

CORRECTION TO TOWN OF GILMANTON 2017 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

In Memoriam

Daniel Warren Webster

April 30, 1929 – March 11, 2017

Danny Webster, a lifelong resident of Lower Gilmanton, was born April 30, 1929 during the Great Depression to his parents, Marjorie (Pitman) Webster and William Webster. Experiencing life during the Depression taught Danny the meaning of frugality; an appreciation for life - to enjoy every minute of it, and sharing it with his loving wife, Barbara (Andrew) Webster and many friends. Danny loved country music, parades, potluck suppers, pontoon boating on Loon Pond and traveling. During his lifetime, Danny visited 49 out of 50 states and many foreign countries.

Danny attended elementary school at the Kelley Corner School in Lower Gilmanton until it closed in 1940. Danny was thrilled to hear that the Kelley Corner School had been awarded grants for its restoration and preservation and that it made the cover of the Gilmanton Annual Report in 2017. On November 9, 2008, Danny proudly donated 10 acres of his land in Lower Gilmanton to the Gilmanton Conservation Commission. This easement protects the land surrounding the Kelley Corner Schoolhouse, Brown's Pond, Blackman's Brook and nearly 1/4 of a mile of Route 129 from development.

Danny graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1946. Danny enlisted in the U.S. Army after Hiroshima and Nagasaki and was sent to Tokyo where he served from 1946 – 1948. Following his service, Danny attended the Concord School of business and graduated with a degree in Accounting. Danny worked as an auditor for the Department of Health & Human Services until retiring in 1994.

Danny was an active member and officer in many organizations including the American Legion Ellis-Geddes-Levitt Post #102, the V.F.W., NH Veterans Association, State Employees Association Chapter 1, the Gilmanton Historical Society, Smith Meeting House Association, Gardners' Cove Association and the NH Collectors Club. Danny was active in the Republican Party in NH and he represented Gilmanton at the State Republican Party Convention for many years. Annually in May, Danny would visit every cemetery in Gilmanton, even the most obscure ones as Thistle Road and Wilson Hill. Danny would place a flag on the graves of every veteran from Gilmanton. Danny was a true patriot. He loved his country and he loved Gilmanton. One looked forward to seeing Danny in his uniform at every Memorial Day, 4th of July and Old Home Day celebration proudly saluting his flag. We miss you, Danny.