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Bibby Levine Alfond Scrapbook

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Dorothy “Bibby” Adair Levine Alfond
April 16, 1916 - December 31, 2005
DOROTHY "Bibby" ADAIR LEVINE ALFOND  
Born April 16, 1916 and died December 31, 2005

BILL ALFOND EULOGY FOR HIS MOTHER BIBBY: 
My mother was a lifelong resident of the Waterville community. She was a member of Colby's class of 1938, and had over 40 other family members who attended Colby. Therefore, it is particularly meaningful for us to meet together today in her community to celebrate her life. 

My mother was the matriarch of our family. Guiding us in her soft and comforting way, she set a loving tone for her children to grow up in. She taught her children and her grandchildren patience and understanding, and showed us the importance of giving back to society, which has given us so much. 

Most importantly, she taught us the love of family. The ties that have brought us all together today and to our Great Pond camp every summer are a testament to her success. 

Unfortunately, my daughter, Kenden, is one of those who could not be with us today. This past summer, before beginning her professional career, which has taken her to the United Nation in Afghanistan, Kenden spent some deeply meaningful time with her Nana. I would like to share with you one of the conversations they had together. "After dinner one night, Nana asked Kenden about her thoughts on Jewish rituals, why people are born into a certain religion, what happens in death, and why people believe what they do. Nana spoke at length about her parents, and her beliefs." Few people want to talk about death, especially their own. She was Brave and PREPARED. 

I feel very thankful and I find comfort in knowing my mother and my daughter shared an important family evolution. Throughout her long and full life, my mother gave her total loyalty and love to her children, her grandchildren, her husband, and the Levine family. When I was young, my experience working at her family's store, Levine's, showed me where my mother learned her charm and what we in the family kiddingly referred to as her retail smile. My mother used these qualities her entire life, giving us important building blocks for a successful life. 

She treasured the time she spent with family, and loved to hear news from her children and grandchildren. Recently, my son Justin visited Nana and she listened to him as he told her about his job and his dreams. She was a listener and a confidence builder.
Later, she and my wife, Joni discussed my son Reis and his fiancé Steff's wedding and Nana spoke of how much she looked forward to these family events, and also about the fashionable dress she planned on wearing.
For everyone in my mother's extended family, her greatest legacies include her love of family and her ability to listen and make each of us feel special. My mother was the youngest child of William Levine, my namesake, and as the baby of her family, she was known as "Bibby." Today, I have to say goodbye not only to my mother, but also to the last child of the William and Sara Levine family, Bibby Dorothy Levine Alfond.

TED ALFOND ON HIS MOTHER BIBBY:
When Mother was with my children, she constantly presented a sweet, loving, benign presence. I think they will always equate her with kisses, jellied orange slices, lollipops, and positive reinforcement. Her kindness was something that was intuited even by the very youngest, and transcended the spoken word. Our generation got the "preaching" and the love, and they just got the love.
I would describe my mother as kind, loving, family-oriented, and very conservative in her approach to gender roles and responsibilities. I think she was very aware not only of family, but of how the family was perceived by the outside world. It's always been interesting to me that her mother, Sarah, was a highly visible and highly effective businesswoman, but that my mother felt that it was her role to tend to the family and to let Dad be the public figure. Even so, her kind and humble nature was noticed and appreciated by a far greater public than she may have imagined, and in her own way, she had a profound influence on many, many people, who admire her to this day. Within the family, I know that she had an indelible influence on Gisele and Paula, (as did Aunt Frieda), both of whom lived their lives in an impeccably discreet, humble and modest manner.

I remember feeling puzzled by the fact that Mother would not let me see Aunt Evelyn when she was sick. She said "I don't want you to remember her this way." This reminds Barbara of Sara's great email
about Jewish thoughts: "Always whisper the names of diseases," which was so true of that generation. Never say the "C" word!

SUSAN ALFOND ON HER MOTHER BIBBY:

My mother dressed up everyday: skirt, heels, stockings, pocketbooks, hats, lipstick, nails, and hair. I loved to watch her get dressed and she would ask me what I liked and didn’t. She was quite vain and very proud; she never let you know if anything was going wrong. I think that’s a Levine trait.

She always went to the dressmaker twice a week to either take clothes in or out. I swore when I got older that if I lost or gained weight, I would throw my clothes out! I disliked the long trips to the tailor.

My mother used to go with my father to New York for the shoe show and it seemed like it took her a month to pack. She brought an extra trunk with her for the clothes that she bought while in NY.

