



Campbell B. Niven

November 8, 1929 - April 28, 2008

Campbell B. “Cam” Niven, age 78 of Atwood Lane, died Monday, April 28, 2008 at the Mid Coast Senior Health Center.

He was born in Boston, Mass. on November 8, 1929, a son of Paul Kendall and Dorothy Nichols Niven. He and family returned to Brunswick in 1931, and while growing up on Longfellow Avenue, he attended local schools.

He was a 1948 graduate of Hebron Academy and a 1952 graduate of Bowdoin College. He married Elizabeth Manning in New Britain, CT on April 4, 1964.

From 1952 – 1954, he worked for the E.I. Dupont Company in Nylon and Dacron Production Management. In 1954, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in the Public Information Division, Hqtrs, US Army, Europe, in Heidelberg, Germany.

After returning to Maine in 1956, he became Advertising Manager for the Brunswick Record and served in that capacity until 1961 when he became Publisher. He was also Publisher for the Bath Daily Times from 1960 – 1967, and then Publisher for the Times Record from 1967 until retiring in 1997.

He served in several capacities for many Civic and Professional activities. He served as Chairman of Brunswick Federal Savings, Director of Bethel Bancorp, Director and Chairman of Long Range Planning Committee, and Director of PAGE. He also was involved with Mid Coast Health Services, the Brunswick Industrial Committee and The Westerly Sun in Rhode Island, and was a member of the Coastal Cancer Treatment Center Committee.

Other organizations for which he served as President are Regional Memorial Hospital, the New England Newspaper Assoc, New England Press Assoc, Brunswick Area United Fund, Maine Daily Newspaper Publishers Assoc, Brunswick Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, and the Brunswick Golf Club.

He served as Chairman of the Brunswick Planning Board as well as director and member of several other newspaper and advertising associations.

He also served on the Brunswick Downtown Revitalization Committee and the Bowdoin Presidential Search Committee.

He was predeceased by a brother, Paul Kendall Niven, Jr.

He married Elizabeth Manning in New Britain, CT on April 4, 1964.

He is survived by his wife of Brunswick; two sons, Andrew Campbell Niven of Amesbury, Mass, and Douglas Manning Niven, and his wife Nicole of Brunswick; his daughter, Alison Elizabeth Nynka, and her husband Peter J. of Ormond Beach, FL; and two grandchildren, Tyler Douglas Niven and Cameron Manning Niven of Brunswick.

A celebration of Cam's life will be held at 2:00p.m. Saturday, May 10, at the First Parish Church in Brunswick. There will be a private interment at Oak Grove Cemetery in Bath at a later date. If desired, contributions may be made in Mr. Niven's memory to; Mid Coast Hospital, Attn: Development Office, 123 Medical Center Drive, Brunswick, Maine 04011, or to the Campbell B. Niven Scholarship Fund, Bowdoin College, Attn: Development Office, 5 College Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011.

Events

MAY **Service** 02:00PM

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First Parish Church

Maine Street, Brunswick, ME, US

Comments



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Cam will be missed by all of us whose path he came into contact with. A man of many talents and always with a smile.

Joan & Ted Wilson - May 10, 2008 at 09:40 AM



“ Cam was a one of those unique souls one is fortunate enough to meet once or twice in one's lifetime.

My earliest memory of Uncle Cam was when I was about four years old. It was Christmas Eve at Sunnylegde in New Britain, and all of us kids were fast asleep. The adults were still up and sharing about each child's Christmas wish, when they came to me -- I so desperately wanted a pony. My parents, of course, felt distraught that they couldn't give me one, and didn't know what to do.

Cam came to the rescue -- He wrote me a note from Santa that explained that he wished he could give me a pony that year, but only had one. There was a little boy about my age who had to walk three miles through the snow to school every day, and really needed that pony. Santa decided to give it to him, knowing that I would understand.

I will always remember that Christmas morning, surrounded by my parents and aunts & uncles, cousins & brothers, as I read Santa's note with great excitement. Of course I did understand, and was thrilled to be part of helping out that little boy.

I've always been touched by Cam's heart, and will miss him deeply.

Cindy

Cindy Parsons - May 06, 2008 at 11:01 AM



“ We all miss our dear Uncle Cam. He was a kind, gentle soul and a source of wisdom and humor for so many. I will remember two things especially: His deep, heartfelt laughter; and the time I strolled down Maine Street with him one day. With a newspaper tucked under one arm, he used the other to shake hands while he chatted with friends or acquaintances whom we met along the way. It took us 20 minutes to walk three blocks! I could see that he was a widely loved and respected man, far beyond his own extended family.

Ted Parsons - May 06, 2008 at 10:19 AM



“ I wish to extend my condolences to Cam's family and friends. Our days at Hebron and in the newspaper business will be long remembered. He was a good man who has gone too soon. My wife joins me in sending our heartfelt sympathy to you all. He will be long remembered.

Amory Houghton

Amory M. Houghton III - May 06, 2008 at 06:25 AM