



## Ellsworth Harry Bunnell

August 15, 1917 - January 18, 2004

Mr. Ellsworth Harry Bunnell, 86, of Colebrook, NH, and St. Petersburg, FL, passed away Sunday, January 18, 2004, at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Petersburg.

Mr. Bunnell was born August 15, 1917, in East Colebrook, NH, son of the late Harry and Ethel (Buffington) Bunnell.

Mr. Bunnell was raised in Columbia, NH. He was a self-taught man, professional florist, professional pianist from the age of 15, world traveler, author, noted local historian, and lecturer. His ancestral roots can be traced back to two well-known families: one great-great grandmother was a cousin to the famous L.L. Bean and a great-great-great grandmother was a niece to Ethan Allen. He was the owner of the Blossom Shop prior to his retirement. He was a musician at THE BALSAMS Grand Resort Hotel, having celebrated his 49th anniversary at THE BALSAMS in the summer of 2003. He was an organist for the Monadnock Congregational Church for 40 years. His trio, "The El Bunnell Trio" was a highlight on weekends at the Colebrook House for many years. He was co-chairman of the Colebrook Bicentennial celebration in 1970, having written a book for the bicentennial called *Even Unto This Valley*. He also published in 1999 *Our Family History*, tracing his family back to 1066. He assisted with the histories of Colebrook, Columbia and West Stewartstown to name a few. He was also published in *New Hampshire Profiles*, Northern

New Hampshire Magazine and Yankee Magazine. His memberships included the Colebrook Historical Society and the North Country Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Bunnell is survived by two nephews, Norman Crawford of Waterford, CT, and Harry Crawford of Louisville, KY; two nieces, Linda Crawford of Colebrook, NH, and Ruskin, FL, and Evelyn Greco of Hurricane, UT; three half-nephews, Jim Unfonak, Gerry Grant and Don Grant, all of New Hampshire; two half-nieces, Mona Stewart of Colebrook, NH, and Jeanne Berry of Canaan, VT; his cousin, Earl Bunnell of Canaan, VT, and numerous cousins in Maine; eleven grandnieces and nephews; and fifteen great-grandnieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Geraldine Crawford of Groveton, NH, a half-sister, Aurilla Unfonak of Colebrook, NH, and a nephew, Sherwood Crawford.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsfuneralhome.net](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhome.net) or to Norman Crawford, 22 Quarry Road, Waterford, CT 06385.