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George William Morse

George William Morse, 84, passed away early Tuesday, May 06, 2008 at Maine General Medical Center - Seton Campus, in Waterville, Maine, from complications after suffering a severe stroke on April 7, 2008.

George was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts on June 10, 1923, son of Chester and Kathleen (Brown) Morse. He was a nephew of Edith Pratt Brown of Clinton, Maine. He was educated in Framingham, Massachusetts schools and MCI in Pittsfield, Maine and studied Civil Engineering for three years at the University of Maine in Orono. He graduated from Gorham State Teachers College of Gorham, Maine with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts Education and obtained his Master of Education Degree from Keene State Teachers College in Keene, New Hampshire. George served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific theater.

George was employed for 26 years as an Industrial Arts teacher at Haldane Central School in Cold Spring. While there, he was a member of the NY State Teachers Association, NY Industrial Arts Teachers' Association, and the Haldane Faculty Association. He was a member and served as a President of the Mid-Hudson Vocational Education Teachers' Association, who named him as Teacher of the Year. As a teacher, he was also active as advisor for Drama Club, Stage Crew, Junior Honor Society, and Ski Club. He was also a member of County Players, in Wappingers Falls, NY, designing and constructing sets for musicals and plays. He was a member of the Cold Spring Baptist Church where he was active as a Deacon, instituting church suppers and Easter morning breakfasts.

He retired in 1985 and moved to Clinton, ME. He was a member of the Masons and the Lions Club, and served on the Recreation Committee for Clinton. He was a member of the Brown Memorial United Methodist Church of Clinton. George also operated a small printing business known as the Little House Print Shop in Clinton for several years.

George spent summers as a boys' camp counselor for over 40 years at Mitigwa Camp in Rangeley, ME and Keewaydin Camps, in Salisbury, VT where he lead canoeing and hiking trips throughout the northeast and Canada.

George is survived by his wife, Carol (Fessenden) Morse of Clinton; his daughter and son-in-law, Carol-Anne (Morse) and Art Taddeo of Pepperell, MA; his son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Carrie (Ashkenazi) Morse and their children, Samantha and Emily of Brookline, NH; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Peter and Sheryl (Burlingham) Fessenden of East Longmeadow, MA; and his nephew Peter Fessenden and his wife Peri-Ann and children Matthew and Dana, also of East Longmeadow, MA.

A memorial service will be held in early June, with the date and location to be announced. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Park in Springfield, MA at a later date.

The family would like to thank Maine General, and in particular the staff of Seton Campus in Waterville, who treated George and his family with kindness and caring during his last days, and helped ease his burdens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in George's name to the Brown Memorial United Methodist Church, PO Box 58, Clinton, ME 04927.



George Morse, back row, right side – Camp Mitigwa (1956)