



Donald L. Wheeler

May 14, 1926 - September 16, 2014

North Hampton, NH – Donald L. Wheeler, 88, of North Hampton, died peacefully Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at his home.

He was born in Boston, MA May 14, 1926 a son of the late Herbert and Margaret (Derby) Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler was raised in Quincy, MA and graduated from North Quincy High School with the Class of 1943.

He was a veteran of WW II serving in Germany as a rifleman in the 94th Infantry Division. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and two battle stars for the campaigns of the Rhineland and Central Europe. He re-enlisted in the regular Army and was assigned to the Army and Air Force Recruiting Service in Berlin, NH.

He served in Berlin for 6 1/2 years and in 1952 was assigned to the Staff Judge Advocate's Office at Dow Field in Bangor, ME. In 1956 he was assigned to the Staff Judge Advocate's office at RAF Lakenheath, England. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal while serving there. In 1959 he was assigned to the Staff Judge Advocate's Office at Pease Air force Base where he retired in 1964.

Mr. Wheeler then attended the University of New Hampshire graduating in 1969 with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education. He taught self-

contained 5th grade at the Mast Way Elementary School in Lee for 20 years.

He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years Katharyn (Emmons) Wheeler who died in 2003.

Family members include his son Blake; daughter Katharyn; a daughter-in-law; a son-in-law; two grandsons; two granddaughters; two great grandsons; two great granddaughters and several nieces and nephews

In addition to his parents and wife Donald was predeceased by his brother Herbert Wheeler.

A celebration of his life will be held from 2 - 5 PM Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at the Old Salt Restaurant in Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Hampton Salvation Army, 418 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Old Salt Restaurant
490 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH 03842
<http://www.oldsaltnh.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald L. Wheeler*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Judith Howcroft lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Wheeler*



Judith Howcroft - December 14, 2014 at 07:14 PM



“ *Jackie & John Galatis lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Wheeler*



jackie & John Galatis - October 04, 2014 at 09:25 AM

MS

“ My condolences go out to his family. Mr. Wheeler was one of the best teachers I ever had. I don't think the man ever had a bad day but if he did he hid it well. I was not aware of his military career, but I must say I am extremely impressed. I know he also worked at Kingston Warren many years ago while he was going to school to become a teacher as he knew my grandmother as she also worked there. Not only did he make a world of difference in his military career but he was a fine and outstanding teacher. God Bless you and your family, who I send my sincere condolences.



Michelle (Shelly St.Jean) Smith - September 24, 2014 at 06:21 PM

JG

“ Jackie & John Galatis lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Wheeler



Jackie & John Galatis - September 22, 2014 at 06:55 PM



“ Michela Katz lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Wheeler



Michela Katz - September 22, 2014 at 08:04 AM



Thank you, Mr. Lowy & Pam for expressing my feelings as well. I don't recall much of 5th grade other than I adored Mr. Wheeler! His impressive service to our country does not surprise me in the least!!! We were so fortunate to have him. My condolences to all who loved him. Michela (Jordan)

Michela Katz - September 22, 2014 at 08:21 AM

JL

“ I'm absolutely stunned and deeply saddened by the news of Don's passing. Donald Wheeler was the finest teacher with whom I have had the privilege of working during my administrative career. Don was dedicated to expecting the very best performance from each of his fifth graders according to her/his abilities. They admired and respected him for his fair treatment, and having faith in them as students.

Don's integrity, wit and wisdom also endeared him to colleagues and parents alike. I will personally miss our periodic lunches at NEWICK'S since our respective retirements. My prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to Don's family at this most difficult time.

*John Lowy
Principal (Ret)
MWES*

John Lowy - September 21, 2014 at 08:12 PM

PW

“ *Mr. Wheeler was my 5th grade teacher at Mast Way School. My sentiments echo those of previous posters--he was one of the best. I have many fond memories and have thought of him quite often these past decades since 1973. I would go visit him in the classroom from time to time; the last visit about the time my son was about 18 months old. He is now 28. He always remembered me every time I walked in and warmly welcomed me. I, too, wish I'd known about his WWII status. However, I imagine my young 10-year-old mind might not have quite appreciated all it stood for. Today I fully comprehend the service he gave and I thank him for it. The world was a better place to have had you in it. Rest in peace Mr. Wheeler. When I visit you again some day after my time, perhaps I'll have a pink sweater to wear. Pamela (Couture) Wildes*

Pamela Wildes - September 20, 2014 at 07:50 AM

JG

“ *To a great friend you were Don Thank you for all the great times we had together. We are going to miss you greatly. May you rest in peace.*

Jackie & John

Jackie & John Galatis - September 19, 2014 at 08:13 PM



“ *R.I.P. Mr. Wheeler. Memorizing your flashcards is a memory that I will take to the grave. You sir, made a difference. Never knew about your WWII experience. I wish I had.*

*Seth Campbell
Mast Way Math Student
1977*



Seth Campbell - September 19, 2014 at 04:16 PM

CA

I also have fond memories of Mr Wheeler. I especially remember his spelling bees. Also wish I had known more about his WWII experiences.

Catherine - September 19, 2014 at 07:50 PM