

OBITUARIES

ROGER NELSON WILLIAMS, 81, died Tuesday, January 10, of natural causes while vacationing at the Palmetto Dunes Plantation Resort in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Roger was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts and attended public schools in Winthrop until his family moved to Wellesley. He graduated from Wellesley High School in 1942. He was in his first year at Bowdoin College in the fall of 1942 when, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps.

Roger served in combat actions in the Pacific and survived a number of difficult landings and battles, including the hard-fought landing and battle for Tarawa.

Immediately following the end of World War II, Roger returned to Bowdoin College to complete his studies, where he played varsity football, sang with the Meddiebempsters, and joined the Kappa Sig fraternity. Roger graduated from Bowdoin with a bachelor's degree in government. Roger performed with the Meddiebempsters on a USO tour to entertain troops stationed throughout Europe in the summer of 1948.

He then started a long and successful career with Standard Oil of New York and Mobil Oil Corporation, with overseas assignments in Southeast Asia,

Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. He took an early retirement from Mobil in 1982, and went to work with former Mobil executives and his son at Skaarup Oil Corporation in Greenwich, Connecticut, while also operating a family business, the J&R Williams Company in Andover.

Roger also built a family home at the Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club in Andover, where he eventually retired. During his retirement, he went to law school and received his JD from Vermont Law School.

Roger is survived by two daughters, Ann Elizabeth Williams of Arlington, Virginia, and Catherine Louise Williams of Orange, Connecticut; a son, James Christian Williams of Chevy Chase, Maryland; and four grandchildren, Matthew David Popp, Christine Katelyn Popp, Emily Elizabeth Williams, and Kelly Christiana Williams.

Donations in Roger's memory can be made to the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association, 107 Newport Road, New London 03257

KENNETH M. RUSSELL, 83, died January 1 in Concord. Ken had been a long-time resident of Penacook, where he had worked at Brezner Tannery for over 30 years. Besides work-

ing at the tannery, Ken ran his own part-time flooring business. He had laid many linoleum and vinyl floors in the Concord area.

He served his country during World War II with the U.S. Navy.

Ken played the drums almost his entire life. He had played for many years throughout New Hampshire with a band known as the "Hi-Liners."

His family members include his wife of 58 years, Mary (Higgins) of Concord; two sons, Kenneth Russell of Andover, and Stephen Russell and his wife, Paula, of Penacook; four daughters; a sister; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; and several nephews.

HELEN LIPPINCOTT BLISS, 90, died January 21 in Medford, New Jersey. She spent much of her life in New Hampshire, where she and her husband, George, raised a family and started The Meeting School, a Quaker school in Rindge. Helen ran for the US Congress twice in the 1960s as a peace candidate against then Representative James Cleveland.

Helen leaves three sons, including Jerry Bliss of Andover; a daughter; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.



Karen Gross and Chief of De-Li.

New Champion From Andover

Chief of De-Li, a three-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog owned by Don and Karen ("Freddi") Gross of Mountain High Kennel in Andover, earned the title of Champion at the Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show in Boston on December 10.

Going into the four-day event, Chief had earned six of the 15 points required to become a champion show dog. On Thursday, he won three points in his breed competition. On Friday, he did it again. On Saturday...again, earning him the title Champion.

Chief comes from a long line of champions bred, raised, and handled by Karen. Chief's mother Mesa, his grandmother Santa Fe, and his older brother Aukee have all earned the title.

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