

The Passing of a Member

Wilton C. Anderson

Captain Emeritus Wilton Charles Anderson, 88, Rag-Top Units First Captain, born Nov. 29, 1920 passed away June 8, 2009. Wilton, became a life member of the Aleppo Shriners in 1975 and along with two fellow Shriners, Frank Newell and Ed Henderson Sr., were the original founders of the Rag-Top Unit in May 1979.

Wilton was predeceased by his lady Isabelle in 2005, and spent his last 6 months of life at Sunbridge of Milford and Milford Regional Medical Center.

At the age of 16 his family moved to West Medway, MA. and at the age of 17 he graduated from Medway High School.

In 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a cryptographer and was stationed in Reykjavik, Iceland, where he performed top-secret duties for the Army. In 1945 he was married to Isabelle Davis Sanborn and remained in Hopedale, MA., all his life, where they brought up 3 children, Ingrid, Deborah and Scott, and worked at Drapers for 38 years before retiring at the age of 58 due to the plants closing.

Wilton was a lifelong sports fan of local sports teams; he watched the Red Sox, Bruins, and the Patriots with great enthusiasm.

A funeral service was held on June 11, 2009 in the Buma- Sargeant Funeral Home in Milford MA. and interment with full military honors followed at the Hopedale Village Cemetery, in Hopedale MA.

By HANK GILHOOLY



Favors Returned Man to Animals

By HERMES BOYATIS

RECENTLY your reporter discovered several examples of humans returning help and friendship to animals, even as they have always been man's best friends. Following are a few examples.

Jenny Brown to Albie: Girl to Goat

Jenny Brown lost her right leg to bone cancer when she was ten. A twenty-thousand-dollar artificial limb was designed for her after years of painful chemotherapy. At eighteen she became a vegetarian, a TV producer, and a fierce animal activist. Proof of this commitment came when animal-control officers rescued a goat in a New York City park. They figured the animal may have escaped a slaughterhouse.

Brown adopted the goat named "Albie" and took him to her

Woodstock Farm Animal Shelter in Woodstock, New York. (Famous for another major event!)

The goat's limb was so badly infected from his fearful experience that Jenny paid five thousand dollars for a prosthetic by the same technician who had designed hers.

Today Albie, and all her other animals live happily together on the farm. As Jenny says, "This is about giving one of our animals a better quality of life, just like you would for a house pet or a kid."



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Transplants for Dogs

Veterinary oncologist **Jeffrey Bryan** of Washington State recently announced a large-scale transplant program for our four-legged friends. "Dogs," he said, "made possible man's pioneering of bone marrow transplants. Now we are returning the favor to our furry lymphoma patients."

"They helped us to discover for ourselves how to make bone marrow transplants. Now humans are ready to return the favor." **Gerald Barnes** in American Media Inc.

Another remarkable returned favor was announced in the August 28 *Sun*. A tiny Maltese named **Hope** really found that hope at the Southern Comfort Maltese Reserve in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Born without front legs, she received two prosthetic limbs, created by veterinary surgeon Dr. Turnbill.

The continuing work between doctor and patient was arduous, with more new materials required and painful, confusing new movements by little Hope.

Now that she's got the hang of it, workers at the shelter say that the pooch races around at breakneck speed!

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