WENDY MILLER ON GREAT AUNT BIBBY:

When my sister Julie with Lady Jean found dad (Howard) in the midst of a stroke on Sept 15, 2005, he had only two days before he made his transition into death. So many of us rushed to Thayer Hospital – family, friends, clerks from so many years at Levines, those who were like a second family to us. He was surrounded by love and respect. My sisters and I will never forget how we experienced the essence of aunt Bibby. She herself was in the late phases of her own bout with Parkinson’s disease, but during the days of dad’s passing, and his shiva, you never would have known that. She tapped into a primal force of love, responsibility and devotion that I believe is the essence of the Levine legacy. She said to her helpers, “Take me to the hospital. My Howard is there and my girls need me.” She arrived in her beautiful attire, sitting in her wheelchair. She waited and waited with us, through many hours in the hospital waiting room, and with Sara in the den on Johnson Heights. And when Sheila or Alice would say, “Bibby, it’s time to go home and take your medicine” or “Bibby, you must be tired, let me take you home,” aunt Bibby would respond with; “I am going to stay right here with my girls.” She would tell us, “My Howard is not
dying.” She said she had a dream and she did not want him to go. He was her nephew, but they grew up as if he was her brother. We were *her* girls and she would stay with us.

Days later, past the shiva days filled with people at our house, aunt Bibby called in the morning to see if we wanted to go to lunch at The Villager (a tiny little place that she and dad liked). “Aren’t you tired?” I asked. “Wouldn’t you like to rest today?” “I’ll be tired with you girls,” she answered.

That was aunt Bibby - filled with assurance, clarity of purpose, pride and love for us that ran so deep, holding us in the shared presence we had grown up with, having spent so much “maternal time” with not only our mom and nana, but with aunt Bibby as well.

The Levines truly were rich in intimacy, a gift and a skill I believe we have been given from our Levine heritage. Today with so much talk about family values, trying to manifest them in a global fast paced world has thrown many families off track. We are very fortunate that ours are ingrained so deeply and through so many generations of connection. We have a very strong narrative about not only our roots, but about the story of becoming, giving and being in America; the story of how community is made, how it is shaped and how it shapes a place and a people.

We continually hear the word “respect.” What is respect? A willingness to look again, to look again at the values of family and the legacy/gifts they gave us. And not just what it is but how to do it, how to recognize it. That is the legacy we have been given. A bond of belonging and cohesion that it turns out is quite rare in families today. How did we win the family lottery? Some people got such unskilled humans to guide them onto this task. Uncle Ludy told aunt Glenyce that his mom, Sarah Levine, would walk along the street and everyone loved her. She would say, “How do?” The president at Colby once stopped her and said, “Mrs. Levine, how do you account for having such wonderful children?” We don’t know what she answered him, but we do know that it is our task to answer and emulate.
SARA LEE ON AUNT BIBBY & UNCLE HAROLD AS TOLD TO ERIC:

My Aunt Bibby, what can I say! I loved her so much! When I was a toddler, Bibby would stay with our family for weeks at a time; she would come home from a date, late at night, and jump into my bed and hug & kiss me. After she graduated from Lesley College, she lived with us. She came back and forth from Waterville, so did Aunt Evelyn. After she married Uncle Harold, I stayed with them at their rental camp in Smithfield, Maine. When they lived in Norridgewolk, I would spent time with her at the factory house. Uncle Harold would take me to the factory. Edith Wentworth, his private secretary, would let me play with all the office machinery. Aunt Bibby & Uncle Harold were always good to me and we had a fun time together; they made me feel special. I loved both of them and I will never forget them.

RABBI KRINSKY'S EULOGY 4 JANUARY 2006

although bibby alfond grew up as the youngest of her siblings, she came to be recognized as the matriarch of her extended family for more years than anyone today can recall. she came by her reputation of a nurturing, caring and loving individual not by wielding AUTHORITY, WHICH she easily possessed, but by demonstrating through her compassionate behavior the authenticity of her magnanimous personality. harold could rely on her whole-HEARTED SUPPORT in the pursuit of his business VENTURES. Ted, susan, bill and peter could depend on her motherly acknowledgment of their individualities and her open-mindedness to their differences. her grandchildren and great-GRANDCHILDREN, her nephews and NIECES could see in her THE guiding BEACON, WHICH would illuminate their paths on the journeys their lives would travel.

