the first Maine Audubon staff member in the Bangor area and was instrumental in the construction of the Fields Pond Audubon Center in Holden, the group’s website states.

The Audubon called her “the person who worked tirelessly to make Fields Pond such a successful place, from building the Fields Pond Audubon Center in the late 1990s, to establishing the family programs, classes, meetings, school programs, and community events that, over time, made Fields Pond Audubon Center a keystone of the greater Bangor community,” states the Maine Audubon’s online journal, Habitat.

Markowsky was a member of the Penobscot Valley Audubon Chapter and was an active member of the state’s annual bird count.

“As a passionate naturalist, and expert birder, she enthusiastically engaged any adult or young person who was interested in nature, while also engaging the scientific community through her writings in books and scientific journals,” the June 2011 Habitat article states.

The National Women’s History Project recognized Markowsky in 2009 “as one of 100 women who showed exceptional vision and leadership in environmental protection,” and that same year she was presented with a Maryann Hartman Award by the [University of Maine](#), it states.

“Judy epitomizes the best of Maine Audubon — experienced, knowledgeable, passionate, willing to engage others, and committed to wildlife conservation for the long haul,” Maine Audubon executive director Ted Koffman states in the Habitat article. “Thank you, Judy, for all that you have done for Maine Audubon, for Fields Pond and for wildlife and habitat in Maine.

“Your legacy is truly extraordinary.”

BDN writer Dawn Gagnon contributed to this report.

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wildgr1 08/05/2011 04:55 PM

From William Shakespeare’s Hamlet:

There is a willow grows askant the brook...
There on the pendant boughs her coronet weeds
Clamb’ring to hang, an envious sliver broke,
When down her weedy trophies and herself
Fell in the weeping brook. Her clothes spread wide,
And mermaid-like awhile they bore her up,
Which time she chanted snatches of old lauds,
As one incapable of her own distress...

Sleep well, sweet Ophelia.

71 people liked this. [Like](#)

lynne14 08/05/2011 05:11 PM in reply to wildgr1

That was beautiful.

Judy was a wonderful person, and liked and respected by so many. She cared more about animals, wildlife, nature than anyone you could imagine. She will be greatly missed. (and the animals and wildlife will miss her too.) I will miss reading her weekly column....it was so interesting to read all the details about the birds and other wildlife she was always encountering. Her passion and commitment came across so strongly.
This is sad.

18 people liked this. [Like](#)

PeterTaber 08/05/2011 05:09 PM in reply to wildgrrl

I can't think of anything even remotely as eloquent as this to mark this sad occasion. What a lovely woman Judy Kellogg Markowsky was. I will miss her wonderful columns. My condolences to her family and everyone else who knew and loved her.

Peter Taber
Publisher
Wild Maine Times
Searsport

18 people liked this. [Like](#)

525_44 08/05/2011 06:38 PM in reply to wildgrrl

That is a beautiful passage, thank you for posting it.

10 people liked this. [Like](#)

Greg Markowsky 08/05/2011 10:46 PM in reply to wildgrrl

This is beautiful, and she loved Hamlet, and Shakespeare in general. Is there anything appropriate in Macbeth? Because that was her favorite Shakespeare play.

9 people liked this. [Like](#)

525_44 Yesterday 11:21 AM in reply to Greg Markowsky

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain:

If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,

Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,

I shall not live in vain.

~Emily Dickinson

Not much to find in Macbeth, but I love Dickinson.

11 people liked this. [Like](#)

lynne14 Yesterday 03:13 PM in reply to 525_44

Beautiful. I'll bet Greg will appreciate that even if it is not Macbeth.

I love Emily Dickinson too.

3 people liked this. [Like](#)

525_44 Yesterday 03:22 PM in reply to lynne14

It is a nice verse. Thanks.

2 people liked this. [Like](#)

Greg Markowsky Yesterday 11:49 PM in reply to 525_44

That is also very appropriate, thank you.

1 person liked this. [Like](#)

Sedwards67 08/05/2011 08:53 PM in reply to wildgrrl

How wonderful....this passage.

