



Perley E. Davis

March 23, 1929 - February 21, 2010

COLEBROOK, NH -- Mr. Perley E. Davis, 80, of Colebrook, NH, passed away on Sunday, February 21, 2010, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, with his loving family at his side.

Mr. Davis was born on March 23, 1929, in Colebrook, NH, a son of Homer C. Davis and Ruth C. (Hammond) Davis. He attended school in Colebrook and graduated from Colebrook Academy in 1947.

After graduation, Perley entered Norwich University and earned a degree in civil engineering in 1951. At that time, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He served with honor during the Korean War with the 25th Infantry Division, and was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. He continued his military service as a member of the NH National Guard as a 1st Lieutenant until 1959.

His working career encompassed many jobs over the years. For 17 years, Perley was a co-owner and operator of Sims Dairy, a local processing plant and delivery company, and he was an engineer for Burnett Construction Company of Burlington, Vt., helping to create the system for waste water treatment for the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital and extensions of the local system in Colebrook.

Mr. Davis was the business administrator of SAU #7 for 20 years, and was instrumental in the projects for vocational training shops in Colebrook, Pittsburg, and Canaan, Vt. He also laid out the athletic fields and outdoor basketball courts for the Colebrook schools, as well as taking part in the renovations at Colebrook Academy and the elementary school gymnasium.

Public service was important to Perley. He served on the Colebrook School Board for 5 years, and as chairman of the combined SAU #7 and SAU #58 boards. He was chairman of the Colebrook Cemetery Trustees for a period of time. And he will always be remembered locally as a legislator for the 1st District in the NH House of Representatives for 3 ½ terms, serving on the Environment & Agricultural Committee and the Education Committee.

In his spare time, Perley was an avid hunter and fisherman, and loved to be outdoors. He was a regular player with the local Cribbage Cohorts, and he was a 50+ year member of the Eastern Star Lodge #37, F. & A.M.

He leaves behind a daughter, Julie Colby and husband, David, of Colebrook, NH; a son, Timothy and partner, Tony McDonald, of Washington, DC; four granddaughters, Melissa Boire, Jacie Colby, Hannah Colby, and Tia McDonald-Davis; a grandson, Jayson McDonald-Davis; two great-grandchildren, Emma McKeage and Lyvia Rexford; and a sister, Bernardine Stanton, of Colebrook, NH; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Davis is preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 53 years, Janice, in late 2004; a son, Peter, in 1959; two brothers, Robert and Harold Davis; and three sisters, Mary Davis, Helen Placy, and Barbara Schiavone.

Memorial calling hours will be on Saturday, February 27, 2010, from 4-7 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH. A Masonic service will be presented by Evening Star Lodge #37, F&AM of Colebrook

immediately prior to the calling hours at 3:45 p.m. A graveside service with military honors will be held in the spring at the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in Mr. Davis' memory may be made to the Colebrook Public Library, c/o Julie Colby, P.O. Box 58, 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

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Julie, David and family, Tim and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Your parents were such a big part of our younger years and fond memories of our July gatherings in Colebrook. May God Bless and they will forever be in our hearts. Love, Steven, Nancy, Alison and Sarah##imported-begin##Nancy Emerson Esty##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 08:58 PM



“ My condolences go out to the entire family, but especially to Tim who was a good friend with my sister Rhonda. God bless you all.

Caring Forever,

Alan J. MacKinnon CCE##imported-begin##Alan J. MacKinnon##imported-end##

March 04, 2010 at 02:20 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss##imported-begin##Joshua Dixon##imported-end##

March 04, 2010 at 01:13 PM



“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Perley Davis. He was such a kind and thoughtful man. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike & Melanie Gray###imported-begin##Michael & Melanie Gray###imported-end##

March 04, 2010 at 11:56 AM



“ Dear Julie, David and famly:

I am so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. Perley was a great dad and grandfather and i know how much he loved his family and how you will all miss him. His spirit and his love will always be in your hearts. Good bless you and be with you. Love

Lorraine###imported-begin##Lorraine Harding###imported-end##

March 02, 2010 at 04:57 PM



“ The north country has lost a father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, statesman, soldier, outdoorsman, chef, vintner, horticulturalist, engineer, business man, storyteller, renaissance man, historian, humorist, artist, builder, gentleman and a good friend to many.

