

Paul West, 85

Pillar Of The Community;

Served 57 Years In Law Enforcement

A funeral service for Paul M. West, 85, who died Dec. 9, 2009 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., was held on Dec. 13 at the Woodstock Union High School Gym. Rev. Beverly Anderson officiated. Burial was held in the Riverside Cemetery in Woodstock.

Paul was born in Bridgewater on June 25, 1924, the son of Claude and Verona (Potwin) West.

Paul graduated from Woodstock High School in 1943 and joined the



U.S. Army immediately after graduation. Paul served during World War II from 1943 to 1946 in France, Germany and England, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for Conduct for Above and Beyond the Call of Duty.

In 1946 Paul returned to Woodstock and worked for Ed Putnam Construction driving a log truck. In the 1950s Paul owned and operated Paul's Motors Chrysler & Plymouth Garage with his brother-in-law Paul Ellis. Paul West spent 57 years in law enforcement, starting with the Woodstock Village Police Department and continuing

his service with the Windsor Police Dept., the Windsor County Sheriff's Dept., and a number of years with the Windsor County Mounted Posse. Paul was the First Constable of Woodstock for 50 plus years retiring in 2007. Paul also served as Woodstock Delinquent tax collector, truant officer and dogcatcher.

Paul was well known by the Woodstock schools. He drove school bus for 33 years, worked security at all school events for many years and kept the snow plowed at both schools.

Paul also owned and operated the Highland Boarding Kennels on Cox District Road. He trucked and showed horses in many parts of the country.

Paul was a past president of the Woodstock Dog Club and taught many obedience classes. He was the first licensed professional handler in the state of Vermont. Paul was the recipient of numerous awards and honors over the years but will be remembered for his hard work and good spirit.

Paul was married to Maureen Maynes from 1951 to 1964 and had five daughters. Paul was later married to Barbara J. Woodruff. They had a son and Paul adopted her two daughters. In 1989 Paul married Barbara Anne Maurer, and has enjoyed life on Iver Johnson Way.

Paul is survived by his wife Barbara of Woodstock, his five daughters; Dianne Hubbard (and Rick) of Hubbardton, VT, Deborah (and George) Spear of Woodstock, Susan Harrison (and Ed) of Bedford, Wyoming, Karen Crist (and Ron) of Collinsville, TX, and Judy (and Don) Harrison of Tuscon, AZ; and one son, Paul D. West (and Lanni) of Quechee; two brothers, Russell West of Ferrisburg, VT, and Sidney West of Woodstock; a sister, Nancy West Ellis Burgaller, Leesburg, FL; eight grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by a sister, Rachael West Miller; a brother, Stanley West; a grandson, Seth Hubbard; and his daughter, Polly West Huot.

In lieu of flowers friends may make memorial donations to the Edwin Thompson Senior Center, 11401 Senior Lane, Woodstock, Vermont 05091 or the Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society, P.O. Box 343, Woodstock, Vermont 05091 or the Change the World Kids, 1046 Atwood Lane, Woodstock, VT 05091.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Cabot Funeral Home in Woodstock.