



Russell A. Merrill

September 10, 1926 - November 9, 2016

Hampton – Russell Addison Merrill, 90, a lifelong resident of Hampton, passed away on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at his home after an extended period of failing health.

Mr. Merrill was born September 10, 1926 at the Portsmouth Hospital, a son of the late Dean B. and C. Ruth (Noyes) Merrill.

Russ graduated from Hampton Academy with the Class Of 1944. He then attended Boston University and went on to graduate from Lynn Burdett College. In 1948, after a brief time in the United States Army Air Corps, he returned home and went to work full time in the family business, Tobey & Merrill Insurance Company of Hampton. He met and fell in love with Ada May Heal. The young couple married in 1952 and settled in Hampton to raise their family. Although semi-retired at 65 years old, he remained active in the business by working part-time for many years. In an account of his life, Russ said; "It appears that Hampton has claimed me or I have claimed Hampton and I have not moved from the town and expect to live here for the balance of my life."

Russ was very involved in his community and was a member of many local organizations. He was a faithful parishioner and past warden and treasurer of Hampton's First Congregational Church, a 25 year call man with the Hampton

Fire Department, served 5 years, including time as moderator, on the Winnacunnet School Board and was a member of and served as a past executive board member of the Hampton Historical Society.

He was also a member, past president and past state national director of the New Hampshire Association of Independent Insurance Agents, past president of the Hampton Kiwanis Club, a member of the Portsmouth Country Club, a two-time president and 50+ year member of the Profile Auto League and a member of the St. James Lodge No. 2, F. & A.M. of Hampton for over 50+ years.

Russ is survived by his sons, Dean B. Merrill II and his wife Deborah of Exeter, Geoffrey R. Merrill and his wife Marjorie of East Kingston, his daughter, Lisa Spring and her husband John of Pembroke, six grandchildren, Patricia Balsone her husband Andrew, Kimberly Wood and her husband Seth, Jillian and Emily Spring, Christina and Jennifer Merrill and lastly great grandson Dylan Balsone.

In addition to his parents, Russ was predeceased by his beloved wife of over 61 years, Ada May (Heal) Merrill who died in 2014 and his brother, Norman N. Merrill who passed in 2015.

Visiting hours will be from 2 to 5 PM on Sunday, November 13, 2016 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 AM on Monday at the First Congregational Church, 127 Winnacunnet Road Hampton. Family, friends and associates are respectfully invited. Private interment is being held in the High Street Cemetery Hampton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be mailed to the First Congregational Church, 127 Winnacunnet Rd., Hampton, NH 03842 or the Hampton Historical Society, PO Box 1601, Hampton, NH 03842 or made online at www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org/donations.htm.

Cemetery Details

High Street Cemetery

150 High Street
Hampton, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **13**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
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<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Celebration of Life

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church
127 Winnacunnet Road
Hampton, NH 03842

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell A. Merrill*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Dear Merrill Family,*

So sorry to hear of the loss of Russell. He was an icon about town and a true gentleman. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Sincerely,
Bill and Barb Johns*



Barb Johns - November 13, 2016 at 08:32 PM



“ *Dear Lisa, Geoff and Dean,*

I am so saddened to hear of the passing of your dad. I have always admired your parents. I remember attending Russ' 50th birthday party at your home. I was so moved by the outpouring of love and good humor at that event. I thought "this is what I want my life to be like—when I'm 50 (an unimaginably old age to a 19-year-old at the time), I want to be surrounded by good friends and family and have a celebration like this." Your dad attracted and kept dear friends. He had a generous spirit and a good heart. You are blessed to have had a father like him.

Greg Kee

Greg Kee - November 13, 2016 at 09:39 AM

PB

“ I saw Russ's obit in the paper. I knew Russ many years ago, when I worked at Bank Meridian. He was a kind, warm, generous man. My thoughts are with your family. --Peter Bergh

peter bergh - November 13, 2016 at 05:14 AM

MJ

“ Dear Dean, Geoff, and Lisa:

I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember the fun ski trips we all took together to Wilderness and the fun times we spent in Hampton. Your parents were amazing people and wonderful friends. I also remember the gift your parents brought to my parents' surprise 25th anniversary party: the old ski with 25 silver dollars attached! Your dad was always so kind and gentle, with a subtle sense of humor - that's what I remember the most about him. He will be missed.

Fondly,

Marty Jacobs

Marty Jacobs - November 11, 2016 at 06:17 PM

SB

“ Susan, Ryan and Camila; Mary; and Mad and Bob. purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Russell A. Merrill.



Susan, Ryan and Camila; Mary; and Mad and Bob. -
November 11, 2016 at 04:14 PM

SF

“ As a very lovable part of our extended family, we will never forget Russ and his sincerely caring personality. Our empathy to all of the Merrill family. With love, Susan, Ryan and Camila, Ryan and Mad and Bob.

Susan Flanagan - November 11, 2016 at 03:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell A. Merrill.



November 11, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Russell A. Merrill.



November 11, 2016 at 08:54 AM

TS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. This icon of Hampton will be missed; he was a great man who gave so much to his family, his church and his beloved town.
Ted and Joyce Sharples

Ted & Joyce Sharples - November 11, 2016 at 07:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Russell A. Merrill.*



November 11, 2016 at 07:11 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Dean, Geoff and Lisa - and their families. Russ and Ada Merrill were two of my parents (and my Grandmother's) all time favorite people and dear friends. I will always remember seeing your Dad driving his old (model A was it?) classic car - waving merrily in all the parades. It was just a few years ago when I saw him in front of Tobey and Merrill shoveling snow (up to his waist!) - wearing his plaid tam hat, and I thought, "what a guy!" He always had a sparkle and a kind word....a true gentleman. Russ and Ada are together now - and probably laughing it up over the card table with Ruthie and Al Ross. We miss them all. Warmest regards, Lisa (Ross) and Ted Gupton*

Lisa Gupton - November 11, 2016 at 06:29 AM



“ *Sincerely and with love, your Master Networks Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Russell A. Merrill.*



Sincerely and with love, your Master Networks Team -
November 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell A. Merrill.*



November 10, 2016 at 01:01 PM



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Sally Haddock - November 10, 2016 at 10:36 AM



Good memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with all.

Sarah Dubey And Tony Dye - November 11, 2016 at 05:59 AM



“ *Thinking of your family in this difficult time and very sorry for your loss.*

Bonnie Bacon (Provident Bank)

Bonnie Bacon - November 10, 2016 at 08:55 AM

DN

“ *Deb & Stacy Noyes lit a candle in memory of
Russell A. Merrill*



Deb & Stacy Noyes - November 09, 2016 at 08:17 PM

CL

Dear Dean & Geoff,

*Thinking of you and sending love. I'll always remember the office of
Tobey and Merrill and Hampton Co-operative Bank so closely joined
with Russ and Norm at our helms.*

*My thoughts are with you,
Tina Levasseur
Belleair Beach, Florida*

Chrisitna Levasseur - November 21, 2016 at 02:42 PM