



## Maurice Rivard

June 4, 1935 - January 5, 2022

Albany-Maurice Raymond Rivard, 86, passed away due to complications from Parkinson's Disease on January 5, 2022 at Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center in Albany, NY. He was born on June 4, 1935 in Newport, Vt.

Maurice was a U.S. Army Veteran and was well-cared for at Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany, Atria Guilderland, and Daughters of Sarah.

Maurice was a friend full of joie de vivre, with a great sense of humor. On a visit to Vermont, he wrote, "The mountains are still green and the cows still have shorter legs on one side. Easier to circle the peaks."

A graduate of St. Michael's College, Colchester, Vt., he was an English teacher, later a book salesman, active handyman and a commercial painter in his retirement. A poet and writer, he sang in a barbershop quartet, was co-owner of Minerva Hill Lodge, an avid bicyclist, canoeist and golfer. He led biking trips to Montreal, was co-founder of Capital Area Ski Touring Association, led tours for CASTA and Adirondack Hut to Hut Ski Tours. Of French-Canadian descent, he participated in the 1986 Hudson River Voyageurs Canoe Expedition from Montreal to Albany to celebrate Albany's Tricentennial, where they were greeted by the mayor of the city. He lived and owned houses in Schenectady for many years and then in Guilderland. He also enjoyed his Adirondack camp on Goodnow Flow in Newcomb, NY. He

was a lover of animals and enjoyed taking his dogs for walks in Schenectady Central Park.

He was predeceased by his father, Onesime C. Rivard of Newport Vt., his mother, Diana M. Rivard (Jacques), formerly of Southbridge, MA, his brother, Norman R. Rivard (Theresa) of Newport, Vt., his sister, Sr Irene Rivard of Littleton, NH. He is survived by his brother, Msgr Roland Rivard of Winooski, VT and by several family members and friends who will miss him.

A service with military honors will be held in St. Mary's Cemetery, Newport, VT, at 11:00 am Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

Contributions in his memory may be made to The Nature Conservancy at [nature.org](http://nature.org)

To leave a message of condolence please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maurice Rivard*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Maurice was a sincere, wonderful friend, whose sense of humor and bright intelligence has influenced my life. He joined with me to start the Capital Area Ski Touring Association, and then he helped me in many aspects of Adirondack Hut to Hut Tours. His was the first entry in our logbook for the Kunjamuck Log Cabin: ...."I decided to drive the van in along the Fly Creek logging road. As I forded the first washout, I began to question the wisdom of the trip. John Vodron had left the key at the restaurant, and I had driven directly to the access road...The washouts became worse as the van bottomed-out and only a determined pressure on the accelerator prevented a complete catastrophe. One wrong turn brought me back on track & a frequent filling of the washouts with broken limbs kept me moving." Miss you Maurice.*

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**John Borel** - October 26, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Maurice was a close friend of mine and my family and spent many holidays and family events at our home. His lively humor and great conversation made him always a cherished guest. Upon retiring, we worked together doing commercial painting jobs around the Capital District and Maurice always brought his favorite dog along. Wherever he was living he posted his famous sign near the door, "Chez Maurice". Bon Voyage good friend! You will be remembered!*

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**Paul Gordon** - October 26, 2022 at 03:09 PM

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“ We have so many happy memories of time shared with Maurice: weekends at Minerva Hill, pub trips and early swims at his camp, his devotion to canine companion Elmo, how much he hated the word "veggies" but not the veggies themselves, how moved and inspired he was at the end of the Voyageurs historic recreation, dinners with Maurice always showing keen interest in all members of our family. Even as his health began to decline, we never saw him irritable or impatient or complaining. We will miss our dear friend Maurice. The Lyden family

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**Linda Lyden** - October 25, 2022 at 08:14 PM

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“ Au revoir Maurice, my old dance partner from the Franco-American traditional dance group... ah those were the days when Bernie called the dances and our feet followed the old Canadian rhythms! When -in 1986- Maurice paddled all the way from Lachine Quebec to Albany, part of the the fur-trading re-enactment canoe trip, singing the old French-Canadian tunes of the voyageurs at each of the encampments along the way. C'etait le bon vieux temps...the time we remember Maurice at his best; que ton aviron t'emmene a bon port!

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**Eloise Briere** - October 24, 2022 at 08:51 PM

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“ We've lost a wonderful free spirit in my old friend Maurice! Memories of his Minerva Inn & the Franco-American Federation, not to mention the Bicentennial canoe trip from Canada. Bon voyage, mon vieux !

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**Peter Gerdine** - October 24, 2022 at 12:57 AM