

GEORGE E. KENT

KENT, GEORGE E., 90, retired Assistant Fire Chief EPFD, formerly of Rumford and East Bay Manor, died Friday. He was the husband of the late June (Devlin) Kent and the companion of Dottie Watson.

A life long resident, he was born in East Providence the son of the late I. Elmer and Wilma (Rounds) Kent. He worked at Pratt Whitney Aircraft Co until joining the Navy in 1942 serving on the USS Essex. After the War he returned to Pratt Whitney until joining the East Providence Fire Department in 1949. After serving in every department he retired as Assistant Fire Chief in 1979. He was then the Plant Electrician for the CJ Fox Co. retiring in 1983. A pilot, he was a member of The Omnibirds Inc., was a former Scout Master of Troop 1 in Rumford. He was a former director of The Providence Plantation Navy League and a liaison officer for the Navel Sea Cadets. He served on the Conservation Commission of East Providence and was a trustee of the East Providence Police and Fire Retirees Association. He was a 50 year member of Newman Congregational Church in Rumford. Mr. Kent was an avid hunter and outdoor person owning a camp in Denmark, ME. After his retirement Mr. Kent and his wife participated in the initial training of Guide Dogs for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. He and his wife, also a pilot, enjoyed many vacations flying to their camp in Maine and around the country.

He leaves a son Jonathan Barton Kent of Crescent City, CA, two daughters, Leslie Schermerhorn of NY and April Valliere of Wakefield, RI. He was also the brother of the late Ethel Browning. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday at 2:00 PM in Newman Congregational Church 100 Newman Avenue Rumford. Calling hours are in the Smith-Mason Funeral Home, 398 Willett Avenue, Riverside on Friday 2 to 4 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the East Providence Fire and Police Retirees Assoc., the East Providence Library or the Denmark, ME Library. Visit smithmason.com for information and online condolences.

George (my great uncle) liked to talk about his days on Essex, and left me some memorabilia including some Buccaneers and a few books about the ship and AG15.