



Loring K. Mills

November 8, 1938 - June 3, 2021

Hampton – Loring Keith Mills, age 82, of Hampton, died peacefully at his home on Thursday, June 3, 2021 following a lengthy illness. His last words, “I told you I was sick” confirming his own early diagnosis of cancer that was to claim his life.

After careful consideration of alternate venues, he was born at Exeter Hospital on November 8th 1938 in order to be near his mother.

His early years proved uneventful although he was to disappoint his parents by becoming neither a professional brass player nor famed terpsichorean despite two years of trombone lessons and seven years of dance classes.

Following graduation from Hampton Academy he briefly attended Mass College of Pharmacy. But the chemistry just wasn't there and the association was ended. So what was to have been the prescription for life-long employment was terminated, much as the lives of countless individuals would have been, had he pursued that particular career path.

While awaiting the fall term at New Hampshire Technical Institute Loring entered the army under the RFA (Reserve Forces Act), serving six months active duty followed by 7 ½ years as an active reservist. He noted with pride that no foreign entity was to challenge the power of the United States military

during his tenure. Sadly, his claim of military service remains unsubstantiated since he misplaced his separation papers (DD-214) and the Army Records Center in St. Louis, MO burned to the ground along with his records.

Completion of the two year drafting course at New Hampshire Tech. earned him his first job at Western Electric Co. in No. Andover, MA. Employment at MIT Instrumentation Lab in Cambridge, MA followed and later Polaroid Corp. also in Cambridge from which he retired in 1995. While at Instrumentation Lab he entered the 5 year evening degree course at Wentworth Institute from which he received his Associates Degree in Mechanical Design Engineering Technology. Upon graduation he entered the 4 year evening degree program at Northeastern University from which he graduated with a BS in Industrial Technology (BSIT) [not a misspelling].

He is survived by Judith (Osgood) Mills, the love of his life and wife of 62 years, son Keith and daughter-in-law Kimberley (AKA Kimba), and son Kevin and daughter-in-law Elaine. His brother Ernie and sister-in-law Mary (Cowie) Mills and sister-in-law Nancy (Osgood) Clark also survive him. Ernie's longevity is due in part, to Loring's bravery in subduing the town bully who unleashed a vicious attack on Ernie while Ernie was still a youth. Grandchildren Nicole (You're not the boss of me!), Tara (Roo), Lauren (Yauren with an L) and Ryan (No Money!) also brought pleasure to his life.

Loring lived his life by the rule of "no regrets" ever thankful for the many blessings he and his family were fortunate to receive. For those who didn't know him, words will not adequately convey his personality, and for those who did know him no words are necessary.

A private family service celebrating his life is planned. . In lieu of traditional remembrances donations may be made to the Hampton United Methodist Church, 525 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842.

Tribute Wall



“ *Loring K. Mills*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Dear Judy, Keith and Kevin,*

I'm so very sorry about your loss of your husband and father, Loring. I just recently found this out, that is why this note is so late in coming.

The first year is the hardest. My prayers are with you all,

Joan Meader

Joan Meader - May 16, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Dear Judy and Family, We are so sad to learn of Loring's passing. One could write pages about the life of Loring, for Joan starting out with memories of Hampton Academy days, when Ron joined me at the all so fun cooking classes at your home with the guys learning cooking skills as well! Those were hilarious and the food, oh so delicious. Loring had many talents as a gracious host, grill master, putting together videos of our school days of long ago, hosting many of our class reunions, which were always well attended. He had a twinkle in your eye humor. He will be missed by many people. Rest in peace dear friend, May God bless you Judy and know he will live on in many hearts.*

Ron and Joan High - June 08, 2021 at 09:05 AM

RB

“ *The memories we have shared with Loring and Judy were so special. The only regret we have was we wished we had met them earlier. We loved him like a father. He was a special man to us. He will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Love you Loring RIP*
Robin and Jim



Robin Bragger - June 07, 2021 at 05:10 PM

SB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Loring was a blessing to all of us and we have the fondest memories of his and Judy's kindnesses, generosity, humor, care and concern. We will always remember Loring's game-show hosting and his ability to entertain and create laughter. He is the best example of how one's love of life, family and friends can build lasting overwhelmingly positive memories. Loring, you will be very much missed. Rest in peace. Doris and Steve Boeddinghaus*

Stephen Boeddinghaus - June 07, 2021 at 02:44 PM

DC

“ *So sorry for your loss Mills family.*

Deb Craig - June 06, 2021 at 06:07 PM

JC

“ *Jean Chevalier lit a candle in memory of Loring K. Mills*



Jean Chevalier - June 06, 2021 at 11:46 AM

JC

“ *My earliest memory of Loring was at Hampton Academy as the 'place' kicker for the 1954 Football Championship! What a time! Loring & Judy opened their home every summer bringing our alumni class together. We looked forward to this camaraderie! Judy, our thoughts and prayers go with you and your family. Kendall & Jean Chevalier*

Jean Chevalier - June 06, 2021 at 11:45 AM

RH

“ *Roger P Hammond lit a candle in memory of Loring K. Mills*



Roger P Hammond - June 05, 2021 at 09:58 PM

MS

“ *My heart and prayers are with the Mills Family... Maureen Shea*



Maureen Shea - June 05, 2021 at 02:12 AM

 Scott
Fifer

“ *What a wonderful and fitting obituary to celebrate a long and well-lived life.*

Scott Fifer - June 04, 2021 at 06:05 PM

BN

“ So many memories of our good friend Loring You will be so missed. We treasure the good times with you and Judy. You attracted friends to you and gave us all so many wonderful and enjoyable memories to keep of you. We keep you in our hearts and bless you for a life well lived We will miss you friend Our love goes with you.
Betty and Bob Noble

Betty and Bob Noble - June 04, 2021 at 02:50 PM