

Ronald Prinn

The Rev. Ronald Prescott Prinn, of Claremont, N.H., died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Mt. Ascutney Hospital in Windsor, Vt. He was born Feb. 10, 1930, in Lyndonville, Vt., the son of W.C. Victor Prinn and Dorothy (Cox) Prinn of Lyndonville. He was a graduate of Lyndon Institute in Lyndon Center, and Middlebury College. He received his master of arts in teaching from Harvard University and his master of divinity from Episcopal Theological School, both in Cambridge, Mass. Ron was an Episcopal priest and a high school and college math teacher. He served parishes in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, most recently in Claremont, Charlestown and Salem, N.H. He taught school at Lexington (Mass.) High School, Lyndon Institute and Lyndon State College in Lyndon Center; Stevens High in Claremont; and Fall Mountain High School in Langdon, N.H. He loved both his ministry and his teaching of math. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Ron was an athlete in his younger years, captain of his high school football team, a track star, a skier and swimming instructor. At the age of 17, he didn't let polio slow him down. He loved to sing, and sang in a college barbershop octet. He loved all his children and enjoyed Boy Scouts, Indian Guides and fishing. In the 1960s he was active in the Civil Rights movement, making trips to the South as part of the peace protests, and was present at the 1963 March on Washington, D.C. He was able to realize a lifelong ambition with a trip to Israel in 1989, and in 2000, to England, which was his parents' place of birth. Ron's wonderful sense of humor is something all who knew him enjoyed and will always remember. In his final years, even when dealing with Parkinson's disease, he showed great courage and didn't lose his sense of humor. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Barbara (Pike) of Claremont; five children, Stephen and his wife Jan of Eastford, Conn., Salli Skerry of St. Johnsbury, Vt., Andrew of Claremont, Margaret and her companion Roger Bonner of Langhorne, Pa., and Douglas and his wife Natalia of Hollis, N.H.; six of his seven foster children, Lorrie Webber and her husband Dwight of East Haven, Vt., Paula Graves of Salem, N.H., Pamela and her husband Bill Friend, and Philip Colbath, both of Pelham, N.H.,

Paul and his wife Linda Colbath of Bridgton, Maine, and Paulette and her husband David Joki of Hudson, N.H.; grandchildren, Heather Keithan and Scott Keithan, Ali Prinn, Shannon Prinn and Vanessa Bergeron; a sister, Thelma Richardson of Harrisburg, Pa.; great-grandchildren; foster grandchildren; and nieces and nephews, all much loved. He was predeceased by one daughter, Carol Jones, in 2005; and his sister, Beverly Harwood, in 2003. Ron was a man of strong faith in the Lord. He was part of bringing Cursillo (a Christian renewal movement) to New Hampshire. Now he has been welcomed into the kingdom of heaven and is knowing a wonder and beauty that the rest of us have yet to discover. Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad St., Claremont, N.H. A memorial service will be conducted Sunday, Oct. 29, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 Broad St., Claremont, with the Right Rev. V. Gene Robinson, Bishop of New Hampshire, officiating. There will be a gathering immediately following the service in the church parish hall. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to any Episcopal Church; or to the New Hampshire Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association at APDA Granite State, P.O. Box 6212, Nashua, NH 03063. To view an online memorial, send a message of condolence or for more information, visit www.stringerfh.com.