



"Sam" Whitman

April 26, 1927 - October 4, 2023

John S. Whitman, 96, formerly of Townsend, passed away peacefully, after a brief illness, in Maine on October 4, 2023.

He is survived by a sister, Joyce Heon of Lunenburg, six children, Carole (Whitney) and Robert Whitman, of Jackson, ME, Kathy Whitman of Groton, Steven and James Whitman, of Lunenburg, and Susan Whitman of Leominster, as well as two grandsons, Sam of Jackson, ME, and Frank of Groton.

He was born in Fitchburg, MA on April 26, 1927, the son of John and Selma (Lehto) Whitman, and grew up in Townsend, MA. He had resided in Townsend for 79 years before moving to Maine in 2006.

He served in the U.S. Army from July 1945 to December 1948. He was a proud Veteran. He worked for P.J. Keatings in Lunenburg for 39 years until officially retiring in 1989. He joined AA in 1982 and enjoyed sobriety for over 40 years. He prided himself in his commitments and was a sought-after speaker for meetings helping others stay sober.

He enjoyed being in his workshop, fixing cars or tinkering, etc. Summers included fishing in Maine. In later years he was an active member of Crossroads to Calvary, Apostolic Church in Morrill, ME.

A private service is planned at Forest Hills Cemetery, Fitchburg, MA.

Memorial donations may be made to the MSPCA, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130 in memory of his wife Nancy E. Whitman.

Tribute Wall

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“ We used to go down behind the Lloyd's property in that old truck that he put a new carburetor on and pick up & get cookie [wood that was dead standing in the pond. Samuel Drank a few swigs out of hard liquor to keep ready with his chain saw. All the Connor as well as the Gerken boys enjoyed this annual event. We enjoyed the results of our efforts all winter long in our wood stove.

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