

Thorne E. Spaulding, 95, of 21 Ledges Drive, Laconia, died on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at Taylor Community, Laconia. He was the widower of Rhoda (Brown) Spaulding, who died in 2008.

Mr. Spaulding was born Aug. 6, 1915, in St. Johnsbury, Vt., the son of Ora E. and Hazel (Gorham) Spaulding.

Mr. Spaulding was educated in the St. Johnsbury school system. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1933 and from Norwich University in 1937 with a bachelor's degree in engineering. He lived in St. Johnsbury for 44 years before moving to Beloit, Wis., where he lived for 16 years.

Mr. Spaulding worked for Fairbanks, Morse & Co. in various engineering positions relating to the development and manufacture of weighing scales from 1937 until retirement in 1975.

Mr. Spaulding was a captain in the U. S. Army Air Force during World War II, having served three years in the Asiatic-Pacific theater with the 348th and 475th -- Fighter Groups of the 5th Air Force. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Service ribbon with seven battle stars, the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one battle star and the Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Mr. Spaulding married Rhoda Brown on April 20, 1946. Upon retirement, they settled in Sanbornton, N.H., for 13 years and in May 1988 they moved to the Taylor Community at 18 Taylor Home Drive. Since 2002, they had resided at Taylor Community Ledgeview.

Mr. Spaulding derived much pleasure in the construction and operation of radio-controlled model airplanes and radio-controlled model sailboats. He was a charter member of the Winnepesaukee Radio Controllers and former member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. He maintained a devoted interest in the Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots and the Boston Celtics.

Survivors include a brother, Gordon G. Spaulding of St. Johnsbury; and a

nephew, Todd G. Spaulding, also of St. Johnsbury.

According to Mr. Spaulding's wishes, there will be no calling hours or funeral services.

Spring burial will be in the family lot in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, N.H., is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial go to www.wilkinsonbeane.com.