

## **Dexter Grant Jr. - Obituary**

Dexter R. Grant, Jr., 83, of Lyndon Center, went quietly home to be with the Lord Thursday morning, Dec. 13, 2012 while he was at his residence.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1929 in Lyndon, the son of Dexter and Tina (Lynaugh) Grant. He attended the Pudding Hill School and graduated from Lyndon Institute in 1949. He spent the majority of his life in the Lyndon area.

Dexter married Gertrude Angell on July 1, 1949. He owned and operated Grant's Paint and Wallpaper for many years, being the fourth generation of his family to work in that business. He was a sergeant in the Vermont National Guard for a total of 21 years, and served in the regular army, being stationed in Germany for three years following the Korean War. He was an expert marksman and won numerous competitions with his shooting skills while in the military. In a newspaper article Dexter was quoted as saying, "I'd rather shoot than eat!"

Dexter taught hunter safety courses in the Lyndon area for many years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, and spending time with his family. Sunday afternoons were special, with family gathering at the house for lunch, card games, and watching the Red Sox or New England Patriots games.

In 1968, Dexter made a decision that changed his life. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He spent the rest of his life serving the Lord -- as a deacon for many years at the Lyndon Center Baptist Church, as a valued and respected member of Lyndon Bible Church, and as a member of the Caledonia Camp of Gideon's International, seeking to spread the Word of God throughout the world. His favorite hymn, How Great Thou Art, revealed his love for his Savior, and though he will be sorely missed, we look forward to meeting him again in heaven, when we will worship together in "awesome wonder."

Dexter was predeceased by his parents; a brother, Richard Grant; a sister and brother-in-law, Christine and Earl Rodger; a grandson, Matthew Grant; and a granddaughter, Kristen Grant.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Gertrude Grant of Lyndon Center, (P.O. Box 54, 05850); four children and their spouses: Laurence and Wanda Grant of Kirby, Kenneth and Sandra Grant, of Lyndonville, Michael and Susan Grant of Wheelock, and Pamela and Jeffrey Murtiff of Salcha, AK; 12 grandchildren; Gloria Grant and Neil Amato, Holly Grant and Jarrod Harbottle, Ryan and Melissa Grant, Chad Grant, Lauren Grant, Jacob and Danielle Grant, Theresa and Eric Stuepfert, Joseph Grant, Stacia and Daniel Willson, Stephanie and Benjamin Carlton, Zachary and Caree Murtiff, and Mackenzie Murtiff. Nine great grandchildren, Alexia, Elsie, Madison, Hunter, Hailee, Payton, Bruce, Addison, and Abraham; a brother, Russell Grant and wife Marie, a sister, Carolyn Wilson and husband Earle, all of Florida; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held in Lyndonville on Friday Dec. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Lyndon Bible Church (located on the Brown Farm Road) with the Rev. Joel Battaglia officiating. Spring burial with military honors will be in Lyndon Center Cemetery on Wednesday May 22, 2013 at 10 a.m.

Friends may call on the family Thursday evening from 6-8 at the Lyndon Bible Church.

Donations made in his memory may be directed to the Lyndon Bible Church, P. O. Box 1, Lyndonville, VT 05851.