

## *In Memory of Lucy Wentzell*

### **"We Loved Lucy"**

*Lucy Wentzell* died on June 8, 2009. She touched many lives and each one she touched has now lost a friend.

Some people live their lives in pursuit of fame. Some people live their lives in a quiet search for peace and harmony. Lucy did neither. Lucy lived to make everyone she met feel good about themselves and life in general. She was no Pollyanna as she delivered both good news and bad, more quickly than the Boston Globe could print it! She loved a good story and a good laugh, and selflessly shared both.

Lucy ran the lunch program at the Newton Corner Senior Center for 8 years and was instrumental in helping the senior community make the transition to the current Newton Senior Center at Walnut Street. People followed her, and trusted her and mostly just wanted to be in her company.

She ran the lunch program at the Newton Senior Center for 11 years. When she retired from the kitchen she graciously handed the reigns over to the next Lucy, (Lucy Bedegian) but she was only changing hats. She and her devoted husband Harry took on the running of the Saturday Program at the center. Lucy treated everyone who came to the center on Saturdays, much as she had all those years in the kitchen, as though they were guests in her home. Lucy took pride in being a good hostess and with her regal bearing (she was often referred to kiddingly as "her majesty") she did make everyone feel special.

Lucy did not neglect herself when it came to feeling special. It was her wonderful self-confidence, perhaps born of being the "baby" in a large family that made her stand out. Each December we will pause and think of Lucy as she reminded us of her December birthday from the month's beginning to end. Thankfully, she celebrated each of her 75 years with joy because there were just too few of them.

Wherever Lucy is now she is certainly resting peacefully knowing she lived her life her way.

We did "love Lucy" and now treasure our memories of her time with us. Who can ask for more?