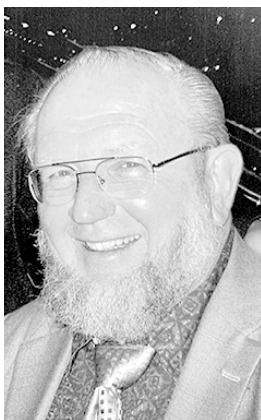


William A. Melbye

March 9, 1936 – May 29, 2025

William “Bill” A. Melbye, 89, of Bridgton, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2025, at Maine Medical Center in Portland, surrounded by love and memories.

Born on March 9, 1936, in Malden, Mass., to Bertha and William Melbye, Bill was their only child. He was raised in Lexington, Mass., and attended local schools before completing his education at Tabor Academy. At just 17, he began a long and dedicated career as a lineman with the telephone company.



Bill had a profound love for the outdoors. A proud member of the Concord Rod & Gun Club, he found great joy in fishing, hunting, and trapping — activities that were more than hobbies, they were part of his identity. Friends and family often said that Bill was a magnitude of talents — a man who could do just about anything.

He was a Freemason and later joined the Shriners, finding community and purpose in these fraternal organizations.

In 1957, Bill married the love of his life, Roberta, in Lexington, Mass. Together, they raised three children and built a full and adventurous life. Eventually, they moved to the scenic town of Bridgton, where Bill launched his own business, WAM Alarm Systems.

Bill and Roberta shared a love for adventure. Whether it was boating, scuba diving, riding motorcycles, or snowmobiling with the Harrison Snowmobile Club, they embraced life with energy and joy. Their bond and spirit were admired by all who knew them.

After losing his beloved Roberta in November 2022, Bill remained devoted to his family. He is survived by their three children: William Melbye and his wife Dari of Harrison; Susan Rice of Stoddard, N.H.; and Beverly Tringale and her husband Richard of Lexington, Mass. He was a proud grandfather to David Rice and his wife Renae, Michael Rice and his fiancée Angela, and Nicholas Tringale. Bill was also blessed with four great-grandchildren: Justin, Mason, Keegan, and Amelia.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 3 to 6 p.m., Oriental Masonic Lodge #13, 166 Harrison Rd., Bridgton, ME 04009

A private graveside service will be held by the immediate family in Lexington, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Bill’s memory to: Harvest Hills Animal Shelter, 1389 Bridgton Road, Fryeburg, ME 04037

As Mark Twain so aptly put it:

“You meet people who forget you, you forget people you meet, but sometimes you meet those people you can’t forget. Those are your friends.”

Bill was one of those unforgettable friends — and he will be deeply missed.