

Susan (Cleaves) Bredesen, 79, passed away at her home in Athol on February 2nd, 2023. She was born in Boston on June 2nd, 1943, and grew up in Cohasset, graduating from Cohasset High School. In 1961 she joined her cousin Ann (Yarrow) Cleaves at MHC. She was a Mount Holyoke Scholar, graduating in 1965 with a degree in physics. In 1968 she married Philip Bredesen; the couple later divorced. Susan was employed by the Federal Government as a physicist at Hanscom Field in Bedford, MA and lived in Lexington until her retirement in the mid-1990s, when she moved to Athol. She served as a director of the Athol Bird and Nature Club.