

Richard Carlton Albee - Obituary

On Sept. 3, 2014, Dick passed away peacefully as he slept. One more of the "Greatest Generation" is gone.

Richard was born on Aug. 3, 1922 in St. Johnsbury, the only child of Cecil B. and Hazel (Lowell) Albee. He was raised by his grandparents, Daniel and Mary Lowell, since he was born prematurely and his mother died during child birth. In order to keep him alive, his grandmother placed him in a shoebox filled with cotton batting and kept him in the warming oven of the wood stove.



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1922- 2014

Dick attended St. Johnsbury schools and left the Trade School at age 16 in order to help support his grandparents. He later obtained his GED and enjoyed the reunions with his class of '40 when he was able to attend.

He entered the U.S. Army in March of 1943 and was sent overseas in May of 1944. He was proud to serve under Gen. George S. Patton in the 'The Super 6th' Division of the 3rd Army Armored Battalion. Toward the end of the war, his unit was part of the Allied Forces that liberated Buchenwald, one of the Nazi concentration camps. After the end of the war, Dick was a part of the occupation forces assigned to Frankfurt, Germany. When his enlistment was finished August 1946, he was employed as a dispatcher for Headquarters Command European Theater. It was during this time that he met his wife, Lydia (Schuchert) Weismuller. They were married on Nov. 11, 1947 and returned home to St. Johnsbury in the same year.

Dick spent most of his career as a meat cutter, first at A&P, then for many years at several other grocery stores and butcher shops. He was also the projectionist at the Star Theater for many years. Later, he was a dispatcher for the Area Agency on Aging and a van driver for RCT, finally retiring in 1998.

Dick was a great fan of classic movies, and a definite jazz aficionado. He also showed a talent for photography, taking several courses to improve his techniques. Dick was a member of the VFW and served as a trustee. But his favorite pastime was talking to people, whether through work or just in passing.

He was always ready to strike up a conversation.

Dick was predeceased by his wife Lydia in 1975 and by his son-in-law Richard Emmons in 2014.

He is survived by his daughters: Patricia Coburn and husband David of Waterford, and Elke Emmons of Lancaster, N.H.; grandson Stephen Emmons, and granddaughter Kellie Boccadoro and husband Stephen; five great grandchildren: Devan and Jordyn Emmons; Julian, Valen and Landon Boccadoro all of Las Vegas, Nev.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Dick's memory to the Resident Activity Fund, Canterbury Inn, 46 Cherry St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

There will be a graveside service at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Friday, Sept. 12, 2014 at 1 p.m. for those wishing to pay their respects. Mr. John Sleeper will preside.