

Half Staff – Bernard F. “Capt. Ted” Brewer Jr.

August 24, 1997

Bernard F. “Capt. Ted” Brewer Jr., 73, husband of Helen M. (Haines) Brewer of 8 Smith Road, Rockport, died yesterday afternoon.”Capt. Ted” was born in Rockport on Aug. 4, 1924, to the late Pauline L. (Varney) and Bernard F. Brewer Sr.

He started fishing at the age of 16, hauling lobster traps. In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II aboard the USS Bunker Hill, which participated in every major battle in the Pacific. He was discharged in 1946.

After the war, he worked as a fireman on the Boston and Maine Railroads. He later worked nights as a die sinker at the Cape Ann Tool Company in Rockport.

Capt. Ted later started his own party boat fishing business out of Rockport. Over a 50 year period, he owned 11 different boats, including the Bev, Miss Rockport, and his last boat, Lady Dianne.

Capt. Ted was involved in many different organizations, including a 50-year member of the Ashler Lodge AF & AM, the Consistory Scottish Rites Bodies, the Edward Peterson Post No. 98 Rockport American Legion, a former Post Master of the VFW of Rockport, and also served as a member for many years on the Rockport Harbor Advisory Board.

In addition to his wife, Helen, to whom he was married for 50 years, he is survived by a daughter, Dianne B., wife of Charles Gardner Jr., of Rockport; a grandson, Capt. Matthew Gardner of Rockport; two brothers, William “Bill” Brewer of Lee, Maine, and Rockport, and Francis P. Brewer of Rockport; three sisters, Jean, wife of David Cameron, of Rockport, Margaret, wife of William Jerome, of Newbury, and Pauline, wife of Donald Wallis, of Marblehead; and many nieces and nephews.

At his request, there will be no visiting hours. A private graveside service will be held for family and close friends. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

Memorial gifts may be made in his memory to the Rockport United Methodist Church Stained Glass Fund, 36 Broadway, Rockport, MA 01966, or to Rockport Youth Soccer, 28 Highview Road, Rockport, MA 01966.