



Vernon John LeDuc

December 3, 1919 - July 3, 2008

ERROL, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- Mr. Vernon John LeDuc, 88, of Errol, New Hampshire, passed away Thursday morning, July 3, 2008, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. LeDuc was born December 3, 1919, in Pittsfield, NH, a son of the late John M. and Gertrude P. (Weeks) LeDuc. Vernon married Elizabeth A. Scherig (Concord, NH) on Dec. 28, 1941, in Forrestville, MD.

He was serving in the United States Army at the time of his marriage and shortly after left for duty in the Pacific. He left the service in 1945 to attend trade school in Portsmouth, NH, for tool and die making. Reenlisting in 1947, his career took him and family to Germany in 1949-1952. After serving at various bases in the states and Korea, he returned to Germany in 1960 and was later honorably discharged from the service in 1962. In 1963, he opened Vernon's Machine Shop by his home in Pittsfield, NH, and built custom machinery and became well known throughout the state. In 1975, he became interested in snowmobiling and built his own trail groomer, and was awarded the first contract given by the state to groom trails.

His activity in snowmobiling gained his induction into the International Hall of Fame for Snowmobilers. In 1981, he retired and moved to Errol, NH, where he continued working with the New Hampshire State Bureau of Trails and the

organization of the Umbagog Snowmobile Club. In 1995, his interest turned to steam boating. He not only enjoyed building the two boats for our use but has built engines and boilers for others.

He was a loving and affectionate as a husband, father and grandfather and is survived by his loving wife Elizabeth (Betty Scherig) LeDuc; two sons, Vernon John LeDuc, Jr. of Keystone Heights, FL, and Gary Wayne LeDuc of Riverside, CA; a daughter, Vicki Ann LeDuc of Crossville, TN; three grandchildren, Staci Pomeroy, Rexford Hubbard and Robert LeDuc, Sr.; and three great-grandchildren, Collin M. LeDuc, Robert A. LeDuc, Jr. and Rylee E. Hubbard.

At Mr. LeDuc's request there will be no calling hours. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ Skip,
So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I had no idea how active he still was. It sounds like he had a good life. Give my love to Mary also.##imported-begin##helen##imported-end##

July 14, 2008 at 01:06 PM



“ message continued: I went through Nanas old album and found some pictures of Vernon from childhood to early high school.If you would like them forward an address (e-mail:ewatson@metrocast.net Although I haven't had a chance to see Vernon in recent few years he has been in my heart and always will be.##imported-begin##Eleanor Watson##imported-end##

July 13, 2008 at 02:22 PM



“ Betty, Skip, Vicki and Gary:I am so sorry to hear of Vernons passing. Two of my most fond memories include Vernon. One was the day Vernon, Betty, Ernest and I snomobiled to the top of DixvilleNotch The other memory was the day we 3 and Harrison went up the Androscoggin River in the steamboat.It was a special time for me because I had a chance to visit with my two brothers at the same time.##imported-begin##Eleanor Watson##imported-end##

July 13, 2008 at 02:12 PM



“ My prayers are with you. I always admired Vern and enjoyed his love for snowmobiling. He will always be in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Ellis Ring##imported-end##

July 11, 2008 at 09:25 AM



“ I met Mr. LeDuc at Dave Dearborn's antique engine show in Campton, NH some four years ago where he had brought his steamboat for others to enjoy. As I was a newly minted steamboat owner, Vern was a source of enthusiasm and knowledge which he gladly shared. He gave me more information still when I saw him at the Lee's Mills meet two years ago.

What a likeable, cheerful man. Vern will be missed as well as remembered. When next I fire up the River Queen, a prayer will be sent skyward and, as he would not be offended, a toot as well.

My sincere condolences,
Dick Burchell, Gilmanton Iron Works##imported-begin##Richard B. Burchell##imported-end##

July 10, 2008 at 12:47 PM



“ Dear Aunt Betty and family I was so sorry to hear of your loss.
Please know that you are in my prayers and thoughts.

Norma

603-435-7629###imported-begin###Norma (LeDuc)

Konopka###imported-end###

July 09, 2008 at 07:00 AM



“ Betty and family, may you find comfort in the prayers of those that know you and that grieve with you at this time. The North Country will miss Vern. He was an 'institution' of exploration and fresh ideas over the years! We hope that Betty will keep in touch with friends and visit often after her upcoming move to TN.###imported-begin###Stan and Ginny Gula###imported-end###

July 07, 2008 at 04:32 PM