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Ann Harrer, 75, passed away on February 14, 2025, in Falmouth, Maine, USA. She was born on January 24, 1950, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Ann was trained as an anthropologist at Radcliffe College/Harvard University, graduating in 1973. In the early 1970s she lived and worked in the Kivalliq region, including Rankin Inlet and Spence Bay, where she did community work and anthropological fieldwork and was welcomed into an Inuit family as, in her own words, an “exchange daughter.” Although some information is not available, it is believed that this was in the household of a man called Tautungi. Ann was also an associate of Dr. Robert Gordon Williamson.

Ann later made her home in Medford, Massachusetts, but she often spoke of her time in Nunavut as one of the most important periods of her life and remained deeply grateful to the people who shared their homes, knowledge, and culture with her.

She was predeceased by her brother, John Wells Harrer, USCG (retired). She is survived by her sister, Linda, and her nephew, Julian — who both recently moved from Massachusetts and now reside in Maine.

At Ann's request, services were private. Her family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the communities of Rankin Inlet and Spence Bay for the kindness shown to her many years ago. Anyone who remembers Ann and wishes to share memories is welcome to contact Julian at hoffenwurdig@protonmail.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Joseph's Indian School or to another charity of choice.

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