

Sidney Toll

Mar 31, 2017



Sidney A. Toll, amazing and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandpa, brother and friend, peacefully left this world the morning of March 24, 2017.

Sid was born in Philadelphia on Feb. 18, 1938, to Morris and Tillie Toll. In 1956 he married his high school sweetheart, Joan (Brown), who predeceased him in 2009. Life for him was never the same after she died.

Sid and Joan spent the early years of their marriage in North Carolina where he served in the U.S. Marine Corps before returning to Pennsylvania, where they lived until 1972 when they moved to Vermont. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Bishop's University in 1981 after many years of hard work while also being a full-time dad and full-time employee. Sid worked for North Country Hospital nearly 30 years, becoming its President and CEO in 1987. He was dedicated to recruiting and retaining doctors to serve the community and led the hospital through an era of intense technological advancement and computerization, as well as many renovations and building projects. While he had high expectations of his employees, he cared sincerely about their welfare and their families. Sid retired a well-respected leader in 2002 and moved to Belfast in 2015 to be near his family.

Sid had a deep faith in God which guided and strengthened him. He was active at the United Church of Newport and The First Church in Belfast. Sid had many interests, including boats, music, spending time with his family and friends, working in his shop, gardening, golfing, hunting, fishing, traveling, going to the movies and volunteering in the community.

Besides his wife and parents, he was predeceased by his brother Alvin Toll and his infant grandson, David Boynton.

Surviving him, and seeking to live up to the ideals he taught them, are his daughters and their husbands, Joy Toll-Chandler and Paul Chandler, and Karen and John Boynton III; his grandsons and their families: John, Mindy and Dexter Boynton, Adam and Kim Palmer and their soon-to-be born son, Brian Boynton, and Crystal Lilley and Brayden, and Timothy Palmer and Jess Walley. He is also survived and missed by his brother Philip and wife Kathleen Toll, sister-in-law Gladys Toll, many nieces, nephews and cousins, special friend Susan Solman and a host of other friends.

Friends may call at the Curtis-Britch-Converse-Rushford Funeral Home on 4670 Darling Hill Road in Newport, Vt., from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, April 20. A celebration of Sid's life will be held at the United Church of Newport, Vt., at 1 p.m., Friday, April 21. A reception generously hosted by North Country Hospital will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Eastside Restaurant in Newport.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the scholarship fund Sid established 26 years ago through North Country Hospital's annual golf tournament, which was recently named in honor of him: the Sidney A. Toll Scholarship Fund, North Country Hospital, attn: Development Office, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, VT 05855. Online condolences may be offered at curtis-britch.com.

A plaque dedicated to him at his retirement reads, "Grateful to you for your compassionate leadership, careful stewardship, and thoughtful planning for the future." Although those words describe his leadership at North Country Hospital, they also apply to his devotion to his family, his work in the community, and his service to his God. Sid, Dad, Pop-Pop - exemplified the Marine Corps motto "Semper Fi", always faithful. Well done, faithful servant.