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## Woman's 'close encounter' remains vivid after 25 years

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THORNTON, N.H. (UPI) — Twenty-five years have not dimmed Betty Hill's memories of her headline-making ride aboard a UFO.

Standing in a clearing where she said she and her husband were kidnapped by diminutive humanoids, Hill said her recollection of the incident that made headlines worldwide is still vivid.

"It's almost like going into a church," Hill said. "It's quiet and I watch the sky and I pray that they don't come back."

Hill returned to the town where the incident occurred to talk to children in a school about a mile from the clearing.

Hill recalled the autumn night Sept. 19, 1961, she and her husband Barney saw "a bright star" hovering above the

White Mountains. She said she and her husband were "dragged aboard kicking and screaming" and examined by the space aliens.

"I was absolutely terrified," said Hill, 67. "My husband and I said, 'We're never going to tell anybody about this. No one would believe us.'"

In her lecture, she showed slides of UFO sightings and displayed a dummy named "Junior" who resembles one of her humanoid captors.

Spots on their car and other eerie reminders from the incident troubled her husband and the two sought help from a Boston psychiatrist. In 11 months of hypnosis, the Hills were able to break through amnesia they say the aliens forced upon them.