

Arthur Robert "Bob" Meserve, 74, died on May 10, 2011 after a short battle with cancer. His loving family was ever present in his final days, providing him great courage and strength. He was born in St. Johnsbury, VT, August 27, 1936, the son of Howard and Marguerite (McLaren) Meserve.

Bob was a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy, Class of 1954. He spent his freshman year of college at Middlebury and, following his father's death, attended and graduated from the University of Vermont, Class of 1958.



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Bob served with the Vermont Air National Guard until his honorable discharge in December 1964. He married his wife of 46 years, Janet Wilson, on August 1, 1964. Their two children, Christine and Richard have been blessed with his steadfast devotion. As his children grew, attendance at school sports events and a variety of other activities were of paramount importance to Bob. His commitment and involvement carried on for his beloved grandchildren.

Bob had a long and successful career in the building supplies industry. Although he had a strong work ethic, Bob's most rewarding and special times were spent with his wife and family, often at their summer cottage on the lake, or visiting with them in New Hampshire and Vermont. He treasured being a part of his adult children's lives and families.

Simple living brought him joy. Indeed, a delightful day included a long walk with a family member, friend, a granddog or on his own. For the past 11 years, Bob was dedicated to the care of his mother, Marguerite. His compassionate care was often sprinkled with a sense of humor and he was a loyal and generous son. Bob will be remembered lovingly by many and forever missed.

He was predeceased by his father, Howard Meserve and his stepfather, Elmer W. Chamberlin. Survivors include his mother, Marguerite Chamberlin of Monroe, NH; his wife of 46 years, Janet Meserve of Yarmouth, ME; a

daughter, Christine Bowen and husband Douglas of Williston, VT; a son, Richard Meserve and wife Jennifer of Falmouth, ME; and six grandchildren, Shannon, Katrina, Hannah, Kaitlin, Josh, and Jake.

There will be no calling hours. A private graveside service will be held at a later date in the Monroe Village Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Ricker Funeral Home, Woodsville, NH is in charge of arrangements. For more information or to offer an online condolence, please go to [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com)