as she drew her inspiration for affecting the lives of her family from her keen perception of how and when she was needed, so she gave of herself to community causes that summoned in her the ELEEMOSYNARY spirit inherent in the alfond ethic of CHARITY and good works. you give not BECAUSE YOU have to, but because you can and will climb the highest mountain in response to human need, because the challenge is there and your responsibility is
clear. Such was bibby’s concern for the welfare of the women and children receiving assistance at the maine children’s home for little wanderers. such was bibby’s interest in the program of the holocaust and human rights center of maine. in that regard, i must point out that bibby impressed on her children and their progeny the value and importance of drawing inspiration from and maintaining their jewish heritage.

today we have laid to rest the woman of valor, cited in the book of proverbs, whose husband trusted her and whose children rose up and called her blessed. strength and dignity were her clothing and she smiled at the time to come. she opened her mouth with wisdom and the law of kindness was on her tongue. she looked well to the ways of her household and did not eat the bread of idleness.

indeed, she looked well to the needs of many and provided them with the bread of encouragement. may the memory of bibby alfond be a blessing for all who knew her.

amen.
Dorothy Alfond, 89, of Maine, did community work

Dorothy "Bibby" (Levine) Alfond of Palm Beach, Fla., considered a pillar of her Maine community, died Saturday in Waterville, Maine. She was 89.

Born in Waterville, she lived in Norridgewock, Maine, before moving back to Waterville in 1993. She graduated from Coburn Classical Institute and Waterville public schools. She attended Colby College, later graduating from Lesley College in Cambridge.

Mrs. Alfond supported the launch of her husband's career as a leading shoe manufacturer in Dexter, Maine. She served on multiple community boards, including the Maine Children's Home and the Holocaust Human Rights Center.

Maine institutions that bear her name in tribute include the visitors center and middle school at Good Will-Hinckley, the campus of the Maine Children's Home in Waterville, the residence center at Colby College, the Regional Cancer Center at MaineGeneral Medical Center, and the Boys & Girls Club and YMCA at the Youth Recreation Center in Waterville.

She is survived by her husband, Harold; three sons, Ted and Bill of Boston and Peter of Puerto Rico; her daughter, Susan of Portland, Maine; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A public memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Lorimer Chapel on the Campus of Colby College, Waterville.

Burial will be private.

Arrangements by the Redington Funeral Home, Waterville, Maine.

From The Boston Globe
Tuesday, 3 January 2006
ALTHOUGH BIBBY ALFOND GREW UP AS THE YOUNGEST OF HER SIBLINGS, SHE CAME TO BE RECOGNIZED AS THE MATRIARCH OF HER EXTENDED FAMILY FOR MORE YEARS THAN ANYONE TODAY CAN RECALL. SHE CAME BY HER REPUTATION OF A NURTURING, CARING AND LOVING INDIVIDUAL NOT BY WIELDING AUTHORITY, WHICH SHE EASILY POSSESSED, BUT BY DEMONSTRATING THROUGH HER COMPASSIONATE BEHAVIOR THE AUTHENTICITY OF HER MAGNANIMOUS PERSONALITY. HAROLD COULD RELY ON HER WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT IN THE PURSUIT OF HIS BUSINESS VENTURES. TED, SUSAN, BILL AND PETER COULD DEPEND ON HER MOTHERLY ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THEIR INDIVIDUALITIES AND HER OPEN-MINDEDNESS TO THEIR DIFFERENCES. HER GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, HER NEPHEWS AND NIECES COULD SEE IN HER THE GUIDING BEACON, WHICH WOULD ILLUMINATE THEIR PATHS ON THE JOURNEYS THEIR LIVES WOULD TRAVEL.

AS SHE DREW HER INSPIRATION FOR AFFECTING THE LIVES OF HER FAMILY FROM HER KEEN PERCEPTION OF HOW AND WHEN SHE WAS NEEDED, SO SHE GAVE OF HERSELF TO COMMUNITY CAUSES THAT SUMMONED IN HER THE ELEEMOSYNARY SPIRIT INHERENT IN THE ALFOND ETHIC OF CHARITY AND GOOD WORKS. YOU GIVE NOT BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO, BUT BECAUSE YOU CAN AND WILL CLIMB THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN RESPONSE TO HUMAN NEED, BECAUSE THE CHALLENGE IS THERE AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IS CLEAR. SUCH WAS BIBBY’S CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSISTANCE AT THE MAINE CHILDREN’S HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS. SUCH WAS BIBBY’S INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM OF THE HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER OF MAINE. IN THAT REGARD, I MUST POINT OUT THAT BIBBY IMPRESSED ON HER CHILDREN AND THEIR PROGENY THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF DRAWING INSPIRATION FROM AND MAINTAINING THEIR JEWISH HERITAGE.
TODAY WE HAVE LAID TO REST THE WOMAN OF VALOR, CITED IN THE BOOK OF PROVERBS, WHOSE HUSBAND TRUSTED HER AND WHOSE CHILDREN ROSE UP AND CALLED HER BLESSED. STRENGTH AND DIGNITY WERE HER CLOTHING AND SHE SMILED AT THE TIME TO COME. SHE OPENED HER MOUTH WITH WISDOM AND THE LAW OF KINDNESS WAS ON HER TONGUE. SHE LOOKED WELL TO THE WAYS OF HER HOUSEHOLD AND DID NOT EAT THE BREAD OF IDLENESS.

