



# Judson R. Merrill

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**J**udson Roop Merrill July 4, 1925 – February 1, 2014 Born in Gardner, Massachusetts, the only child of Donald Hersey Merrill and Marion Ella Roop, he lived there for his early years. The family moved to Portland, Maine, where he graduated from Deering High School and matriculated to Bowdoin College. US involvement in World War II interrupted his college plans when he transferred to Maine Maritime Academy and graduated in 1946 with an Ensign commission in the US Navy. He married Wayne I Moulton of Buxton, Maine on February 1, 1947 then completed his Bachelors degree from Bowdoin in 1948 and remained in the Naval Reserve for 22 years. The Korean War called him to active duty. When returning to civilian life, he earned his Masters degree in Education from Suffolk University, which ushered in his career in public school administration. He was employed by the towns of Scituate, Amesbury, and the Pentucket Regional School District, all located in Massachusetts. His career encompassed positions as a Principal, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of schools. The family lived in Amesbury, Massachusetts for 22 years where they raised their family of 5 children. He was active in the Amesbury community, serving on the School Committee, Finance Committee, Town Meeting Member, Board of Directors of the YMCA, Little League Baseball Coach and on various committees at the Main Street Congregational Church. He was a member for 50 years with the Order of Free Masonry and was a class agent and alumni representative for the Maine Maritime Academy. Mr. Merrill is survived by Wayne Moulton, his wife of 67 years and their 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Daughter, Pamela Mednick Clark, of Spring Hill, Florida. Her two children, Jordan Mednick of Miami, Florida and Jennifer Mednick of Orlando, Florida. Daughter, Marsha Oates Bisson and husband Donald of Spring Hill, Florida. Their four children Stacey Oates Svenson and husband Evon of Spring Hill, Florida. Ronald Oates of Dover, Florida. Jay Bisson and



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wife Nicole of Cape Coral, Florida. Rory Bisson of Manchester, New Hampshire. Son, Donald Emery Merrill of Cape Coral, Florida. His two children, Donald Merrill Jr. and wife Dorothy stationed in Hawaii. Katelyn Merrill of Cape Coral, Florida. Son, Bradford Judson Merrill of Gainesville, Florida. His two children, Joshua Thomas Merrill of Cape Coral, Florida. Jenneska Merrill Imhoff and husband Nicholas of Cape Coral, Florida. Son, Miles Freedom Merrill and wife Suzanne of Level Plains, Alabama. Their three children, Alexandra Merrill and husband Matthew of Auburn, Alabama. Samantha Merrill and Mary Morgan Merrill of Level Plains, Alabama. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the scholarship fund at Maine Maritime Academy, class of 1946.



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BG

**Bob Gonthier** posted:

Dear Wayne, Diane and I ( Bob) extend our condolence to you and your family. We rented from you and Judson in 1965. You assisted in our first son birth at Amesbury Hospital in 1967. My father at the time was Chairman of the School Committee who hired Judson a superintendent of schools. It was long time ago, but full of wonderful memories. Every time we drive by your former home on Winkley St we think of you and Judson. Our best wishes to you and your family at this time. Bob and Diane Gonthier Jr Amesbury Mass

February 10 at 8:00 PM

BK

**Bonnijo Kitchin** posted:

Dear Wayne and family. We are sorry for your loss. Judd was a great man and such a presence when you all lived in Amesbury. Many memories of your family. Thinking of you. Pudgy & Bonni (Hume) Kitchin

February 10 at 8:00 PM

DN

**Doris And Bart Noyes** posted:

Dear Wayne, Pam, Marsha, Don, Brad, and Mike --We were so sorry to hear of Judd's passing. He and all of you were such an important part of our lives in Amesbury, and we remember him so fondly. Love to all of you -- you are in our thoughts and prayers.

February 9 at 8:00 PM

PS

**Paula Sable** posted:

Dear Wayne, Pam, Marsha, Donnie, Brad, and Miles, My heartfelt sympathy on the loss of this remarkable husband, father, and educator. I remember fondly playing hide and seek in your big Victorian home and later, working for Judd in the Amesbury schools. Thinking of you and wishing you the comfort of memories.

February 8 at 8:00 PM



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LD

**Lucia Depamphilis** posted:

Dear Wayne and Family, I'm so sorry for the loss of this good and kind man. I have wonderful memories of Judd and his guidance and support for his teachers and for the children in his schools. He always found time to listen and share his experiences for the betterment of the children and their learning. He will be missed by all.

February 7 at 8:00 PM

AJ

**Angela And Dick Jervey** posted:

Dear Wayne, Marsha, and Family, Judd was a good man... as a principal at Red Oak, as a landlord on West Greenwood St., and especially as a role model. We were a young staff at Red Oak, and he took us under his wing. Most importantly though, we remember his passion for his family. Wayne, you were his queen. And he would do (and did do) anything for his children. He was a great example for those of us who would have our own families later. He was good man, whose lessons are well remembered.

February 7 at 8:00 PM

BP

**Bob Annd Shirley Ponticelli** posted:

Wayne..we are.so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bob and Shirley Ponticelli, Punta Gorda, FL

February 6 at 8:00 PM

SB

**Susan Belmont** posted:

My sincere sympathies to the Merrill family. I have fond memories of Mr. Merrill. I taught at the then Red Oak School in Merrimac MA and he hired me when I was 24. I spent the next 37 years teaching at that school and will forever be grateful that he hired me to be one of his special education teachers. He would come into my office to chat frequently and I heard lots of stories about his children and his wife. You could tell he was a real family man! May he rest in peace! My thoughts and prayers are with you all!

February 6 at 8:00 PM



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MS

**Martha Shanahan** posted:

Marsha, I was so saddened to learn of the passing of your Dad. I remember days at Pentucket and visiting at your home when Kuniko and Motoko were living with your family from Japan my senior year. My Dad (Jack Shanahan) thought the world of your father and they certainly loved their long chats curing the problems Pentucket faced! Then I was fortunate to know Judd as my principal at Red Oak School. Sending my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Rest easy, Mr. Merrill... You were one of a kind!

February 6 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Wayne and family. Sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved Judd. He was a wonderful man , a gentleman in every sense of the word. I enjoyed all my years at Pentucket working with him. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts during this difficult time. May the Good Lord give you all strength. Keep all your memories of his life alive in your hearts. Deepest sympathy, Annette Autiello

February 6 at 8:00 PM

EW

**Ellenmarie Widman** posted:

Dear Wayne and family, So sorry for your loss. I loved working for Judd. he was a good and fair boss. I remember how you always greeted us in your home. I remember too you working at the hospital with my mom, Mary Sullivan and what good care you gave her when she was so sick. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Fondly, Ellenmarie Sullivan Widman

February 6 at 8:00 PM

LR

**Lorianne (Fix) Rose** posted:

DEAR ANNETTE, JOSHUA, JENNESKA AND BRAD, I WAS SO SADDENED TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. KEEP HIS LOVE AND MEMORIES ALIVE IN YOUR HEARTS AND HIS SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS LIVE ON...

February 2 at 8:00 PM



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