



## Milton E. Adair

March 11, 1919 - February 15, 2008

COLEBROOK, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- Mr. Milton E. "Bumpa" Adair, 88, of Colebrook, New Hampshire, passed away early on Friday, February 15, 2008, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook after a long period of failing health.

Mr. Adair was born March 11, 1919, in Concord, Vt., a son of the late William and Myra (Smith) Adair.

Milton spent a few of his early years in Concord, Vt. area and then moved to Colebrook where he attended local schools. In 1940, he married Elizabeth Bennett. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1943 and saw action in the Pacific theater of World War II. He was injured on board his ship in Okinawa during a Kamikaze attack, for which he earned a purple heart medal. After his recuperation, 2nd Class Petty Officer Adair was assigned a tour of duty on Admiral Wm. "Bull" Halsey's flagship and aircraft carrier, where he survived a dangerous typhoon. Milton was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946 and he returned to Columbia with his family.

Mr. Adair did many different things in his career, including working as a lineman on the pulp drives on the Pond River in Maine, starting a construction company with his father-in-law, and he owned and operated Aunt Libby's Store & Restaurant in Columbia until it burned during Colebrook's bi-

centennial celebration in 1970. He was a well-known local carpenter for many years. In his spare time, he was an avid hunter and trapper.

Milton also had the spirit of public service. He served as a selectman in Columbia for a total of 14 years and as town moderator for nine years. When he moved to Colebrook he served as selectman there for three years. He was an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Colebrook, was a past-president of the organization, and was a long-time member of the Masons in the Evening Star Lodge #37 F & AM. Mr. Adair was also a life-member of the VFW Nulhegan Post #5243.

Mr. Adair will be remembered by all as a wonderful man who loved his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and his many, many friends who will miss him dearly.

He leaves behind a son, Clayton E. Adair and wife, Dera, of Louisburg, NC; three daughters, Brenda Brooks-Gadwah and husband, Neal, of Colebrook, Lucinda Grassi and husband, Pete Dupre, of Colebrook, and Kory-Ann Adair of Kittery, Me.; two sisters, Beatrice Dezan of Milton, NH, and Myra Sweatt of Columbia, NH; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Adair is preceded in death by his loving wife, Elizabeth, in 1992; two brothers, William and Harold Ball; his dear companion for the past several years, Lucinda Cross, late in 2007, and a great-grandson, Jeffrey Brooks-Haynes.

At his specific request, there were no calling hours. A graveside service with military honors will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. in the family lot in the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in Mr. Adair's memory may be made to the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, c/o Kim Daley, 181 Corliss Lane, Colebrook, NH 03576.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Kory and family, I was so sorry to hear about your Dad. I have so many wonderful memories of staying down at the house with your Mom and Dad in Columbia. We had such good times and Your Dad always made us feel so welcome. Remember the time my sister and I "ran away from home" and your Dad picked us up in that ice storm and we stayed at your house. He was such a nice man and I know you will miss him so much. I will be thinking about you. Love Darleen###imported-begin##Darleen Placey###imported-end##

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February 26, 2008 at 07:05 PM



“ I love you daddy###imported-begin##Kory-Ann Adair###imported-end##

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February 26, 2008 at 10:48 AM



“ We're so sorry to hear about Milton, please accept our condolence's. If there's anything we can do please don't hesitate to call. Necia's # 603-474-5043, Diane's cell#617-470-2673###imported-begin##Necia Thurlow, Diane&Dan Blake###imported-end##

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February 26, 2008 at 09:48 AM



“ I may only be his grandson but to me I felt like a jr. i felt as if him and I would go on living in happiness for the rest of our lives but reality came and ripped us apart

May you rest in peace bumpa  
With great love Little Milty##imported-begin##Milton-Wayne Devan  
Aair##imported-end##

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February 25, 2008 at 09:19 AM



“ Ciny & family my deepest symphaty to you on the passing of your dad. remember that is how we met? when your dad did carpentry at our home when we were growing up I will always remember whst a nice man he was.god bless you##imported-begin##Nancy Boudle##imported-end##

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February 21, 2008 at 08:25 AM



“ Dear Brenda and Family:

I was sorry to hear of your father's passing. What a very nice man. I'm not sure if I ever told you, but I ran into a service buddy of his in Cozemel, Mexico and heard great things and gave the fellow the address so they could reconnect. Please accept my sincere sympathies.

Don Vashaw##imported-begin##Don Vashaw##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 10:34 AM



“ *Brenda and family: Our deepest and sincere sympathy at this time of sorrow. Milton was a good man and certainly will be missed.*

*Sincerely, Hasen and Jeannine Burns###imported-begin###Hasen and Jeannine Burns###imported-end##*

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February 18, 2008 at 05:48 PM



“ *Cindy, Siblings and Extended Family Members:*

*Wanted to drop a note to express my condolences for the loss of Milton. I was just talking about him with my husband recently, telling about the store and what a big deal it was to have a quarter in your pocket. We sure were cool walking from Cone School to the store and back. Amazing what we could get for that quarter back in the sixties. Coke, chips and a candy bar. Those were the good old days when the community was truly "one BIG family." I miss those days but they make for great memories. Take care and best to you all during this difficult time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Georgie###imported-begin###Georgie Poulin Johnson###imported-end##*

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February 18, 2008 at 10:33 AM



“ Dear Brenda, Cindy, Tim, Joy and families,  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all at this time, Milton was a wonderful man and he will surely be dearly missed. Our best to you all.

Love,  
Bill and Sarah Jane##imported-begin##Bill and Sarah Jane  
Cummings##imported-end##

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February 16, 2008 at 03:09 PM



“ Dear Brenda, Joy, Tim & families. I never knew your Father, but know he fought the good fight, was a good citizen, loving Father, grandfather, friend & neighbor. Please know that I am thinking of you all in your time of sorrow, always remember all the Happy times, celebrate his life, as I am sure you are going to. May God be with you all in your hour of Need. God Bless Joyce cass##imported-begin##Joyce Cass##imported-end##

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February 16, 2008 at 07:51 AM



“ Dear Brenda and family, My heartfelt condolences to you and all of your family at this time of great loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of grief and praying for God's great comfort for you all. Love, Lori and James MacDonald (and families)##imported-begin##Lori (Parkhurst) Berry  
MacDonald##imported-end##

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February 15, 2008 at 08:41 PM



“ *Dear Cindy, Brenda, and Family*

*We are so very sorry to hear about your Dad. We know he has fought the good fight and that you have been right there with him. every step of the way. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. God bless, Roland and Patty##imported-begin##Patty Hart##imported-end##*

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February 15, 2008 at 12:32 PM