INDEED, SHE LOOKED WELL TO THE NEEDS OF MANY AND PROVIDED THEM WITH THE BREAD OF ENCOURAGEMENT. MAY THE MEMORY OF BIBBY ALFOND BE A BLESSING FOR ALL WHO KNEW HER.

AMEN.
For Aunt Bibby,  1/4/06

Recollections from Miller-Levine Family

given by Wendy Miller (great-niece and daughter of Gisele and Howard Miller, Bibby’s nephew), accompanied by her sister Sara Miller Arnon, Aunt Glenyce Kaplan (Bibby’s niece and daughter of Frieda Levine Miller, Bibby’s sister), and cousin Sara Lee Bloom (Bibby’s niece and daughter of Betty Levine Kaplan, Bibby’s sister)

It is very hard to stand here today and know that the last of William and Sarah Levine’s children, to us, the family of elders has passed. We all speak of this but what did it really mean to grow up among the elders of our family? Although I am here today to represent the Miller-Levine family, and I will do my best to do that, I can only speak from the experience of my own generation, hoping that what I have to say will relate more than just my own.

My dad Howard and my Aunt Glen grew up with Aunt Bibby like another sister. Bibby’s other nieces and nephew, Audrey, Harold, Tena and Sara Lee, also grew up with Bibby like another sister. That meant that to us, my own sisters and me, referred to as “the Miller girls,” that we never quite imagined Aunt Bibby in that elder Levine group when we were growing up, even though we knew she was. She was of our parents age and generation. We grew up with her, with uncle Harold, and with our cousins like another set of sisters and brothers here in Waterville. All our holidays, all our Sundays, all our summers were spent together for most of what I can remember of my childhood -- the men watching sports games at Colby or blasting on the television set; my mom Gisele and aunt Bibby having 4 o’clock tea, every day, gossiping, telling stories, playing cards with their friends:

“Do you have any of those pinwheels, Gisele?”
“Yes, I have them for the kids.”
“Well, get them out. I wouldn’t have them in my home, but I’ll eat them here!”

And the various age groups of cousins, Ted, Susan and my sister Sara, walking to the movies in their camel hair coats, with their camel hair hats,
while us younger ones, Bill, Peter, my sister Julie and I, with our many Boston cousins, were left to fend for ourselves just schmoozing and playing with whatever camel hair items were left for us! We grew up in the same homes, 33 Ticonic Street, 28 Johnson Heights, 127 Silver Street, camp (It was William and Sarah Levine’s camp that Aunt Bibby had grown up with and knew), and of course, Levine’s Store. Family among us was a daily, weekly event.

Everyone speaks of Aunt Bibby’s kindness as her legacy, all that she gave to the community, with her generosity, her passion, and her love of children. For me, it is more personal. Aunt Bibby is one of the threads of the fabric of my upbringing. As a parent now, I am so aware of the relationships that our children need to develop with other adults. Growing up in Waterville, I don’t think we were aware of how lucky we were to have had such a strong dynamic in that way. It was just a given. The family and its extensions were one fabric, not a quilt pieced together, but one large fabric that belonged to all of us, and that comforted each of us. Now, one by one, as each passes, a particular thread is pulled out, and the holes have begun to show themselves; we feel the air and the wind coming through the colors of our covering. But, with these openings, we are also called forth to do our part, to see the incredible texture, the character, the weight, the pattern and design of that weaving that we have called our own. Our family. Our love. Our Great-Aunt.

Aunt Glen and Sara Lee had their last conversations with Aunt Bibby over lunch. The last in-person conversation that my sisters and I had with Aunt Bibby was after she took “Howard’s girls, her girls” out to lunch after dad died this fall. We were at The Villager, Aunt Bibby having her milkshake and peanut butter crackers that she so loved. When we parted, she said, “Whenever you are in Waterville now, you come and stay with me. My home is your home.” We knew exactly what she meant. Our home. Our family. Our Great-Aunt Bibby.

