

## DR. BRIAN M. RIGGIE – 1927-2010



DR. BRIAN M. RIGGIE ISLAND POND - Dr. Brian M. Riggie, 83, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010, surrounded by his loved ones and friends - his wife, Phyllis; Dr. Randy and Mary Jo Miller; Tony Pomerleau; and Dr. Ben Trottier. Dr. Riggie was born on May 5, 1927 in Island Pond, the son of William and Melvina (Dubois) Riggie. He graduated from Brighton High School and, while playing all sports, he was nominated to the Vermont All-State basketball team in 1944. After graduation, Brian enlisted in the [U.S. Navy](#) and served in the Pacific. His tour in the Navy was the beginning of a military career that would span three decades, including serving in the [Korean War](#) and the Vermont National Guard. He retired from the Guard in 1988, and was a member of the Retired Officers Association. He loved his country and was proud to carry the US flag in the Island Pond 4th of July parades. Dr. Riggie graduated from Utah State University with a B.S. degree in 1950. Brian married the love of his life and best friend, Phyllis Roberts on Dec. 30, 1950. Together, they shared nearly 60 years of a wonderful marriage. He then graduated from Georgetown University in 1959, receiving a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree, graduating with honors and receiving the Dental- Medicine Award. Dr. Riggie practiced dentistry in Burlington from 1959-1987, while "Phyl" was the receptionist. While in active practice, he was a member of the American Dental Association, the Vermont State Dental Society (as Treasurer on the Executive Board for seven years), and the Champlain Valley Dental Society. After retirement, he was an active member of the Northern Counties Healthcare Board of Trustees for 10 years, serving as president the last two years. He then joined the North Country Hospital board of Trustees, serving for seven years, his last two as Board Chair. He was inducted into the Orleans and Northern Essex Athletic Hall of Fame in September of 2010. Dr. Riggie was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Utah Chapter, American Legion Post #80, [VFW](#) Post #2309, where he twice served as commander. He also served as the Secretary of the Zoning Board, and on the Board of Civil Authorities. He was a past member of the Ethan Allen Club, Burlington Country Club and Newport Country Club. Brian loved to hunt and fish, taking many trips to Alaska and Labrador. He especially loved his hunting camp on the North Branch and hunting seasons spent with Warren Sims, Bob Cryan and Randy Miller. Brian loved playing tennis and taking boat trips on 'Paradise Found' with his buddies, Tony Pomerleau, Bob Orth, Phil Lavoie and Ben Trottier. Dr. Riggie is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Phyllis; his brother, William and his wife, Paula Riggie, of Florida; his nephew, Robert and his wife, Diane Pontbriand; and his cousin, Frank and wife, Louella Allard; and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves Dr. Randy and Mary Jo Miller, whom he loved from the time they were young children like a son and daughter, and their children, Brian, Michael and Maggie. He took great pride in Randy taking over his dental practice, and in his role as "father and grandfather" to the Miller family. The family would like to thank North Country Hospital doctors and staff for the wonderful care given to Brian. Special thanks to Sonny Weatherstone, Becky and Gordon Lefebvre, Jamie and Brian Lougee, Dolores

Robbins, and Sharlyn Jordan for always being there when needed. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, Sept. 24, 2010 at 11 a.m. at St. James The Greater Catholic Church in Island Pond. Full Military Honors will be accorded Dr. Riggie following the Mass by the American Legion. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010 at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Shelburne, followed by a reception. There will be no visiting hours. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Oncology Unit of North Country Hospital, the Frontier Animal Society of Orleans, VT, or St. James Church of Island Pond, VT. Arrangements are with LaVigne Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 132 Main St., Winooski, VT.