



## Donald R. Palmer

August 17, 1928 - April 13, 2013

North Hampton, NH – Donald R. Palmer, 84 years, died peacefully on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Webster at Rye surrounded by his family.

Born August 17, 1928 in Exeter, a son of the late Philip and Gertrude (Paulsen) Palmer.

Don attended Hampton schools, graduating from Hampton Academy with the Class of 1946. He served his class as Class President. After graduation, Don joined the United States Coast Guard and was stationed aboard the USCGC Mackinaw, as well as at a LORAN Station on Makin Atoll, South Pacific and a tour at Governors Island, New York.

In 1954 he graduated from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Upon graduation, Don joined Abbott Laboratories as a Sales Representative. He returned to New Hampshire in 1960 opening Palmer's Pharmacy in Hampton and later on a second location in North Hampton. A registered pharmacist for 50 years, Don was the New Hampshire recipient of the 1977 AH Robbins Award for outstanding community service.

Following through with an earlier interest as a special officer for the Hampton Police Department, Don began a second career in 1977 joining the New Hampshire State Police as a Compliance Investigator. He took great

satisfaction from this position which he held until his retirement in 1990.

Don served his community in numerous roles including; two terms as Selectman for the Town of North Hampton, member of the Hampton Co-Operative Bank Board of Directors, member of the North Hampton Ambulance Association. Don was also a charter member of the Hampton Rotary and member of the Hampton Jaycees. Don was instrumental in the founding of the Seacoast Visiting Nurse Association, something of which he was very proud.

An avid sailor and fisherman, Don was happiest at the helm. He also enjoyed skiing and traveling especially to Hawaii and his camp in St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada. In addition Don was an accomplished woodworker with family and friends reaping the benefits of his talents.

Don shared 60 years of marriage with his late wife Jane (McGaw) Palmer who died in 2011.

Family members include his son Douglas Palmer and his wife Lori of Kailua, HI; daughters, Donna Johnson and her husband David of Buxton, ME, Sue Ingram and her husband Dick of Springfield, IL and North Hampton; brother Allen "Bud" Palmer of Jupiter FL; grandchildren, Sarah Palmer, Cara (Johnson) Laflamme, Colin and Tyler Ingram, 4 great-grandchildren, 3 nieces and one great-niece.

Services were held April 27, 2013 at Christ Church, 43 Pine Street, Exeter NH 03833. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Winnacunnet High School Scholarship Fund, 1 Alumni Drive, Hampton, NH 03842

Services were held -

Time: 11 AM

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2013

Location: Christ Church

Address: 43 Pine Street, Exeter

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald R. Palmer*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *To the Palmer family - my sincere condolences for your loss. I worked with Don at NHSP and thoroughly enjoyed it. He was a perfect gentleman and very professional. He will be truly missed by all. All the best to the family. Allyson Robie, Retired NHSP*

**Allyson Robie** - May 07, 2013 at 02:39 PM



“ *RIP Don.*

**Susan Buchanan** - May 07, 2013 at 02:39 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Palmer 'ohana as they say aloha to an amazing man. We will miss Pa's kolohe (rascal) sense of humor and his visits to Hawai'i. We may have only known Pa for a little more than 2 1/2 decades but he definitely left an indelible impression on our lives. We will never meet anyone more loving or willing to share their advice and thoughts or give the best "bear hugs". Aloha Pa!*

**Cliff & Debbie Miyake** - May 07, 2013 at 02:39 PM

PM

“ I have many fond memories of Don as my first employer and mentor in pharmacy. He was a great guy with a great sense of humor. One thing that I remember was that we gave up smoking together...several times. Don served others his whole life and was a great inspiration.

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**Peter Moulton** - May 07, 2013 at 02:38 PM

JM

“ Farewell. Sail on.

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**Judy Day and Larry Miller** - May 07, 2013 at 02:38 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry. Don was a special person. He was a good friend of my father's. He was there for us the night my father died almost 47 years ago. I remember it like it was yesterday. He was there when we lost our Mom also. I never forgot his kindness.

