

Williams Obituary

Raymond "Red" Williams, 89, of Westfield, Mass., passed away Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, at Westfield Care and Rehab Center.

Red was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., to Thomas Williams Sr. and Laura LaChance Williams on Dec. 10, 1925. He attended St. Johnsbury Schools.

At age 19, March 14, 1944, he enlisted in the U. S. Military Marine Corps. and served in the Asiatic Pacific Area from Nov. 12, 1944, to April 26, 1946. He was stationed on Okinawa from April 1, 1945, to July 2, 1945.

In June of 1944 he married the love of his life, Margaret "Peggy" Dresser in St. Johnsbury and went off to war.

After his discharge he went to work at Red Wing Express until he landed a job with St. Johnsbury Trucking Co. as a truck driver. He worked his way up the ladder with the Zabarsky Brothers, who owned St. Johnsbury Trucking and became VP until the business was sold to Sun Oil. He retired after 22 years of service and they moved to Johnson, Vt., and Florida. After Peggy passed away in 2009, he moved to Massachusetts.

Red was one of six children. Survivors include Pauline Hawkins (sister) of St. Johnsbury, Aline and George Trask (sister) of Randolph, Vt., Jacqueline Williams (sister-in-law) of St. Johnsbury, Marjorie Dresser (sister-in-law) of St. Johnsbury, Elwin Dresser (brother-in-law) of Gilman, Beverly Walker (sister-in-law) of Lancaster, and many nieces and nephews and families.

He was predeceased by his parents, wife Peggy in 2009, two sisters, Lucille McGinnis (1996), Beatrice Liberty (2004) and one brother, Thomas Williams Jr. (2000).