Aunt Bibby, just as you visited your father William Levine every single day of his life, all of the Levine’s, Miller’s, Alford’s, Kaplan’s, Schutzer’s, Wolff’s, Gold’s, Lunder’s are waiting for you. Their home is your home.
Prior to Bibby's birth in 1916 - includes brother, Ted

The Levine Siblings Circa 1960
COLBY BASKETBALL CHAMPS were feted at the Hotel Templeton Thursday evening by the Mayflower Associates. Coach Lee Williams, who teamed the Mules to State title is congratulated (center) by Harold Alfond. Others from left to right; George E. Ferrell, Percy Levine, Capt. Bill Mitchell of the Mule five and Charles N. Nawfel. (Sentinelensman Tobey)
Little League Sponsors Honored

At a recent meeting held at the Boys' Club sponsors of the Little League were honored. Front, left to right, Wil Turgeon, representing the Jaycees, Bill Alfond, representing Alfond's and Herbie Sterus, of Sterns. Back, Bart Leighton of Rotary; Bernie LaLiberte of Lions; Dick Diversi of A. Diversi and Ludy Levine of Levine's. (Sentinel Photo by Dick Maxwell)

7-11-70
The Alfond’s have added a New Style to their line.

Name of Style: Michael Simon
Size Range: 5 lbs. 6 oz. – 18 1/2 inches
Delivery Date: December 14, 1969
Specifications: Made to order
Ornamentation: Boy's
Kicker: Decidedly
Backstay: Formidable
Strap: Only when necessary
Forecast: Predicted to become firm's most successful venture

From the Happy Loafers, Dolores and David
Annual Hadassah Art Auction April 28

The fifth annual benefit art auction, sponsored by Waterville Chapter of Hadassah, will be held April 28 at the Fenway-Maine Motor Hotel.

Patrons of the auction will be afforded the opportunity to preview the works during a sherry hour from 6 to 7 p.m.

Art offerings will include original oils, watercolors, etchings, drawings, and lithographs. All art is matted and framed. Artists whose lithographs will be featured include Picasso, Renoir, Dali, Chagall and Churchill.

Miss Linda Saperstein is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Elie Miller, publicity; Mrs. Marcia Beckerman, Mrs. Giselle Miller, admission; Mrs. Maida Eisenberg, co-chairman. The solicitation committee included: Bibi Alford, Paul Lunder, Ellie Glaser, Marion Heins, Myrt Wolman, Liz Geller, Frieda Miller, Celia Levine, Rona Rosenthal, Minna Pachowsky, Irene Green, Judy Brody, Phyllis Russmoff, Elmore Fisher, Elaine Levine and Phyllis Shiro.

Funds raised will continue the work of the Anti-defamation League, programs for orphaned and disturbed children around the world. Operation Stork, a program conducted in conjunction with the March of Dimes and the Hadassah Medical Organization.

Mrs. Lunder, Hadassah treasurer, holds an ad booklet sponsored by local merchants and members of the community. She served on the solicitations committee chaired by Mrs. Alford. The booklet was published by Theodore N. Levine Chapter of Bnai Brith. (Ron Maxwell Photo)
Our Mission
To build and strengthen families and their children, instilling hope for the future and a better quality of life.
Colby revels in success of fund-raising effort

By COLIN HICKEY
Staff Writer

WATERVILLE — Colby College officials, supporters and students last week celebrated more than $8 million worth of recent construction, as well as an ongoing fund-raising campaign that already has surpassed its $100 million goal.

At a Friday dinner that drew more than 700 alumni, students, parents, faculty members and friends of the college, Colby officials revealed that the Campaign for Colby fund-raiser has raised $141 million since its inception in 1992.

The campaign continues through Dec. 31.

Money from the initiative was used to build the Harold and Bibby Alfond Residence Complex and the Lunder Wing of the Colby Museum of Art, two facilities that opened this year and were the focus of celebrations that began Thursday, Colby spokesman Stephen Collins said.

Collins said the college has used Campaign money to construct about a dozen buildings on the Mayflower Hill campus since 1992.

In contrast to the annual fund-raising drive, Collins said Campaign for Colby focuses on capital goals, including increasing the college’s endowment.

“Colby’s endowment currently stands at $290 million,” Collins said.

