

C. Allen Merritt 91, of Westview Meadows, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2015 at his home surrounded by his family. Mr. Merritt was born in Brooklyn NY, in 1924. Shortly thereafter, his parents, Earl & Flavilla Merritt, returned with him to Chester, VT. During his earlier years he attended schools in VT, NY, PA and Ohio. He graduated from the St. Johnsbury Academy in June 1943. Immediately after graduation he was inducted into the U.S. Army, serving three Years in Assam, India, as a Medical Technician attached to the 745th Railway Operating Battalion.

Following service he attended North Central College, Naperville, IL and the University of Chicago where he met and married Phyllis Brand. He was the Personnel Manager for Marshall Field & Co and Ass't Manager of their Oak Park, IL store.

In 1952, desiring to return to VT, he and his wife, Phyllis, and son, Kenneth moved to Williston, VT. Mr. Merritt worked for the Mary Fletcher Hospital until he accepted the position of Director of Revenue Accounting for The St. Johnsbury Trucking Co. This position led Mr. Merritt to join the IBM Corp in Poughkeepsie, NY. He spent over thirty years with IBM and retired in 1983.

During his years with IBM, he authored several Technical Journal articles and book chapters on micro processing and information retrieval. His lectures were given in several universities in the U.S., as well as the University of Edinburgh and London College of Advanced Technology.

After his retirement, Mr. Merritt was able to live on the "family farm" in Middlesex, where he raised sheep, enjoyed hunting and the many benefits of nature. He worked part time at two local stores Downing's and Steve's markets and finally at the Wayside Restaurant. He was a long time Guardian Ad Litem for the Washington County Family courts and a Hospice Volunteer.

Mr. Merritt leaves his widow, Phyllis after 67 years of marriage, a son, Kenneth, of Katonah, NY, a daughter and son-in-law, Kristen and Michael Lynch, three grandchildren, Timothy, Meaghan, and Kelly Lynch of East Montpelier, 2 great

grandchildren Wyatt and Adelyn Lunde, as well as some very special friends, Mardie and Larry Noles, Robert & Carol Barton, and Rose Leo.

Calling hours will be held from 6:00-8:00pm on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at the Guare & Sons Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at the Christ Episcopal Church on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 2:00pm in Montpelier. A burial will be held at the convenience of the family at the family plot in Chester, VT.