

Half Staff – Gilbert Crane

December 14, 2009

Gilbert H. Crane, a long-time resident of Belmont, following months of general decline died at home on Dec 14, 2009, months after his 100th birthday.

He was born in Carbonear, Newfoundland, Canada and emigrated as a young man to the United States where he met and married Lillian Violet Herald whose mother and father had also come from Newfoundland. Lillian predeceased him on April 1, 1992.

Mr. Crane had commercially fished for cod off the Grand Banks as a young teenager and had a life long passion for the sea. He enjoyed boating in the Cape Ann area where he and his family summered for many years. He belonged to the Sandy Bay Yacht Club in Rockport, however, he kept his boats in Smith's Cove, Gloucester, because he thought it a safer harbor.

He is survived by his daughter Carol and son-in-law Dwain Smith of Lynnfield, three grand children, Alison Bentley of Chelmsford, MA, Jennifer James of Coeur d'alene, Idaho and Adam Smith of Lynnfield, MA and also five great grand children; Joshua James, Mathew James, Thomas Bentley, Julia Bentley, and Kirk Smith. Private burial services were held and interment was at Puritan Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Peabody, MA. Arrangements were handled by Brown & Hickey Funeral Home of Belmont. Memorial donations may be made to VNA Hospice, 100 Sylvan Road, G-500, Woburn, MA or the Sandy Bay Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program in Rockport, MA.

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