Harold and Bibby Alfond donated $2.5 million of the $6.8 million used to build the campus apartment building that bears their name. The facility, which opened to 107 college seniors this fall, offers suites that accommodate from four to six students.

With the addition of the Alfond building, Collins said, Colby houses at least 97 percent of its students, who number about 1,800.

“Colby is a residential college as opposed to a commuter college,” Collins said. "Colby holds that what you learn as part of living and being a part of the campus is important."

If Colby also cares about art, the same can be said of Peter and Paula Lunder, the Waterville couple whose generosity made possible the $1.3 million Lunder Wing.

The addition to the Colby Museum of Art, which opened in late June, displays the museum’s American art collection and has been featured in American Art magazine, as well as in major newspapers.

An official dedication of the Lunder Wing was held Saturday to complete three days of celebrations at the college.

During the festivities, the college also announced $2 million had been donated to recognize Colby president William R. Cotter and his wife Linda K. Cotter.

The money will be used to establish the William R. Cotter Distinguished Professorship and the Linda K. Cotter Endowment for Student Internships. Cotter, Colby’s president since 1979, plans to retire next June.
The PROJECTS

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No Boot Too Big

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Together, they founded Norseman.

A mere three years later, with his store open and his factory busily involved, Andolf told me about a vacant shoe factory for $15,000. He was interested in the building to his family with the idea of purchasing the factory for $15,000.
Colby dedicates Levine grounds

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WATERVILLE — From his customary spot in the back of the end zone, 1927 Colby College graduate Pacy Levine would have cheered as team captain Brandon Irwin faked a handoff on the opening kickoff Saturday and raced 55 yards down the left sideline. Older brother Ludy (Colby '21) would have risen from his perch in the bleachers.

The Levine brothers, legendary at Colby and in Waterville, watched most of the home games in a Colby-Amherst rivalry that dates back to 1903. And if the Levines had anything to say about it, the Lord Jeffs would not have enjoyed a 22-4-1 series lead after Saturday's Homecoming game.

"If Colby lost, they had a bad day," said philanthropist Harold H. Alfond, married to the Levines’ youngest sister, Bibby. "There will never be any others like them. They were great spectators."

Alfond spoke just prior to the dedication of the Ludy and Pacy Levine Athletic Grounds. Bibby Alfond and Howard Miller, their nephew who helped run Levine's clothing store for decades, unveiled the plaques that will sit at the entrance to the football field and surrounding track.

The lifelong bachelors died a year apart — Pacy in 1996 and Ludy in 1997. Levine’s, the well-known “store for men and boys,” closed in 1996. But the sign on the storefront remains, a reminder of the

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Bibby Alfond sports a photo button of her brothers, Ludy and Pacy Levine, during a ceremony Saturday at Colby College honoring them.

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days when people came off the street to buy quality clothing and view memorabilia in the “Colby Corner.” And now, the Levine brothers are memorialized forever at the college they loved.

“No one in the history of Colby College has ever walked more times up and down this field than Pacy and Ludy Levine,” said Richard Whitmore, Colby men’s basketball coach and former athletic director. “They were simply the heart and soul of what we were about in athletics.”

Colby’s “C Club,” celebrating its 100th Colby Night, honored the Alfonds and Levines on Friday night as C Club Family of the Century.

On Saturday, the campus was dressed in its autumnal garb for the Homecoming events.

“Ludy and Pacy loved Colby College with a passion that was rare and they adored Colby sports,” Miller said. “How they cheered. Some students thought they were part of the coaching staff.”

William Alfond looked at his mother, Bibby, as he took the podium behind the Colby bench.

“This is a great day for you and the Levine family,” Alfond said.

Alfond added that Colby sports was the brother's true love, although the Red Sox might have tested that today.

Steve Kaplan, representing the family of Ludy and Pacy Levine, leaves the field at the start of the Colby College homecoming football game Saturday after performing the coin toss. The legendary Levine brothers were honored for their long-time contributions to Colby athletics.

“Go Colby, beat Amherst,” Alfond said, in his best imitation of his uncles.

The Levine brothers’ love of Colby extended to the clothing store that was the shopping centerpiece of downtown Waterville.

A newcomer to Mayflower Hill could open an account at the store as a first-year student and not pay the bill until after graduating and finding a job.

“We never lost a dime on that,” Ludy said in a 1996 profile published by the Boston Globe.

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Dorothy “Bibby” Levine Alfond’s Legacy:

- Theodore “Rocky” Alfond, great grandson of Dorothy “Bibby” Levine Alfond