

Sherman M. Prouty



BARRE TOWN — Sherman Milne Prouty, 69, of Gold Spur Lane, passed away Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. His wife and children were at his bedside.

Born March 20, 1942, in Brockton, Mass., he was the son of Paul and Vivian Prouty. In 1960, he graduated from Brockton High School and then attended Tilton Academy in New Hampshire. In 1965, he graduated from the University of Vermont in Burlington with a degree in business. He had been a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

On Aug. 23, 1963, he married his high school sweetheart, Judith Rubeski, in Brockton, Mass. Following their marriage they resided in Burlington, New York and New Hampshire and since 1971 in their present home in Barre. They had two children, Kimberly and David.

In 1965, he began employment with Sears and Roebuck Co. and became store manager in 1971 in the Barre store, retiring in 1997.

His memberships included the Barre Congregational Church, the Barre Elks Lodge and the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation.

Besides his wife, Judith, he leaves behind his daughter, Kimberly Prouty, of San Francisco, and his son, David Prouty, and his wife, Eve, of Napa, Calif., as well as four granddaughters, Keira, Maya and twins Vivian and Lillian Prouty. Also his brother Dr. W. Robert Prouty and his wife, Maura, of Norwell, Mass., three nephews and a niece, Robert, Scott, Kurt and Heather Prouty, and their families.

Sherman had a real love of music and played guitar and piano by ear, and in his youth played in a band. He also was a disc jockey for UVM's radio station. He had a weekly radio show on WJOY which was appropriately called "The Sherm Show."

The first house he purchased in 1971 is where he lived out the rest of his life. It was a true source of happiness for him, his house on the hill, with an amazing view of Mount Mansfield, Camels Hump and Vermont farms. He had a great personality, was a true character, and always made people laugh. While living in Vermont he became an avid skier and sailor. He kept his boats in Mallets Bay on Lake Champlain. Boating was his true passion and something he shared with many friends and family.

During his illness which he had for the last 11 years of his life he kept an extremely positive outlook and went well beyond the medical expectations. He was truly happy and profoundly appreciative for every day he lived, and he loved the most simple things in life.

Sherman will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

His funeral will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Hooker and Whitcomb Funeral Home, 7 Academy St. in Barre. Burial will be in the Wilson Cemetery in Barre Town following the service. There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice, 600 Granger Road, Barre, VT 05641.