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**Deborah Meyer Blake** - May 07, 2013 at 02:38 PM

RV

“ Don Palmer was a good friend and always was supportive, not only of his lovely family but of the community of North Hampton. He served in many ways and could always be counted on to be there in good times and bad. He will be sorely missed and although I have not seen Don in many years, please accept my heartfelt condolences to his family members. Particulary his daughters who used to babysit our children on Woodland Road, North Hampton.

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**Robert K. Volk** - May 07, 2013 at 02:37 PM

TO

“ Dear Don: (and your family) I will miss you dearly. >30 years ago you welcomed me (a fellow chemist and science person) immediately into the North Hampton community and advised my boyfriend at the time (Sean) "Marry that girl". Thanks! You foretold a great partnership. You and Jane coached me on sailing. I read the books you supplied and thoroughly enjoyed making you proud as I learned sailing, then reading charts and reading wind speed off the water. You shared such a loving bond with my husband Sean. I appreciate this beyond words and measure. I especially appreciate the fact that you honored Sean to take his father's place on the annual Sept. sailing trip. That was a lifetime cherished event and I am so proud that the two of you took that trip together. I send my love to you and Jane as you are united again in heaven. Thank you for all the coaching. I will pass it on and follow your life example. Terry O'Kane

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**Teresa O'Kane** - May 07, 2013 at 02:37 PM

NT

“ Dear Doug and Sue. An era has now passed with both the passing of your mother and father. What a delightful, interesting fun filled pair. It is wonderful that you had them in your life for such a long time. I will never forget your father's devotion to our family during my mother's final weeks.; fastidiously making sure that those heavy tanks of oxygen were always there. Your father's yankee larconic sense of humor will always be delightfully be remembered. Ned Tate

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**Ned Tate** - May 07, 2013 at 02:37 PM

RM

“ The Palmer family will be sadly missed in Loon Bay. In years past when our kids were young they were referred to as gramma and grampy Don. Our hearts are with you at this sad time.

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**Rick and Sharon McGlinchey** - May 07, 2013 at 02:36 PM

CM

“ I remember Don as a great gentlemen when I worked at NHSP. My condolences to the family.

Cecile Morrill - May 07, 2013 at 02:36 PM

SB

“ Dearest Palmer Family, I am thinking of all of you, and your parents, with great love. Your father always had "my number", and never let me forget it. We have been extremely lucky with the parents we will always have in our hearts and souls. With love, Jenny Lermer

Shaun Berry - May 07, 2013 at 02:36 PM

BH

“ I was fortunate enough to meet Don when I joined the North Hampton Police Dept in 1976. He was a real gentleman and was very helpful to me in learning the ins and outs of the Town. RIP my friend.

Bob Hoxie - May 07, 2013 at 02:36 PM

ML

“ To the Palmer Family; I had the pleasure t work with Don te entire time that he was with the State Police. He was an outstanding representative of the State Police, who conducted himself in the highest professional manner. He brought high technical expertice, and a perceptive intellect to serve the citizens of NH admirably. Our prayers are with you at this time, and I wish Don "Fair winds and following seas". I will miss him.

Major(Ret) Ernest Loomis - May 07, 2013 at 02:35 PM

RB

“ Doug and family, Your Dad was a unique individual and will be missed by many, I'm certain. I'm glad I got to meet him and keep up an email correspondence with him. He was uniquely New England and reminded me so much of my father, they had the same no-nonsense view of the world. Cherish the memories you have and the closeness of your relationship. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rick and Amy

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**Rick and Amy Bratt** - May 07, 2013 at 02:35 PM

PB

“ I am so saddened by the news of Donny's passing. This is the man who inspired me to go to pharmacy school and although I did not continue I did graduate eventually in chemistry. His counsel has allowed me to be the successful analyst I am today. My heart goes out to his daughters and son and their families at this very tough time. I hope you can find some peace knowing the wonderful man your Dad was and what he meant to so many.

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**Pamela Brown** - May 07, 2013 at 02:35 PM

DM

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you all in this time of great loss..Mr Palmer was a wonderful man and I remember him well back when I was a little girl.He was so nice to everyone he ever met.. God Bless Donna Meyer-Miller

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**Donna Meyer-Miller** - May 07, 2013 at 02:35 PM