

On Saturday, June 1, 2013 the Gardenview/Converse Home community in Burlington, Vt. lost a true gentleman resident, Lowell Sherry Letourneau, formerly of Shelburne, who passed away in the company of his nephew, Wayne Letourneau, and Wayne's wife, Allison, at the age of 90 due to complications from Alzheimer's Disease.

The son of Arthur W. and Clara M. (Hallett) Letourneau, he was born April 3, 1923 in St. Johnsbury, which was responsible for fostering his incredible lifelong pursuit of knowledge. He loved attending St. Johnsbury Academy, where he embraced the physical fitness and healthy eating regimens that would sustain him throughout his long life. The St. Johnsbury Athenaeum introduced him to a world of books and sparked an interest in travel and genealogy that would never leave him. Last, but not least, the Fairbanks Museum opened his eyes to the many and varied opportunities available in the fields of science.

Together with his wife, Gloria (Thompson), they settled in Shelburne and built a life around their shared interests. Lowell worked for over 40 years in the Blood Lab at the Bishop DeGoesbriand Hospital (a precursor to today's Fletcher Allen) and was a frequent lecturer at the University of Vermont which held a special place in his heart, even long after his retirement.

Predeceased by his parents and brothers Alan (Marie), Roland (Mary) and Russell (Sonia) and then upon the tragic loss of his wife to cancer and the progression of the Alzheimer's Disease, he felt very fortunate to find the Gardenview Community at Converse Home, where he was able to reside until the end with the continued assistance of his best friend and brother-in-law, Ronald Thompson, and Ron's wife, Laura, as well as his guardian and niece, Patricia Letourneau Henderson.

In addition to his brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Lowell is survived by many nephews and nieces, as well as their families, and his fellow residents of Gardenview/Converse Home. He was an incredibly private and dignified man who thoroughly enjoyed donning a suit and tie every single day, whether rain, shine, week or weekend and didn't often go outdoors without adding a jaunty cap to finish the ensemble. He also believed that no day was complete without a nice glass of wine. Anyone who encountered him agreed he was truly unforgettable and will be dearly missed.

At Lowell's request there will be no memorial or service at his burial back in St. Johnsbury where it all began. For those who were touched in one way or another by his presence, an anonymous gift of time or money to a charity of your choice in his memory would be the most fitting tribute. His family offers special thanks to the generous, loving staff of Gardenview/Converse Home, the VNA Hospice Program, as well as everyone at Fletcher Allen Cardiology and the offices of Dennis Plante, M.D. and Dr. James Schechter, DDS, who could not have been more respectful, caring and supportive over these last few years. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.