Judy was an amazing woman and my family enjoyed talking with her at Field's Pond and reading her informative articles. She truly knew what was going on around her in a way many people never notice.

My 22 year old son, who lives in Hampden, went out looking for her today in the woods and along the river because although she never really knew him, she touched his life. All spring he has been calling me at my home in Southern Maine with her birding alerts, which always began with "Judy Markowsky says..." Although he headed out with water, food and medical supplies gleaned from his medicine cabinet, we both instinctively believed she would be found just as she was.

Peace and blessings be with you Judy as you move on. You will be missed.

8 people liked this. [Like](#)

wildgrrl 08/05/2011 12:52 PM

"Missing" not "lost"...what that says to me is that the authorities believe she walked away intentionally. The mysterious note, plus the BDN originally described her as being "despondent," probably about her accelerating loss of self. This is not a helpless, out-of-it person wandering off into the woods; Judy knows all the wild areas around her home (and every living thing in them) by heart, she is more often lucid than not, and she has always felt more at home in the natural world than indoors. I continue to pray for her safe return...and my heart goes out to her family during this sad and difficult time.

19 people liked this. [Like](#)

letsbehonestforonce 08/05/2011 05:04 PM

A life well-lived is a joy to behold. RIP Judy Markowsky.

13 people liked this. [Like](#)

cougar 64 08/05/2011 04:58 PM

I am very sad that she passed. I am glad that Judy was located and that now her friends and family can have closure. Thank you to the members of DEEMI Search and Rescue and Penobscot Valley 4 Wheel Jeep club for your hard work today even though you will not be mentioned in the paper, you will be mentioned here.

12 people liked this. [Like](#)

my207input 08/05/2011 05:13 PM

Judy was truly a treasure to the community. I remember going on her nature walks at the university, then the bog walks (before the walkway was built) and more recently Fields Pond. She will be missed. However, this is a good time for everyone to learn about dementia and how early it can occur and the devastating effect it can have on families.

Thank you Judy for all you did for us nature lovers, you will be missed.

11 people liked this. [Like](#)

Maineiac Yesterday 09:17 AM

I think the Fields Pond Audubon Center should be renamed to the Judith Kellogg Markowsky Audubon Center.

10 people liked this. [Like](#)

LarrySG 08/05/2011 12:53 PM

She is an amazing woman; I am hoping for a good outcome.

6 people liked this. [Like](#)

trashtocash 08/05/2011 10:12 PM

she was a blessing to us all--and her life brought sunshine on the darkest days-the breeze that passed over her was comfort to all that was good.

5 people liked this. [Like](#)

narthwoods 08/05/2011 06:11 PM

Peace, Judy. Thank you for sharing your love of Nature and your gift for putting your love for birds in words. I learned a lot from you.

5 people liked this. [Like](#)

M_M22 08/05/2011 04:53 PM

So sad. Was hoping she would be found alive. Thoughts to family and friends.

5 people liked this. [Like](#)

Kathy Stuart Yesterday 12:37 PM

Enjoy the journey Judy. I will miss your columns.

Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush. Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there. I did not die.

4 people liked this. [Like](#)

jessiebud 08/05/2011 08:50 PM

I did not know her, but I read and enjoyed her column. From the BDN coverage and comments here it seems she lived an extraordinary life. That she chose to "go out on top" may sadden some but was surely her choice. Godspeed.

4 people liked this. [Like](#)

amlbe 08/05/2011 05:59 PM

Praying for friends and family of Judy. So sorry to hear about your loss!!!

3 people liked this. [Like](#)

Greg Markowsky Yesterday 11:52 PM

Thank you so much to all who have expressed condolences and given kind words for my mom. My brother has set up a webpage devoted to her. All those who would like to see this, please visit

judy.kellogg.markowsky.us

It is a work in progress, but we hope people will share whatever thoughts and stories they have on this site.

2 people liked this. [Like](#)

Nokomis Yesterday 10:16 AM

The Kelloggs are a wonderful family.

2 people liked this. [Like](#)

hs22 08/05/2011 05:05 PM

So sorry for the loss to family and friends. Pardon my ignorance, but what is a naturalist and how does one