

BOSTON POST CANE

Dedication to Idella Peary

It was with great pleasure that the Town of Levant recently presented Mrs. Idella Peary with the Boston Post Cane. The presentation of the cane is a long-standing tradition in the Town where the most senior resident is recognized by taking possession of the cane.



Idella Peary was born and raised in Aroostook County and moved to Levant in 1950 with her husband Arnold. They bought a homestead on the Lake Road where they farmed for many years before Arnold went to work for the B & A Railroad. They raised three daughters and their son, Nathan, in Levant. After Arnold died in 1968, Idella sold the farm and built a small home on some of the original farmland.

She has worked for several employers such as Quality Bakery in Bangor for nine years, a cook at the Levant Consolidated School for one year, at King Cole Potato Chip factory in Bangor for a time and at Kagan Lown Shoe factory in Bangor and Old Town where she ultimately retired.

She raised four children, has fourteen grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, and eight great-great grandchildren. She belonged to the Levant Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and Minerva Grange in Levant, attended Senior Citizens events and taught ceramics in her home for many years.

Idella was delighted to receive the Boston Cane in recognition of being the most senior citizen of Levant. This was especially significant to her because her grandmother, Rose Ellen Searles, also received this cane while she was living in Levant.