

## **New Hampshire Veterans Home**

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## **Armand Dupere**

Resident Spotlight - 2020

Armand was born in the summer of 1928 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Armand, who is one of 15 children, grew up on a farm in Londonderry. He spent most of his life working on his farm, as well as other local farms and orchards. Armand took immense pride in his farm work, which led to a great love of nature and animals. His family affirms that gardening is his true hobby. Armand is a fan of tomatoes in particular, and can tell you everything you ever wanted to know about them. To this day, he knows all about proper planting methods, soil quality, flowers and vegetables.

Armand has a military family history as five of his

brothers served in the military. At the age of 18, Armand enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served

from July 1946 to May 1954. During his service, he worked in the Pay Office as a Disbursing Clerk and was working at the Navy Yard in Chelsea, MA, at the completion of his service. He also spent time on the USS Pocono where he formed lasting memories of his world travels. From the Mediterranean to Greenland, he loves to regale in stories with his children of seeing his first iceberg or desert.



After his time in the Navy, he moved to Londonderry with his wife, Mary. It's not surprising that they too had a small farm. Armand and Mary had eight children together. While living in Londonderry, Armand worked as a mechanic and became a member of the American Legion. He was involved with heavy equipment repair for local contractors and local towns. When he retired, he moved to Jefferson, NH. Armand was happy to have a great deal of land there, allowing him to garden and even grow some Christmas trees.

Armand has been part of the NH Veterans Home family since December of 2015. He enjoys going for walks, talking about his time in the military, his travels around the world and, of course, gardening.



