

Basil P. Babcock Jr. , TILTON

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TILTON - Basil P. "Pete" Babcock Jr., 83, formerly of Newmarket, Exeter and Durham, died Wednesday at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton. He was born in Chicago, the son of Basil and Katherine (Ranger) Babcock. He was raised in Chicago before moving to Boston. He was a graduate of Auburndale High School, and he earned a business degree from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. While in high school and college, Babcock was a member of the track team. He excelled in the 2-mile run, holding the New England record for several years. During World War II, he served with the Navy as a lieutenant junior grade. He saw action in the Marshall Islands and Iwo Jima and served on the USS Muliphen AKS-61. He was a sales representative for Armour Co. and was later a food broker in Boston for a year and a half. He then worked as a representative for National Cash Register in the Boston area. He worked as a New England salesman for Eagle Pitcher Co., based in Cincinnati, Ohio. He lastly worked in construction as part of the Laborers and Hodcarriers Union and worked many years in the construction of the Seabrook nuclear power plant prior to retiring. He was a member of the VFW in Franklin and Exeter and was a member of the Newmarket American Legion Post #32. Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Babcock of Santa Rosa, Calif.; four children, Peter Babcock of Santa Rosa, Calif., Christine Culver of Larkspur, Calif., Jeffrey Babcock of Westport, Conn., and Deedy Babcock of Santa Rosa, Calif.; two sisters, Barbara Dolliver of Olympia, Wash., and Katherine Hansen of Philadelphia, Pa.; eight grandchildren; two great grandsons; nieces and nephews; and a best friend, George Smith Jr. of York, Maine. A daughter, Leah Kennedy of New York City, died in March 2003. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery Chapel on Route 3 in Boscawen. There are no calling hours. Donations may be made to the New Hampshire Veterans Home, P.O. Box 229, Tilton 03276. Paquette-Neun Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.