

Joseph Edward Marceau Jr. 1912 - 2009



DR. JOSEPH EDWARD MARCEAU JR., DDS April 20, 1912 - April 7, 2009 HANOVER, N.H. - Vermont's first orthodontist last week ended a long journey that created miles of smiles for thousands of Vermonters. Dr. J. Edward Marceau Jr., DDS, passed away in Hanover on April 7, 2009, at the age of 96. Ed was born in Rutland, Vt., on April 20, 1912, the son of Joseph and Irene Marceau. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1934, majoring in zoology, ski jumping, and canoeing. He also participated enthusiastically in the Outing Club, Handel Society, and Gilbert and Sullivan Society. He earned his dental degree at the University of Michigan and then became one of only seven licensed dentists in Vermont when he opened his Rutland practice in 1938. Ed volunteered for Army service during World War II and then returned to Ann Arbor to study orthodontics. Over the next six decades, he then restored thousands of smiles for several generations of Vermont patients. Ed was also an avid pilot and flew his Luscombe to rural areas to visit patients. He co-founded Vermont's School of Dental Hygiene and helped establish the Vermont Tooth Fairy Program, which helps defray the costs of dental care for poor children. After retiring from orthodontics, he enjoyed working at Vermont Dental Care to develop dental splints and other devices to treat bruxism in adults. Ed retired at age 87, to spend more time outdoors with his 2000 tree apple orchard, Chateau Orchard, in South Burlington. Ed's family is honored to fulfill his wishes of a last flight over Lake Champlain and a Military Honors Service at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph, Vermont (date to be published later).

A Military Honor Guard Burial Service for Dr. Joseph Edward Marceau, Jr., DDS, will be held at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph Center on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 11 a.m. The cemetery is adjacent to Vermont Technical College on Furnace Road (I-89 Exit 4, then Route 66 East and follow signs to the cemetery). Well wishers are cordially invited to attend the service and a luncheon reception to follow. In honor of their father's six decades of service to Vermont dentistry, Michael, Michelle, Frank and Susie Marceau have established the J. Edward Marceau Memorial Award for the School of Dental Hygiene. Memorial contributions may be sent to Vermont Technical College (memo: for the benefit of Dental Hygiene), care of the Director for Institutional Advancement, VTC, PO Box 500, Randolph Center, VT 05061 (802-7281732).