David, Julie, Timmy, Melissa, Jacie, Hanna so sorry for your loss. Perhaps heaven contains a bit of the Allagash with hungry brook trout and whitetail aplenty.###imported-begin##James Pike###imported-end##

February 28, 2010 at 07:49 PM



“ Bernadine, Julie, David and Family, and Tim, Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of Perley. He was a person to be admired, a good man. Because of his acts of kindness, his wit and intellect, Colebrook is a better place. We are proud to have known him for many years, and will hold dear the memories we have of Perley.##imported-begin##Joeng & Mike Divney##imported-end##

February 27, 2010 at 09:09 AM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the families. We are the lucky ones to have had Perley in our life and he will always be watching over us with all of our angels. I use to ride with Perley once in a while on his trips to Concord. On one trip Janice told my aunt that I talked all the way home. He was a strong man to make those early morning trips 3 times a week. Al enjoyed his golf games and breakfasts with Perley when we were at home in Lemington. Perley will be missed, but he's home with Janice now and still smiling.##imported-begin##Daphne Whitmore##imported-end##

February 26, 2010 at 08:59 AM



“ Julie, David, Bernadine and your families, many thoughts and prayers for you all at this time. Over the years meeting Perley at things around the area was always a pleasant encounter.##imported-begin##Ginger Jannenga##imported-end##

February 25, 2010 at 06:55 PM



“ Julie, Tim & Family

Roland and I wish to send you our sincerest condolences on the loss of your Dad. I remember him best from the years we worked together and more recently from retired teachers. Roland has some fond memories of hunting with him in Vermont. Going along with John, Roland said about one o'clock they would look for a little column of smoke and head for it. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Patty and Roland###imported-begin###Patty Hart###imported-end###

February 24, 2010 at 04:59 PM



“ Tim, Julie and families--

My thoughts are with you in the loss of your dad!###imported-begin###Pat Banfill###imported-end###

February 24, 2010 at 11:27 AM



“ Our condolences to the family on your loss. I remember Perley as the Superintendent at Colebrook and he always stopped to chat or answer questions when he was in and about the schools. That is just a testament to the type of character that he had and it is an admirable character that more should have.###imported-begin###Haven & Peggy Haynes###imported-end###

February 24, 2010 at 02:24 AM



“ To Tim, Julie and families, our condolences. So many memories; trips to Boothbay, fishing trips to northern Maine. One in particular with Clarence, Bub, Perley and myself (Perley said, "you guys pick up the food, I'll get the beer.") He showed up with one 6-pack, saying "we came to fish, not drink beer." Which we did. We will surely miss his grin and wit. ##imported-begin## Irving and Ellen Hughes ##imported-end##

February 23, 2010 at 04:42 PM



“ To the Davis family - very sorry for your loss. I worked for Perley as part of the ceta program many years ago. I loved working for him, he always had something funny to say. He was a pleasure to be around ##imported-begin## Carey Clark ##imported-end##

February 23, 2010 at 01:18 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all you during this time of great loss. I served with Perley in the New Hampshire House and will remember him as a person who was dedicated to serving his constituents and the town of Colebrook. I also admired his wisdom, humor, patience and perservance. ##imported-begin## Rep. Peter Bergin ##imported-end##

February 23, 2010 at 10:09 AM



“ Julie & Family-

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very sad time.

*Cynthia & Dick##imported-begin##Cynthia & Dick
Harris##imported-end##*

February 23, 2010 at 09:10 AM



“ *If you were hunting in the deep woods of Lemington on a cold day, you might catch a whiff of woodsmoke. Follow the smoke, and you would find P.D. boiling up a can of soup that he had carried into the woods with him. As you approached the small fire, Perley would make a half-grin, and pull a second can of soup out of his pants pocket, for you to share with him.*

I'm sure that P.D. has two cans of soup with him on his new journey.##imported-begin##Jonathan Frizzell##imported-end##

February 23, 2010 at 07:30 AM



“ Julie, Tim, and all the family,
We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers will be with you as you pass through this very difficult time.
My fondest memory of Uncle Perley is a conversation we had on Main Street between the library and the liquor store in 1985. He called me by my childhood nickname and then asked if anyone else still called me that. No one else did - Homer had stopped when he entered high school. Well, he decided, since he was the last one and he worked in the SAU, and I was a senior in high school, maybe he should stop and start using my given name. That was the last day anyone ever called me Punky.
He will be missed.
Our love and prayers,
Helen and the Robertson family###imported-begin###Helen (Lynch) Robertson###imported-end###

February 22, 2010 at 08:34 PM



“ We are with you in spirit and in prayer. Perley will be missed. Please accept our sincere condolences.###imported-begin###Myra and Reggie###imported-end###

February 22, 2010 at 08:17 PM



“ Julie, David & Family,

Please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of your dad. We certainly enjoyed many great times together -riding with him on the milk route at Sim's Dairy (and him throwing out my sneakers that were falling apart!), our many fishing and snowmobile trips, hunting on the Hill, jeeping all over the north country, playing cribbage, etc. We really enjoyed it when he and your mom visited us in GE and we could show them around the country. He was a wonderful man and we will miss him greatly. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Steve & Sherry Young##imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 06:29 PM



“ Julie, David and family,

Please accept our condolences on the loss of your Dad. Our hearts and prayers are with your entire family during this time of enourmous loss and heartache. May God give you His strength to endure this time, and the days to come. Love, Lori (Parkhurst) and James MacDonald formerly of Colebrook##imported-begin##James and Lori MacDonald##imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 04:58 PM