



Harry A. Bell

May 11, 1924 - November 14, 2020

GORHAM-- Harry A Bell passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at his home in North Gorham. Harry was born in South Waterford, Maine on May 11, 1924, son of Archie and Ethel (Skinner) Bell. He spent his early years working on the family farm and spent his high school years at Bridgton Academy. The day after he graduated from high school, he took his oath for the US Army and served in Europe during WWII. After the war he earned his BS in Animal Husbandry at the University of Maine at Orono, graduating in 1949. He then started his career working as a Cooperative Extension Service Dairy Specialist for the University of Maine. While working in Aroostook County he met his future wife, Janet Bull. They were married on July 26, 1952 in Crouseville. In 1955 Harry and Janet moved to Southern Maine, and to their home in North Gorham in 1957.

Harry retired from the Extension service in 1982 and spent many happy, productive years in retirement. Harry served as Moderator of the UCC at North Gorham for many years and was involved with the North Gorham Cemetery Association. He served on the Cumberland and Androscoggin Soil and Water Conservation board as well as many Gorham town committees.

Harry enjoyed spending time on the family property he owned in South Waterford, where his 2 sons now reside. He enjoyed gardening and a walk in the woods on a sunny day. He also took great pleasure in hearing about the endeavors and exploits of his 6 kids, 12 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren scattered across the US. He was quick with a smile, a soft comment, and a dry joke.

Harry was pre-deceased by his 3 brothers, 3 sisters, and parents, as well as a beloved daughter-in-law, Ann Simpson Bell. He is survived by his wife, Janet, of North Gorham; daughter Ann and husband Kris Penisten of Swansea, Massachusetts; daughter Barbara and husband Gary Winship of Windham; son David and wife Dottie of South Waterford; son Peter and friend Krista Clark of South Waterford; daughter Constance and husband Steve Herrick of North Gorham; and daughter Julia and husband Jim Hubbard, of North Gorham.

In lieu of flowers or donations, the family would request you donate to a charity of your choosing, or as Harry often advised his kids, save your money for a “rainy” day.

A graveside service will be held in the Spring of 2021. Arrangements are in the care of the

Windham Chapel of Dolby Blais & Segee, 434 River Rd., Windham, ME 04062.

Comments



“ So sorry for your loss. We have lots of memories of Harry that go back a very long way to our 4-H days. Thoughts and prayers with you all at this time. Brian and Esther Libby

Esther Libby - November 23, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ Sending our most heartfelt Sympathy to you all, Joan & David Wescott.

Joan & David Wescott - November 20, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ I recorded family history for both sides of my family. In talking with Uncle Harry one day about it, he asked, "Why do you want to dig up all their secrets?" My response was, "I am not here to judge, only to record the fact that they lived. It is good that going forward may be easier, because we remember where they have been." Hug those we love Uncle, until we meet again. Love always to Janet and family.
Karen Hill

Karen - November 20, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry A. Bell.



November 18, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ Sending prayers of comfort to Mrs. Bell and all the family, especially Julie, Jim & the boys.
Terri Moore

Terri Moore - November 18, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ So sorry to read this obituary. Lived beside Harry and Jan for many years and he was the nicest and kindest man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Karen

Karen Baillargeon - November 18, 2020 at 08:37 AM