



## Joseph L. Butler

September 26, 1924 - January 12, 2019

North Hampton - Joseph L. Butler, 94, of North Hampton, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton. He was born on September 26, 1924 in Wakefield, MA, the son of the late Oscar G. and Ellen (Gerrior) Butler

Joe was raised on Butler Avenue in Wakefield and a 1943 graduate of Wakefield High. After school, Joe enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country honorably as a radioman onboard the destroyer, USS IZARD (DD-589), during WWII. While on station north of Guam, Joe detected an emergency beacon from a downed patrol plane that led to the rescue of 5 airmen.

Upon return from the war, Joe met his late wife, Marie "Simone" (Dionne) Butler while she was working at Paul & Mickey's Restaurant in Biddeford, ME and they were married in Madewasca, ME in 1949. Joe had worked as a station agent for B&M Railroad, as a clerk for the liquor commission, and as an underwriter for Metropolitan Life. He and Simone then owned and operated Simone's House of Pancakes in Hampton, serving the greater Seacoast community until their retirement in 1987.

Joe and Simone settled in North Hampton to raise their family and lived there for over 40 years. They bought a vacation home in Packington, Quebec after the sale of the restaurant, and enjoyed their Canadian home as often as possible.

Joe is survived by his children, Rodney Butler and wife Sheri of Kittery, ME, Michael Butler and wife Diana of Navato, CA, Linda Acker and husband Alan of LaCrescent, MN and Sheryl Smith and husband Peter of North Hampton, twelve grandchildren; Adam and Heather Butler Dube, Christian Frank, Samantha Campbell, Jason and Nathan Butler, Sean, Elizabeth, Michael, Richard, Kate and Christian Jackson and 11 great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends who all knew him as JB.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of over 60 years, Simone Butler who died in 2010 and his brothers, Oscar W. Butler, Frank A. Butler and Harold A. Butler.

Visiting hours will be from 11 am to 1 pm on Saturday, January 19, 2019 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home ~ Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd, Hampton. A prayer service will follow the visitation starting at 1 pm in the funeral home. Interment will be in Center Cemetery, North Hampton. The family wishes to give a special thanks to the staff at the NH Veterans Home and asks that you make a donation in Joe's name to the NH Veterans Home, 139 Winter St., Tilton, NH 03276.

# Cemetery

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## Center Cemetery

186 Post Road

North Hampton, NH, 03862

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**                      11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ; Hampton, NH, US, 03842

**JAN**   **Prayer Service**    01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I have known JB only since the summer of 2016 when I began to volunteer at the Veterans' Home in Tilton. During that time he was a smart, charming and witty companion and I looked forward to our many conversations. I always admired him greatly. At a young age he joined the U.S. Navy to serve the country he loved. He faced horrible dangers but did so to make this world better for his future children and those of others he never knew. I thought he represented everything that was good about this country. I am proud to have called him my friend and only hope he felt the same.

I send my heartfelt condolences to his family as they know so well, he was a special guy. I will keep JB's family in my prayers at this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Jayne Morris Crowther

**Jayne Morris Crowther** - January 20, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ I am very touched ...from your comments. Thank you SF.

**Michael** - February 18, 2019 at 01:55 PM

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“ Linda and Allen and all the grandkids!! purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph L. Butler.



**Linda and Allen and all the grandkids!!** - January 17, 2019 at 05:59 AM

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“ Donna Meyer-Miller lit a candle in memory of Joseph L. Butler



**Donna Meyer-Miller** - January 15, 2019 at 07:37 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss...I remember great breakfast's at Simones as a child along with a few other North Hampton memories! God Bless

**Donna Meyer-Miller** - January 15, 2019 at 07:40 AM

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“ Dear Sheryl,  
I am so sorry for your loss. As I drive through North Hampton I think of our days waiting for the St. Thomas bus to arrive. We have the same birthday . I will let my father know about your father. He had great respect for him.  
Barbara Preston

**Barbara Preston** - January 14, 2019 at 09:18 PM

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“ Rod, Linda, Michael and Sheryl,  
  
The fondest memories I have of Uncle Joe were of him sending us an Easter and Christmas cards every year. Inside the cards he would always write a descriptive paragraph of what occurred during the year. We always looked forward to his cards. I just remember how kind and thoughtful he was always.

Your loving Cousin  
Sharon Johnson-Wilcox

**Sharon Wilcox** - January 14, 2019 at 07:18 PM

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“ Sharon Johnson-Wilcox purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph L. Butler.



**Sharon Johnson-Wilcox** - January 14, 2019 at 06:58 PM

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“ Sheryl - I am so sorry to hear that your Dad passed away. I'm keeping your Dad, you and your entire family in my prayers during this difficult time.

Larry Aiello

**larry aiello** - January 14, 2019 at 06:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph L. Butler.



January 14, 2019 at 03:21 PM