

**Frank and Alpa Boutwell**, Frank was born April 1915 in Laconia, N.H, the eldest of nine sons born to Frank and Caroline Boutwell. His brothers were Edwin, Newell, Elwin, George, Lewis, Ray, Haven and Jim. They grew up on the Water Andric, near Danville where he met his future wife, Alpa Swett, while attending Pumpkin Hill School. Frank graduated from Danville High and Laconia Business College. Frank was proud of the years he served in the U.S. Army in the 176th Infantry as a guard at the U.S. Capital, in Germany in the 565th Tank Battalion under George Patton, and from 1951-1955 in the 120th Ordnance Division. Alpa was born to Vera and Walter Swett on St. Patrick's Day, 1918. She and her brother, Paul, were raised on the family farm on Crow Hill, Danville. Alpa graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy and Lyndon State Teachers College and taught at several country schools, Summer Street in St. J and St. J Center. They married in 1942. When Frank returned from WWII they bought and farmed Sunnybrook Farm at St. J Center until 1951 when he was called back into the Army. Alpa and their daughter, Heather, were able to join him in Europe. In 1955, they bought the International Harvester business at St. J Center and Alpa taught at the Center School. Moving to Denver, Frank worked at Martin Marietta on the U.S. Space Program, supervising the building of the lunar moon module and the construction and installation of Titan missiles throughout the United States. Alpa continued to teach, retiring in 1980. Frank passed away in 2003 and Alpa died on Feb. 19, 2009. They enjoyed fishing, hiking and hunting in the Colorado high country, traveling in their camper, and doing all the construction on their home. Frank also enjoyed restoring 1965 Mustang convertibles and collecting cowboy gear. He continued to ride his mule, Radar, elk hunting until he was 81. Alpa's

passions included cooking, quilting and planting flowers. She was especially proud of having survived over 70 years with Type I Brittle Diabetes. They are survived by their daughter, Heather, son-in-law, Dick Navratil (Frank's hunting partner), and their beloved grandson, Scott, all of Fort Collins, Colo.; three of Frank's brothers Lewis (Seattle, Wash.), Ray (Cherry Hills, N.J.) and Haven (Windsor Locks, Conn.); sister-in-law Joyce Swett (St. Johnsbury); numerous nieces, nephews and cousins and their life long friend from Pumpkin Hill, Ken Ward. They are preceded in death by their parents; brothers; and Alpa's cousins Natalie Rogers Capron, (Springfield, Vt.), Barbara Rogers Emmons (Danville), Marjorie Mitchell McKay (Topsham) and Warren Mitchell, (Newport). A scholarship fund was established in Frank's name at Danville High School in 2003. A memorial in Alpa's honor has been established at Elderhaus, 605 Shields Ave, Fort Collins, CO, 80521. Please earmark contributions with her name.

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