



Earl A. Bunnell

March 4, 1926 - April 14, 2011

CANAAN, VT -- Mr. Earl "Bunny" A. Bunnell, 85, of Canaan, Vt., passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2011, in Concord, NH, after a long period of declining health and with his loving family at his side.

Earl was born on March 4, 1926, in Colebrook, NH, a son of the late Earl J. and Henrietta (Ramsay) Bunnell. He attended local schools and then served with honor in the U.S. Navy from 1944-46 during World War II. He married Irene Roberts in 1948.

Bunny apprenticed as a barber under his father and then joined him in the family business in Colebrook. He worked as a barber for 20 years, and then joined the civil service working for the U.S. Postal Service for 20 more years, retiring in 1989.

He was a member of the American Legion and served as post commander, and he was a member of the VFW; Earl was a 50-year member and Past Master of Evening Star Lodge #37, F. & A.M., a member of the Evening Star for 28 years, and a 20-year member of the Colebrook Kiwanis. He was a member of the Monadnock Congregational Church in Colebrook for 68 years, having served as trustee, deacon, Sunday School teacher, and on the church nominating committee. He also served for 25 years on the Canaan, Vt., school board. He was active in the Boy Scouts, as well, having served as Scout

Master for Troop 220 in Colebrook, and he received the Silver Beaver Citation for his service to the scouts in 1970.

Earl also truly enjoyed his time spent with family and friends, and one of his most cherished places to be was fishing at Tim Pond in Maine. He was a loving husband and father, and he will be dearly missed by his countless friends and family.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of more than 62 years, Irene (Roberts) Bunnell of Canaan, Vt.; his son Earl A. Bunnell II and wife Pamela of Colebrook, NH; and one who he considered as close as a son, Ronnie Gadwah and companion, Karen Decosse, of Hampton, NH, and Ronnie's daughter Kara Sweatt.

Earl is preceded in death by his daughter Vickie Bunnell in 1997.

Calling hours will be on Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011, from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH. A Masonic service will be presented by Evening Star Lodge #37, F.&A.M. of Colebrook immediately prior to the evening calling hours at 6:45 p.m. A funeral service will be on Monday, April 18, at 11 a.m. at the Monadnock Congregational Church in Colebrook with The Rev. Rebecca Larson officiating. A committal service with military honors will be held in the spring at the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in Mr. Bunnell's memory may be made to the Vickie Bunnell Scholarship Fund, c/o Colebrook Kiwanis, P.O. Box 241, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Monadnock Congregational Church
Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts and prays go out to you at this time.##imported-begin##Roy/Donna Edwards##imported-end##

April 30, 2011 at 08:03 PM



“ We extend our sympathies to your family and our thoughts and prayers are with you in these times.
I read about "Bunny" in the book "Two Coots in a Canoe" and was talking with my neighbor about the people we knew.
I recall when I was a kid going to the Barber Shop with my father to have my hair cut on Saturday night. The stories told there were part of my education. Colebrook has lost another of the greatest generation that ever lived.##imported-begin##Lee & Monique Owen##imported-end##

April 27, 2011 at 07:17 AM



“ Irene, Earl Jr & Pam,

We just received the News & Sentinel today - so sorry to hear of Bunny's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of him during my time in Colebrook - fishing trips, gatherings at your home, etc. He was a wonderful man and friend and he will be sorely missed - you have our deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Steve & Sherry Young##imported-end##

April 23, 2011 at 06:41 PM



“ Our deepest condolences go out the family at your loss which is heaven's gain.##imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##

April 22, 2011 at 05:05 AM



“ Irene, Earl, Pam and Ronnie...my thoughts are prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Cynthia Rainville Vallier##imported-end##

April 20, 2011 at 10:30 PM



“ Earl was an elegant man with the most wonderful outlook on life. He will always be remembered. Joan and I offer our deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Samuel Bird##imported-end##

