

John Cattanach Worden, DMD 1919 – 2006

John Cattanach Worden, DMD passed from this life on November 13, 2006 at Vernon Green Nursing Home. He was born in Hinsdale, NH on January 11, 1919, the son of Ralph J. and Elizabeth (Cattanach) Worden. Several years of his childhood were spent in West Springfield, MA where his father worked as a machinist. When jobs became scarce in MA, his father accepted employment back in Hinsdale working in the local paper mill. While attending Hinsdale High School, he met his wife to be Barbara Garfield. He was a graduate of Hinsdale High School and the University of New Hampshire (1940). He married Barbara Garfield on January 10, 1941, shortly before leaving for war. He served in the European theater of World War II, seeing action in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria, while achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before leaving the Army.

He used the GI bill to attend Tufts Dental School, graduating in 1950. He initially set up practice with Dr. Roy Neumeister and then opened a partnership with Dr. Philip Dunham on High Street in Brattleboro. They enjoyed a thriving practice until 1978 when he retired from dentistry. He also enjoyed being a guest instructor at Tufts Dental School for several years. During this time period, he served as a president of the Brattleboro Kiwanis Club, trustee of the Brattleboro Free Library and as a director/member of the Brattleboro Country Club. He also was a life time member of the American Dental Association, Vermont Dental Society, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

During their marriage of 62 years, they enjoyed traveling, visiting all but one of the continental United States. Until his vision was impaired due to macular degeneration, Dr. Worden was an avid reader, enjoyed driving and attempted challenging crosswords. When his wife became ill, he became her care giver until she died in January 2003. He is survived by his son, Ralph and wife Carolyn of Northfield, MA, his daughter Martha and her husband William Kellow of Haddam, CT and his granddaughter, Leigh and her husband Brad Turner of Chesterfield, VA. He also is survived by his sister, Betsy Elliott of Beverly, MA, sister-in-law Shirley Hanna and husband George of Keene, NH, his brother-in-law Ralph Burnham of Phoenix, AZ and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Friday, November 17 at Ker-Westerlund Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be made to the Holton Home (www.holtonhome.org), Alzheimer's Foundation of America (<http://www.alzfdn.org>), Vernon Advent Christian Home (<http://www.vernonhome.org/vgreen.html>), or a charity of your own choice.