

Alfred W. St. Germain

Alfred "Al or Fred," W. St. Germain, 91, of Lovell, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2025.

Al was born on March 27, 1934, in Woonsocket, R.I., to Alfred A. and Clara (Laval-lee) St. Germain. Growing up in a French-speaking household and attending French parochial schools, Al spoke only French until nearly nine years old when he began making English-speaking friends in his neighborhood. His early education was marked by his sharp intellect; he skipped



the third and fourth grades, transitioning from schools taught by nuns to the sixth grade at Mt. St. Charles Academy, run by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. He continued at Mt. St. Charles until his junior year when his family moved to Needham, Mass., to shorten his father's demanding 12-hour daily commute to Boston. Al graduated from Needham High School in 1950, experiencing for the first time classes that included girls.

He graduated from Norwich University in 1954, shortly after his 20th birthday, and honorably served as an officer in the Army. He joined the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment in Bindlach, Germany as a Tank Commander, where his primary mission was to patrol the then-East German and Czechoslovakian borders. After completing his two-year tour of duty, and before returning home, he purchased a new Volkswagen in Nuremberg for \$1,100, with the government even covering the shipping.

Al, along with his father and relatives, had a tradition of taking annual fishing trips to Holeb, Maine, a remote railroad village accessible only by train. The trips, which began due to stories told by his relative Wilfred, involved a drive to Jackman and then a train ride to Holeb. There, they stayed in rustic camps and a lodge owned by the stationmaster, Joe Guay, whose wife cooked for the sportsmen.

Al started at Western Electric in North Andover, Mass., in 1957, where he met his future wife, Irene Mahoney. They married in July 1963, and their family grew with the births of their children, Chris (1964), Mark (1966), and Michelle (1971). In 1966, Al began a new chapter at Polaroid Corporation in Cambridge, Mass. He worked on a variety of products, including copy services and different types of film and camera parts.

The family purchased a vacation home in Bridgton, in 1971, where they enjoyed skiing, sailing, and hosting friends and family for many years.

In 1985, Al, Irene, and Michelle moved to Scotland for over two years for Al's new role as Industrial Engineering Manager at Polaroid's Vale of Leven site. They traveled throughout Europe and formed lasting friendships.

After returning to the U.S., Al worked in Purchasing at Polaroid. He retired in 1995 and in 1997, Al and Irene moved to Lovell. Al immediately started to volunteer. With the encouragement of Roberta Chandler, he volunteered at the Historical Society. Later on he volunteered as treasurer for the Kezar Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club, and the Charlotte Hobbs Library, as well as on the town's Budget Committee. In recent years, he coordinated the local cribbage group at the VFW, and volunteered for the Brick Church for the Performing Art, both of which gave him a lot of pleasure.

Al had no regrets. He often expressed that he had married the nicest person on earth. He and Irene were blessed with three wonderful children who married equally wonderful partners. They were also fortunate to be close to their four beloved grandchildren, a source of immense joy and pride.

Al is survived by his wife of 62 years, Irene; their children, Mark and his wife Beth, Chris and his wife Rose, and Michelle and her husband Steven Mansfield. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren, Cole, Noelle, Sadie, and Clara. Al is survived by his brothers, Andre and his wife Barbara, his brother Robert and his wife Mary. He was predeceased by his sister Michelle Bianchi six weeks before Al's leaving us.

Arrangement are under the care of Wood Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9 Warren St., Fryeburg, ME. To make an online condolence please visit www.woodfuneralhome.org