

Howard Luther "Budge" Hall Jr.

EASTHAM — Howard "Budge" "HL" Luther Hall Jr., of Eastham, passed away Monday, July 26, 2010.

Howard was born Nov. 11, 1922, in Albany, N.Y., the son of Genevieve (DeKlyn) and Howard L. Hall.

He was drafted into the Army during World War II and was taken prisoner of war during the Battle of the Bulge. Howard graduated from Babson College in 1948 and married Anne Van Rensselaer Tremper in 1949.

In the early '50s Budge managed "Windswept" (now the Dennis Inn) and the Cape Playhouse Restaurant, both of Dennis. Moving to the Midwest, Budge managed The University Club in Peoria, Ill.; Elcona Country Club in Elkhart, Ind.; The City Club in Evansville, Ind.; and Plymouth Country Club of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., before returning to his Cape Cod roots running both Whitecliffs Country Club of Plymouth and the Yachtsman Motel of Hyannis.

Ownership was his desire, so he and his family settled in South Wellfleet, opening Southfleet Restaurant (now Van Rensselaer's) and Motor Inn, which they operated until his retirement in 1982. Many people still remember "Budge" singing with "Arnie, the One Man Musical" in the late 1970s at Southfleet Restaurant.

Howard was a past president of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, the Wellfleet Chamber of Commerce, W.I.T.H., in addition to being a former member of the Wellfleet Planning Board.

Howard's main hobby was golf. A former member of Brewster Golf Course and of Chequessett Country Club for many years, he was nicknamed "Sweetswing" by his golfing friends.

In addition to his wife of 60 years, he leaves behind three sons, Stephen L. Hall of Merritt Island, Fla., Peter V. R. Hall of Eastham, and John C. Hall of Newton and East Orleans; two daughters, Jane Lynch of Orlando, Fla., and Susan Hall Heinz of Shirley; three daughters-in-law; two sons-in-law; and 10 grandchildren. Budge will be remembered for his quick wit, dry sarcasm and incredible memory.

A Celebration of his Life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at Van Rensselaer's Restaurant in Wellfleet.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Eastham Firemen's Association, 2520 State Highway, Eastham, MA 02642.