



Harry L. Olmstead, Jr.

November 9, 1928 - April 28, 2012

LANCASTER, NH— Mr. Harry L. Olmstead, Jr., 83, of Columbia, NH, passed away on Saturday morning, April 28, 2012, at the Country Village Healthcare Center in Lancaster, NH.

He was born in Manchester, NH, on Nov. 9, 1928, a son to the late Harry L. Olmstead, Sr. and Elizabeth (Beard) Olmstead. Harry was a graduate of the Newton, Mass., High School and the Leland Powers School in Boston. He was a student at the Tuck School at Dartmouth College from 1952-53. He was the beloved husband to Margaret Ann (Polhemus) Olmstead. Prior to moving to Colebrook, Harry was employed with the First National Bank of White River Jct., Vt., for eight years.

Harry worked for 39 years at the former Colebrook National Bank and the Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank which eventually became the First Colebrook Bank, retiring as its president in 1991. He was also a member of the Board of Directors for the bank and the First Colebrook Bancorp., retiring from those boards in 1998. His professional accomplishments were many, and public service was important to him. Harry was a former director of the NH Business Development Corp.; past chairman and board member of the NH Bankers' Association; a board member of the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital and the Upper Connecticut Valley Mental Health Agency; a trustee of the Colebrook Public Library and the Columbia Cemeteries; a past treasurer

for the Town of Colebrook; and a member of the staff development committee for SAU #7.

His civic interests and willingness to serve were equally as numerous. He was a member of Evening Star Lodge #37, F. & A.M. in Colebrook; a member of Colebrook's Bicentennial Committee in the early 70s; a charter member, past president, and historian of the Colebrook Kiwanis Club, as well as their Lay Person of the Year in 1984; and the 1978 "Outstanding Boss" of the Colebrook Jaycees.

Harry was also a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, and was active in the church, serving as the superintendent of the church school, a lay leader, lay speaker, and trustee. He was active in the Parish of the Headwaters for many years, as well.

Harry was also a showman at heart, and he loved to entertain. He was in many of Colebrook's 4th of July parades with his great friend, Doris Chappell, and they also appeared on NH's public TV station in Durham. The late Bob Moore and Harry were co-chairmen of Ellsworth Bunnell's "Down Memory Lane," which was presented by the Kiwanis Club in Colebrook. With Audrey Noyes, Harry also helped produce "Drs. Parsons & Gifford Day," a tribute to the work they did to establish the UCVH.

He is survived by his son, David L. Olmstead and wife Linda of Rowlett, Tex.; his daughter Beth Ellen Emery and husband Deane, of Warner, NH; four grandsons, Andrew & Stephen Olmstead, and Seth & Sean Emery; as well as many life-long friends.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Margaret in 1991; and his long-time companion, Richard W. Loiselle in 2008.

There will be no public calling hours. A graveside service will be held on Sat., June 9, 2012, at 3 p.m. at the Colebrook Village Cemetery where Harry will be laid to rest next to Margaret.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in memory of Harry may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church, c/o Rev. Rick Boyden, Bridge St., Colebrook, NH 03576; or to the UCVH, 181 Corliss Lane, Colebrook, NH 03576.

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

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

Tribute Wall



“ *David & Beth and families: Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of your dad and our cousin. He was always a special part of our family. His memories will be forever in our hearts. Take comfort in knowing he's now in a perfect place, happy, laughing and with other loved ones who went before him. Love, Norman & Nancy* *Norman & Nancy Smith* ”

May 24, 2012 at 09:40 AM



“ *Dave and Linda:*

We were sorry to read in the Democrat of your Dads passing. You have our sincere condolences. We spend most of our time during the warmer months in Lancaster now that we are retired. Hope all is well with you and the boys and that you are enjoying your life in Texas.

*Sincerely,
Your Merrimack friends,*

Roger & Sharon *Roger & Sharon
Tremblay* ”

May 09, 2012 at 10:47 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are will David, Beth and their families. Sorry for your loss.* *Chris, Ann-Marie and Bailey Polhemus* ”

May 07, 2012 at 08:56 AM



“ Dear Beth and David,
Wow so many years have passed. I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I have so many fond memories of both your mom and dad. And of course you two as well, being neighbors and friends for so many years. I hope you are all well in life and my deepest sympathy is extended to you. Fondly Shelley Crawford Strout###imported-begin##Shelley (Crawford) Strout###imported-end##

May 04, 2012 at 01:48 PM



“ Our condolences to the family on your loss and our prayers are with you during this time.###imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes###imported-end##

May 04, 2012 at 12:49 AM



“ I have many great memories of your Dad and Mom. My first is at the Methodist Church when you both were very little (just yesterday, right?). Then it was at Dora's Shop and of course, the bank. Your Dad made going to work a joy! I'll always remember him with fondness; he was a wonderful man. Sincerely,
Rosemary###imported-begin##Rosemary Mulliken###imported-end##

May 03, 2012 at 08:55 AM



“ Dear David and Beth, Your Dad was a wonderful man - so glad we knew him. David, I have great memories of sitting near you at school and listening to you tell all the things your family did together. Bill and I are sorry for your loss and think of you especially at this time. Sincerely, Susie##imported-begin##Susan Maxwell Sambito##imported-end##

May 03, 2012 at 06:38 AM



“ Dave and Beth, I'm so sorry to hear of Uncle Harry's passing. I have fond memories of him when we would get together when we were growing up. It's funny, though, I really had no idea the extent of his community involvement. He was "just" my Uncle Harry. It was good to read about his life and gain a broader picture of who he was. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. May the God of Peace be with you and give you comfort now and always.##imported-begin##Phil and Jill Hamblett and family##imported-end##

May 03, 2012 at 12:05 AM



“ *To David and family, and Beth and family:
I just wanted to send you my prayers and deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. I have such good memories of when we were growing up together in the Methodist Church in Colebrook and of your parents in the choir and other community involvement. (and my husband James grew up in your 'neighborhood' and also has good memories).
We wish you the peace and comfort that only the Holy Spirit can bring to you during this time of grief and loss, and may all the wonderful memories that you can share, bring you much joy.
Thinking of you and lifting you all up in our prayers.
God bless, Lori and James###imported-begin###Lori (Parkhurst) and James MacDonald###imported-end##*

May 01, 2012 at 09:05 AM



“ *Dad,

I was truly blessed to have two of the most supportive parents growing up in the small, northern Town of Colebrook! I will never forget all the loving, family memories and all the contagious laughter. Plus, I was Daddy's Baby Girl!) Rest in peace, Dad.
Love, your daughter, Beth, Deane, Seth, Sean, Kerri & Katelyn
XOXOX###imported-begin###Beth (Olmstead) and Deane Emery###imported-end##*

April 30, 2012 at 01:01 PM



“ *He was a wonderful husband to Margaret and a dearly loved brother-in-law. We give thanks that he is at peace and no longer suffering. We give thanks to God for his gift of Harry to our world.##imported-begin##Rita and Philip Polhemus##imported-end##*

April 30, 2012 at 12:05 PM