April 20, 2011 at 01:09 PM



“ May God Bless and keep you during this time of trials.##imported-begin##Lucien and Ellen Lizotte##imported-end##

April 18, 2011 at 06:46 PM



“ With each new day, may peace find a place in your heart. Sorry to hear of Earl's passing with sincere sympathy. Lucille##imported-begin##Lucille Bouthillier##imported-end##

April 17, 2011 at 05:11 PM



“ *Bunny was the most loving man I ever know. So much fun to be with. I'll miss him terribly, and so will our Church, and our Kiwanis Club. He always sat at the same table as I (I sat beside Vickie at Kiwanis the day she died) and the conversations were great. He and Carolyn will enjoy their reunion.##imported-begin##Brad Brooks##imported-end##*

April 17, 2011 at 03:14 PM



“ *Dear Irene and Earl,*

We were saddened to read of Earl's death, but warmed by the many wonderful and cherished memories we have of the both of you. We consider ourselves blessed to have known him and no doubt he and Vicky are together once more fishing in the never ending stream of God's love.

Love,

Tom, Cindy & Emily##imported-begin##Tom, Cindy & Emily Faucher##imported-end##

April 17, 2011 at 04:52 AM



“ *Earl and Pam,*

Although I didn't know your father well, Rodney did. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Please convey my sympathy to your mother. Earl was a prince among men.

Leatrice##imported-begin##Leatrice Bacon##imported-end##

April 16, 2011 at 07:20 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to you Irene & all the family. Hearing of Mr. Bunnell's passing is very sad. We as past neighbors & all the Riendeau family especially our Dad "Archie" always thought a great deal of Mr. Bunnell & loved visiting with both of you. Your in our prayers and in our thoughts now & days to come.##imported-begin##Walter & Suzelle Noyes##imported-end##

April 16, 2011 at 01:58 PM



“ Bunny was a true gentleman. He always made you feel welcome and was always eager to lend a hand. He will be remembered as a valued friend to my parents and the ultimate Kiwanian.##imported-begin##Fred and Norma Chenevert##imported-end##

April 16, 2011 at 01:55 PM



“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Earl. Our deepest sympathies.##imported-begin##Jane & Jarrett Dustin##imported-end##

April 16, 2011 at 09:37 AM



“ Irene, "Brother" and Pam, Our hearts and our prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time...We will all treasure our memories of Earl...Butch will miss the haircuts, I will miss the "OK Dear" he always said to me and others and Andrew and Jacob will never forget his patience in teaching them how to tie flies..We are all blessed to have known him.##imported-begin##Butch and Donna Castor##imported-end##

April 16, 2011 at 09:29 AM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. We are so sorry for your loss, he was a great man. Take comfort in your family, friends and the wonderful memories of this wonderful person. We smile at thoughts of him and in knowing that he is now reunited with his daughter. God Bless you all.
Keenan and Chantal##imported-begin##Keenan and Chantal Carney##imported-end##

April 16, 2011 at 08:25 AM



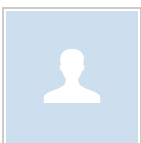
“ Earl, Irene and family, you are in our thoughts. Your Dads passing is sad news. Know we are thinking of you and yours.##imported-begin##Calvin Crawford##imported-end##

April 15, 2011 at 11:01 PM



“ Irene, Earl Jr., and family - many thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. I always remember Bunny when I go to the Post Office, and remember giving him the mailers when we finished the Sliver Bunnell Mem'l. Mail Run the last year Bunny was Post Master. Best to you all from both me and Mike.##imported-begin##Ginger Jannenga##imported-end##

April 15, 2011 at 01:47 PM



“ Bunnell family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Earl will always be remembered as a fine and very loved person. We are honoured to have known him in this life. Prayers are with you all. Pete and Deb##imported-begin##Peter and Deborah Dimmitt of Clarksville##imported-end##

April 15, 2011 at 12:08 PM