



Roger Sherman Weare Jr.

Exeter – Roger Sherman Weare Jr. lived his life on his own terms. On January 23, 2020 he passed away peacefully at his home in Exeter NH at the profound age of 96 and $\frac{3}{4}$. When anyone ever asked him about the secret to his longevity, he never hesitated to reply. “Whisky and sausages,” was always his answer.

Born on the kitchen table on May 7, 1923, in Bradford, MA, he was the proud son of Roger S. Weare Sr. and Martha (McLaughlin) Weare. He spoke often about his happy childhood and recalled many fond memories of growing up in the small bungalow on Greenland Ave in Portsmouth.

Lovingly known as “Sonny”, his two surviving sisters, June Coakley, 89 of Dover NH and Donna Leavell, 83 of Manchester NH, remember their older brother as a hard-working youth, an artistic soul and a great percussionist in his local band, The Three Blind Mice. They describe him as a brave young man who readily volunteered for the US Navy during World War II, and who courageously traveled the South Pacific aboard the USS Boston.

After proudly serving four years in the Navy, he married the love of his life, Eleanor Rogers of Exeter (who passed in 2000) and settled at their lifelong home. Roger worked as a clerk in Grant's Pharmacy, he served as an officer in the Exeter Police Department and then dedicated over 30 years of service to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a manager in the supply department.

Roger is also survived by his daughter, Cheryl Berthiaume, his granddaughter, Annette Blake and his two great grandsons, Spencer and Collin Blake, all of Newmarket. They will lovingly remember him as their motorcycle-riding “Grampy”, the perfect storyteller and the amazing gift giver. He will be missed very much.

May his soul rest in eternal peace with his other recently departed family members; his grandson William Joseph Berthiaume Jr. (1996) and his son-in-law, William Joseph Berthiaume Sr. (2017)

A graveside service with full military honors will be held in the spring in Exeter Cemetery.