

Roger Wolcott Greene

DEER ISLE, MAINE—Roger Wolcott Greene died at home on September 28, 2023, after a well-fought battle with prostate cancer. He was born July 6, 1934, in Short Hills, N.J., the son of Bette and Sherman Greene. He graduated from St. Lawrence University. Roger spent the bulk of his career at Chubb & Son, but the ways he really enjoyed spending time were outside of work.

Roger was drawn to the sea. While spending summers on Deer Isle as a child, he would row to islands throughout the bay. After he and Nancy moved from New Jersey to Deer Isle 30 years ago, he enjoyed various lobster-style boats, sailed, clammed, fished, lobstered, ice fished and canoed. Roger jogged and hiked, skied, played ice hockey, soccer and was a gymnast. Roger was a lifelong hunter and a Tewksbury Foot Basset in New Jersey, running after the hounds who chased hares.

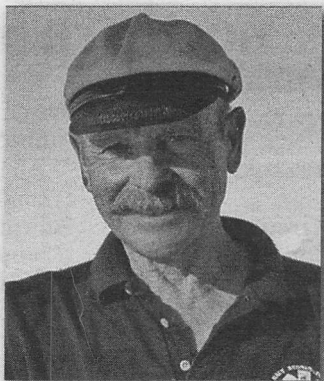
Guided by his experiences working at California lumber camps, Roger single-handedly built his barn. He also maintained the apple trees in their orchard, was a vegetable gardener, built stone walls, landscaped, built ponds and raised chickens and racing pigeons.

A lover of all things mechanical, Roger collected many "toys" on their property. They included his Kubota tractor, which he used for the 12 months of the year, and RVs that he and Nancy took on numerous trips to see the country.

When he was not outside, Roger was an artist. He sketched, sculpted, painted, carved wood and created outdoor sculptures. He loved to sing and act. He was Tevia in *Cabin Fever's* first production, *Fiddler on the Roof*, sang at The Church of the Morning After and acted in numerous roles on the stage at the Opera House. For the Stonington Public Library's annual fundraising cemetery reenactments, Roger acted out highlights in the lives of beloved islanders at their gravesites such as his favorite one, Charlie Scott, the last ferryman.

In his spare time, Roger was an EMT in New Jersey and with Memorial Ambulance. He was a lifelong member of the Deer Isle Yacht Club, a Big Brother through Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, a former president of the Hillside Cemetery and played Duplicate Bridge at the Deer Isle and Blue Hill Bridge Clubs.

Roger was known to speak his mind and write letters to the



editor. He wrote openly about addiction in the family, after the death of his eldest son. Roger loved the *Constitution* and loved justice. And he loved Deer Isle. Whatever Roger tackled, he did with a passion; and he completed whatever he started... sometimes, by dead reckoning.

Roger loved his family and friends. He is survived by his beloved wife Nancy of 43 years, his sister Shirley MacLeod of Falmouth, Maine, his son Tracy of Deer Isle, his daughter Kathryn of Petaluma, Calif., his son Roger Jr. of Everett, Wash., his stepson David Veit of San Diego, Calif., and his stepdaughter Elizabeth Osborne (Michael Osborne) of Scarsdale, N.Y., and by grandchildren Tyler, Zoe Linquist (Nils Linquist), Alana, Tommy, Natalie, Charlie, Malawi, Scarlett, Alexander Campbell, Quincy, Sage, Parker Osborne, Lexi Osborne, great-granddaughter Rooney Linquist, niece Kim Shedd (Erich Kaiser) of Darnestown, Md., nephew Andrew Shedd of Portland, Maine, and niece Carrie Dunn of Madison, Wis. Roger was predeceased by his son Forrest. Roger valued Laurie Green and her family. He loved Jasper, his Australian Cattle Dog, and his cat Nick.

Roger would want all men over 70 to have an annual PSA test despite what the AMA advises.

There will be a celebration of Roger's life on July 6, 2024, at the Island Country Club. He hoped ALL who knew him would come. Please do come and tell stories about his long life.

No flowers please. Donations can be made in his name to the Island Health and Wellness Foundation at ihwf.org.

Roger loved this poem from the *Rubaiyat*:

*Strange, is it not? that of the
myriads who*

*Before us pass'd the door of
darkness through,*

*Not one returns to tell us of the
road,*

*Which to discover, we must
travel too.*