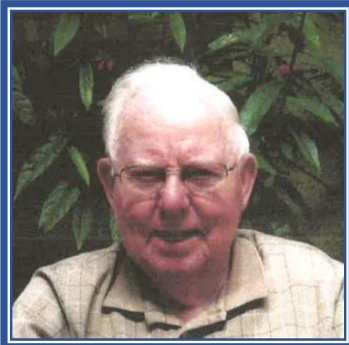




## New Hampshire Veterans Home

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### **Philip Shepard** *Resident Spotlight - 2020*

Phil was born in the summer of 1925 in Laconia, NH. At the age of 18, Phil enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps where he served as a Corporal from 1943 until 1946. While in the Army Air Corps, Phil was a radar and radio mechanic in the Army Air Force Tech in Boca Raton, Florida. There he primarily worked on airplanes but also completed a variety of other mechanical repairs. Phil was in the 234th Army Air Force Base Unit and is a recipient of the American Theater Campaign Ribbon Victory Medal.

After his service, Phil returned to New Hampshire and obtained his college degree at Hesser Business College in Manchester. He went on to work as an insurance claims adjuster and was often able to travel throughout New Hampshire and Vermont for work.

When not working, Phil enjoyed lakeside activities with his family at Dockham Shores. His daughter, Ginny, and son, Stan, call him "an accomplished outdoorsman, hunter and fisherman." It was a common sight to see Phil on a Lyman motorboat, where he'd travel all around Lake Winnepesaukee and would even take people on tours of the lake. Phil was also an accomplished water skier and even taught his children how to ski. Throughout his life, Phil took a couple of once-in-a-lifetime trips: one to Alaska and another to Nova Scotia. During these trips, he spent lots of time fishing and caught plenty of salmon, halibut and tuna.



Phil enjoys a variety of other activities too. If he wasn't playing his saxophone or keeping busy in his shed, he was enjoying horseshoes, bowling, listening to country music and gardening. In fact, he befriended someone who grew "dinner plate sized dahlias," which he loved. He also had plenty of blueberry, raspberry and strawberry plants. Phil's love of blueberries continues to this day as Ginny delivers them while visiting.

Phil has been with the New Hampshire Veterans Home since October of 2016. He enjoys listening to music, animal visits, church services and the musical performances of Bill Parker and others. Phil's family says he is "a good-natured, positive man who never spoke ill of anyone" and staff at NHVH agree.

