

**PAUL A. BOUFFARD**

PAUL A. BOUFFARD - NEWPORT - Paul A. Bouffard, 81, went to his eternal resting place on Friday, June 17, 2011, following a long and difficult, yet courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born Oct. 10, 1929, in Newport to the late Aristide and Antoinette (Vigneault) Bouffard. He attended Sacred Heart High School and then joined the [U.S. Navy](#) where he served on the aircraft carrier the USS Leyte. After his discharge from the Navy, he was in the Naval Reserves for six years while also working as a meat manager for the A&P Grocery Company. In 1951 he and his brother Edmund Bouffard opened Bouffard Bros. Market in Newport. On June 10, 1961, he was united in marriage to Denise Gaudreau at St. Edward's Church in Derby Line. This past June 10th, they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. In 1962 Paul and Denise bought the Newport City Motel, which they owned and operated until 1982. He also owned and operated the Long Branch Restaurant and several other businesses in the Newport area, including a car wash, a small construction business, as well as having apartment houses. In addition, he was the former Mayor of Newport City in 1968 and also served as an alderman for several

years. Paul was a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church and past member of the Parish Council and the Advisory Board at Sacred Heart Schools. In addition, he was a 60-year member of the Knights of Columbus, past Exalted Ruler of the Elk's Lodge of Newport, as well as Chairman of the Building Committee for the North Country Hospital and the Sister's Residence at Sacred Heart. He was also a lifetime member of the Civil Air Patrol. Paul had a passion for life and living it to the fullest. The first love of his life was his family. He loved spending time with his wife and children, his siblings and in-laws. He loved family gatherings filled with outdoor activities, story-telling, music, good food and spirits and much laughter and fun. His second passion was fishing on his boat on Lake Memphremagog. He spent countless hours trolling for lake trout and salmon often bringing his fishing buddy, "pumpkin", a.k.a. his daughter, Julie. He loved the outdoors – driving construction equipment, snow blowing the yard, working in the woods, boating, hunting with his brothers and sons, golfing or simply washing the cars. He enjoyed flying and going to air shows. He got his pilot's license at age 16 and loved to fly his plane. Paul loved music. He loved to play his drum set, as well as "Boogie Woogie" on the piano. He loved Big Band music and was involved with booking famous musicians such as Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Glenn Miller at the [Elks Club](#) here in Newport. Paul is survived by his wife, Denise; his daughter, Jane Bouffard of Stowe and Gary Lambert of Burlington; his daughter, Monica Libby and her husband, Scott, of Newport; his son, Peter Bouffard and wife, Deborah, of Lincoln, Neb.; his son, Thomas Bouffard and Michael Willis of Pittsburg, Calif.; his daughter, Julie Vesely and her husband, Keith, of Upper Marlboro, Md.; five grandchildren, Amanda Libby, Sara (Libby) Noyes and her husband, Craig, Michaela Libby, Laura Libby and Anna Libby of Newport; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by several in-laws including, Rita Bouffard, Pauline Bouffard, Pierrette Paradis and her daughter, Suzanne Paradis, and son, Mark Paradis, Gaby Carr and her husband, Jim, Andre Gaudreau, Lucille Gaudreau and Suzanne Gaudreau. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his five brothers, George, Eugene, Francis, Edmund and Gerard; and his five sisters, Sr. Helen of St. Joseph, Sr. Aimee, Sr. Louise, Sr. Rose Angeline, and Bernadette Butler. The family of Paul Bouffard would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to the staff at Bel-Aire Nursing Home for their great care of Paul. In addition, a special thank you to Fr. Michael Reardon for his visits and prayers. Thanks also to the staff from Curtis-Britch-ConverseRushford Funeral Home in Newport for their support. Funeral services for Paul Bouffard will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, June 24, 2011, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Newport. Calling hours for relatives and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Curtis-Britch-ConverseRushford Funeral Home, 4670 Darling Hill Road, Newport. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 191 Clermont Terrace, Newport, VT 05855 or online at: [stmarynewport@myfairpoint.net](mailto:stmarynewport@myfairpoint.net), or to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780 or online at: [info@michaeljfox.org](mailto:info@michaeljfox.org). Online condolences may be sent to the family through the funeral home website at: [www.curtis-britch-converse-rushford.com](http://www.curtis-britch-converse-rushford.com).

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