

Donald D. Wood, of Lower Waterford, Vt. (PO Box 17, Lower Waterford, VT 05848) died on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on July 17, 1931, in Barre, Vt., he was the son of the late A. Douglas Wood and Caroline Dreesen Wood.

Donald grew up in Barre and St. Johnsbury, Vt. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1949. He continued his education at Kimball Union Academy, and graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a BA Degree in Geology, in 1954. He was employed by the Army Corps of Engineers. In 1955, he joined his father's business, Caledonia, Inc, (dba: Caledonia Sand & Gravel, Calco, Inc.). Don became President and owner in 1974. Today, Caledonia, Inc. is owned by Don's son Ken making it a 3rd generation corporation.

Don served as President of the Associated General Contractors of Vermont and the Vermont Society of Engineers. He was Vice President of the St. Johnsbury Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce.

He was recently presented the Certificate of Recognition for Fifty-Five Years of service to the Passumpsic Lodge #27 Free & Accepted Masons of Vermont. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Burlington, 32nd degree. In 1976, he was Potentate of Mount Sinai Temple #3 AAONMS, of Montpelier. Don was an original member of the Northeast Kingdom Fire Brigade and enjoyed driving his mini-fire engine in local parades.



Don was a lifetime member of South Congregational Church. He was active in the original organization of Burke Mountain and Past President of his home golf course in Newport, Vermont. Don was never happier than when he was playing a good game of golf, having a great run down a ski slope or spending time with his family at their summer home on Lake Memphremagog.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Nathalie (Sunny) Wood; three children, Sandra Delude and her husband David of Concord, N.H.; Elizabeth (Betsy) Fortin and her husband Martin, of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Kenneth Wood and his wife Lisa (Vitko), of Waterford, Vt. He has five grandchildren, Donald Delude and his wife Jessamyn, of Concord, N.H.; Jocelyn Fortin of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Jennifer (Fortin) McKinney and her husband Steven of Buffalo, N.Y.; Megan and Jaime Wood of Waterford, Vt.; and his granddaughter-in-law, Nicquelle (Desilets) Fortin of St. Johnsbury. He also has two great grandchildren, Lincoln Joseph McKinney and Kyleigh Mae Delude. Don is also survived by his sister, Patricia (Wood) Dodge and her husband David (Duffy) Dodge of St. Johnsbury, along with several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his grandson, 2nd LT Joseph D Fortin.

There will be a memorial service at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 6th at the South Congregational Church, 1052 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Following the service, there will be a reception at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Donald's memory may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, c/o Mt. Sinai Shriners, P.O. 742, Montpelier, VT 05601 or South Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury.

Memories and condolences may be shared privately at [www.saylesfh.com](http://www.saylesfh.com).