

BOSTON POST CANE PRESENTATION

By Becky and John Burnham



Mary Orcutt Harkins, 95 years young, was awarded the Boston Post Cane on the 10th of June, 2015, as the eldest citizen of Southwest Harbor, just before her 96th birthday. Town Manager Don Lagrange and First Selectman Dan Norwood presented her with a lovely framed award certificate. Also present was her son John Harkins, and a grandson and his wife from Arlington, Texas. John and Becky Burnham represented the Southwest Harbor Historical Society. Elizabeth Orcutt Berry, Mary's mother, received the Boston Post Cane in the summer of 1996 when she was 98 years old, keeping it until she was 101.

Mary cared for many neighborhood children along with her own four children, John, Jr. (Mary), Judi H. Reynolds (Tracy), Kerry H. Dalton (Jim) and the late Bruce Harkins.

Mary was born in Brooksville and she and her husband John, who passed away in 2004, moved to Southwest Harebor in 1950. Now her family also consists of five grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.