

Gordon Follansbee, 81

October 19, 1934 — May 25, 2016



WEST NEWBURY — Gordon G. Follansbee, 81, husband of the late Susan Poore Follansbee, passed away unexpectedly

on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, surrounded by loving family. Gordon, the son of David and Mildred Follansbee, was born in Amesbury, and spent his youth along the banks of the Merrimack River. After



graduating from Amesbury High School in 1956, Gordon proudly served in the United States Coast Guard from 1957-1961. He married his sweetheart, Susan Poore of West Newbury, in 1959. Upon his return from service, Gordon and Sue settled in West Newbury and together built their family home a few doors down from Sue's parents, Howard and Mary Poore, with whom he shared a close friendship. There, they raised their three children, Russell, Linda, and Daniel and shared 54 years of marriage. Over the years, Gordon worked for Wason McDonald Dairy, CBS Hytron, and S&H Greenstamps, and retired after 15 years at the Page Elementary School in West Newbury. Gordon enjoyed the outdoors, climbing each of the 4,000 foot peaks of the White Mountains at least once. Throughout his life he tended his large garden and was actively involved with the Laurel Grange's weekly Farmers' Market. His other interests included fishing, particularly ice fishing with his buddies, working in his wood lot, traveling across North America with his wife, and spending time with family. In his later years, Gordon enjoyed dining

out daily, with an emphasis on seafood, and was well-recognized at his favorite local restaurants. Gordon took great pleasure in the companionship

of his West Newbury neighbors, including his daily visits to the West Newbury Food Mart in the early morning hours, where he would have coffee and visit with friends. He was grateful to the West

Newbury Council on Aging for their service to the town's senior citizens. Gordon was predeceased by his parents, wife Susan and brother David. Gordon is survived by his son Russell and wife Denise, of Claremont, NH; daughter Linda and companion Ruane Crummett, of Natick; and son Daniel, wife Lynne, and their children Faith and Joshua, of West Newbury. He also leaves his brother Myron and wife Nancy, of Amesbury; sister Caroline Mack, of Raymond, NH; sister-in-law Aurora, of Amesbury; brother-in-law George Poore, of California; and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 3, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., at the West Newbury Congregational Church, 308 Main Street, followed by a burial with military honors at Rural Cemetery on Chase Street. All are invited to attend a reception with the family at the church hall, directly following the burial. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the West Newbury Congregational Church, 308 Main Street, West Newbury, MA, 01985, or the Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 North Avenue, Haverhill, MA 01830.