

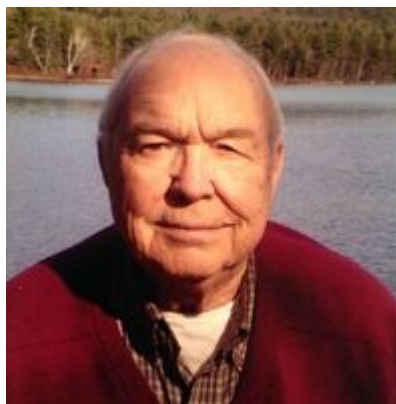
Chadwick Funeral and Cremation Service

Donald F. Bent

(November 16, 1925 - June 20, 2023)

NEW LONDON, NH - Donald F. Bent died peacefully on June 20, 2023 at the age of 97.

Don was born on November 16, 1925 in Clinton, MA to Grace and Charlie Bent.



He attended Lynn Classical High School, Williams College, UNH, and graduated from the University of Maryland with a Ph.D. degree in Microbiology. While at Williams, Don enlisted in the Navy Officer Candidate School and served on a destroyer in the Pacific. He retired from the Naval Reserves as a Lieutenant Commander.

While getting his Master's Degree at UNH, Don met Nancy Bowen but was recalled by the Navy for the Korean Conflict, stationed in Honolulu in the Naval Intelligence group. Don proposed to Nancy long distance and she travelled to Hawaii where they were married in 1951.

They eventually moved to New London in 1959 where Don taught at Colby Junior College (now Colby Sawyer College). In 1967 he took the family to Malaysia where he taught microbiology on a Fulbright Lectureship. On the way out, they toured Asia, and coming home the family toured Europe in a VW bus for two months.

Well into his 80's and after Nancy passed, Don met Jane Guise. Jane and Don shared many years of adventures and stimulating conversations until her passing in 2018.

Don was active in the Outing Club, Rotary, Lake Sunapee Protective Association, Pleasant Lake Protective Association, directed the town swim program and was the New London Health Officer for many years.

He was quick witted, outgoing, and never at a loss for words.

He was an active and dedicated member of the Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Don is predeceased by his wife, Nancy, companion, Jane and his brothers Colby and George.

Surviving family members include his three children; Susan, Doug, and

Cindy, his four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pleasant Lake Protective Association, the lake he lived on and loved.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at the Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy, 194 Main Street, Andover, NH.