



Robert C. Goodsell

May 12, 1932 - October 12, 2021

North Hampton - Robert "Bob" Goodsell passed away peacefully on October 12, 2021 with his family by his side. He was born on May 12, 1932, to Robert and Eleanor (Garland) Goodsell of Portsmouth NH and was a stepson to Ralph Swift of Portsmouth NH.

Bob graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1950, joined the Navy soon after, and married his high school sweetheart, Nancy (Jenness). They shared 68 years together, living in Rye, on Great East Lake, and in North Hampton NH.

Following his time in the service, Bob worked for the Portsmouth Herald for 39 years. He was a tireless worker, taking on several additional part time positions to better provide for his family. Upon retirement from the Herald, Bob continued to work by offering independent contracting services in the area.

During his early years, Bob was active in many local activities, such as Rye Auxiliary Firemen, Portsmouth Youth Hockey, and he helped establish Rye Little League. He was also a member of the Rye Congregational Church in Rye Center, where he taught Sunday School and was a counselor of the high school youth group. He was a giving person, who was always willing to help others.

Bob and Nancy were members of the Rye Spindrifters Square Dance Club. For many years, they were chaperones for the Portsmouth High School Marching Band and traveled to countless band competitions. They fondly remember the times spent with their close friends, especially “The Turkeys.”

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and three sons, Gary of Washington DC, Mark (Beth) of Stratham NH, and Peter (Laurie) of Exeter NH; six grandchildren, Christopher (Megan), Timothy, David (Amanda), Matthew, Joshua, and Ashley (Reed); two great granddaughters, Ava and Leah; a newborn great grandson; a sister, Beverly Stuart of Exeter NH; as well as many nieces and nephews.

There will be no visiting hours or service. It was Bob’s wishes that people celebrate his life with a last toast in his honor. The family invites friends and family to join them in that toast on Sunday, October 17 from 11am-2pm at Mark and Beth’s house in Stratham (27 Birnum Woods Rd).

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to the Friends of the North Hampton Public Library (<https://nhplib.org/community/friends-of-nhpl>) 239 Atlantic Ave, North Hampton, NH, 03862 or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Last Toast

OCT 17. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mark & Beth's
27 Birnum Woods Road
Stratham, NH 03885

Tribute Wall

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“ *He is now resting in peace*



Lorraine Butler - February 28, 2023 at 08:45 PM



“ *Robert C. Goodsell*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rod Weldon - February 14, 2022 at 12:36 PM

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“ *To the Goodsell family: I am sure I speak for my entire family, when I say we are so sorry for your loss. We all remember the good times on the lake for all the years that we were neighbors. I recognized the camps behind Bob in the photo, ours is the one on the right. May your memories give you comfort.*
Sherri (Carter) Thayer

Sherri Carter-Thayer - October 20, 2021 at 11:57 PM

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“ Gary and family,
I'm so sorry to hear of your dads passing.
My thoughts are with you and your family.

Chris Collins Randall

Chris Randall - October 16, 2021 at 09:03 PM