



## Bernard L. Adams Jr.

May 27, 1917 - January 29, 2020

Canton – Bernard L. Adams, Jr., 102, of Canton, died Wednesday evening at Pinnacle Health Care in Canton. He was born in Canton, May 27, 1917, a son of Bernard L. and Julia (Hayden) Adams, Sr. He was a graduate of the class of 1935 from Canton High School. He was a proud member of the 4-H club during his youth. On Oct. 5, 1940, he married L. Mabel Lumbert in West Paris; she predeceased him on June 8, 2005.

On September 8, 1943, he joined the United States Army and was stationed in England having landed in Normandy 2 days after the D Day invasion and was wounded twice in action; once on June 24 and again on November 17, 1944, receiving a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster for his sacrifices. Mr. Adams worked for Portland Packing Co. in Canton and Oakland in the maintenance department, the Fred H. Snow Packing Co. in Pine Point as a Sealing Machine Operator, as well as the Sokley Van Camp Co. in New Bedford. He operated a dairy farm in Canton until 1965, and drove truck for the State of Maine during the summers and hauled pulp wood and plowed snow in the winter as well as installing septic tanks and running his own saw mill.

He was a life member of Anasagunticook Lodge IOOF #32, the former Holland Damon Maxim VFW Post, and the Lake Anasagunticook Association. He was a certified tree farmer for 50 years; along with being an original member of the Canton Planning Board, serving from 1971 – 2000 and the Canton Historical Society. He also served as a Selectperson in Canton for 5 years.

Mr. Adams was an antique engine enthusiast and in 1970, traveled for 7 weeks to Alaska by truck with a truck camper with his wife and sister-in-law, June. During that trip they visited with his brother-in-law, Fred and his wife, Kikuko who were stationed in Alaska. During that adventure, they visited Denali National Park, Vancouver Island, Banff National Park, Lake Louise, and Yellowstone. He and Mabel also traveled to Pasadena, CA to attend the Tournament of Roses Parade and took many trips to Ottawa, Mississippi, and Florida to visit family.

He is survived by his daughter, Joan Kneeland and her husband, Richard of Windham and Rockwood; 4 grandchildren, James Kneeland and his wife, Becky of Bridgewater, NH, Prudy Adams of Canton, Randall Kneeland and his wife, Sue of Reading, MA, and Russell Adams and his wife, Kelly of Canton; 7 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild due

to arrive later in the Spring; a brother-in-law, Fred Lumbert and his wife, Kikuko of SC; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Charles; daughter-in-law, Brenda; two brothers, Albert and Wesley; and sister-in-law Barbara.

The family invites relatives and friends to a memorial service at the Wiles Remembrance Center, 308 Franklin Road, Jay on Saturday, February 8 at 1pm. Relatives and friends are invited to call one hour prior to the services. Public graveside committal services with military honors will be held at the Hillside Cemetery, Canton, on Friday, May 8 at 1 pm. Condolences and memories may be shared with his family on his memorial wall at [www.wilesrc.com](http://www.wilesrc.com) In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in his memory be made to either the Bradbury Memorial Chapel, c/o Arthur Chamberlin, 502 Canton Point Road, Canton, ME 04221 or to the Canton Historical Society, PO Box 605, Canton, ME 04221.

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Wiles Remembrance Center and staff** - February 05 at 08:42 AM



“ Thank you for sharing. We already miss Bernard and his smile. So many memories in your photos..Bob was very fond of Bernard. I'll show him the tractor. They could always find something to talk about,

**Sally** - February 05 at 11:00 PM

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**Wiles Remembrance Center and staff** - February 05 at 08:22 AM

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“ Uncle Bernard was and in heaven is awesome!  
I remember so many wonder filled summers staying with Grammy and helping Uncle Bernard and Charlie bring in the cows and milk them.  
Miss him and summers in Maine with family! Love you Uncle Bernard.

**Bonnie Adams** - February 02 at 08:42 AM

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“ SINCEREST THOUGHTS OF SADNESS !!ONE OF THE BEST !!! ALWAYS TREATED ME WELL !!! HUGS YOUR WAY !!!

**RONALD CARLTION** - February 01 at 05:53 AM

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“ Sincerest thoughts to Joan and families, Russell and families, Prudy and all; your Dad came to see Dad, (Bob Bartlett) two weeks before he went on up home. They sat and talked a little, Dad had decided it was time and they shook hands, knowing how Dad felt. They were both 50 year members of the Oddfellows, and respected each other for the hard work it took to receive those awards. Both of these men were hard workers ,doing multiple jobs to raise their families. Dad thought so much of Bernard and i have great respect for Bernard too! His kindness preceeded him everywhere! So glad you are now with your love again Bernard . Sheila Bartlett Richardson



**Sheila Richardson** - January 31 at 10:41 PM



“ Such a kindheartedman who had a smile that woud warm anyone's heart! So well thought of and always made time for everybody! A great family man, friend, and I am proud to have known him!! RIP Bernard, you will certainly be missed!

**Beverly York** - February 01 at 03:50 PM



“ I always looked forward to the trips to Maine to visit Uncle Bernard and Aunt Mabel and the rest of the family. The awesome home cooked meals and the fresh vegetables and fruits out of the garden.

I was beyond thrilled that he showed me how to split wood and even allowed me to use the machine. That is some hard work.

I'll never forget the times he would ask me if I wanted to see him "walk the plank" He would literally skip across the boards leading up to the house and I would just laugh.

My fondness memory of him was when we went water skiing on Canton Lake. I remember him saying there are a lot of people here, so we need to watch out for each other. Sure enough, I cut my foot on some glass, and he told me to put my foot in the cold spring. It was freezing but it was the right thing to do and he took care of me. I will never forget his kindness and how concerned he was for me.

Rest In Peace. Aunt Mable is waiting for you with open arms. I love you!



Beverly Lumbert - January 31 at 08:51 PM

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Wiles Remembrance Center and staff - January 31 at 09:23 AM



“ A hard worker and very kind person

**Sheila Richardson** - January 31 at 10:42 PM



“ Sincere condolences to family and friends. How I loved to visit with Bernard and family. I miss the Adams reunions

Lynn Couture

**lynn Couture** - February 01 at 07:54 AM