

Arnold Brewer Jr.

Arnold Brewer Jr. Arnold "Arnie" Brewer Jr., 76, of Boothbay Harbor, died Monday, March 27 at his home.

Born December 11, 1923 in Boothbay Harbor, the son of Arnold Sr. and Madeliene Auld Brewer. He graduated from Boothbay Harbor High School in 1941, and received varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball all four years. In 1942 he graduated from Maine Central Institute prep school. He lettered in football, basketball and baseball at M.C.I. He pitched for the MCI baseball team in a victory over the undefeated Maine freshman team in their last game of the season. Also, he attended the University of Maine, Class of 1950, and graduated from Burdett College in Boston where he was president of his class.

In November 1942, Mr. Brewer enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp. For over two years he served in India, flying the "Hump" as a flight radio operator. He also served as communication chief while attaining the rank of Staff Sargent. On January 3, 1946 he was discharged.

In August 1949, he married Elizabeth Louise Hill. He was a member of the Charles E. Sherman, Jr., Post #36 American Legion, V.F.W., "Hump" Pilots Association, DAV, National Association of Postmasters, Nor'Easters Barbershop Choir, Boothbay Region Country Club, and the Boothbay Harbor United Methodist Church where he served as lay leader, treasurer, choir member, and was chairman of the executive board, finance committee. He was also a member of the YMCA, Alumni Association, and Dirigo Horse and Pony Club. He was a former member of the board of directors of the Mid-Coast United Way.

In the mid-1950s, he was named the Boothbay Region Citizen of the Year by the Boothbay Region Jaycees. He was past president of the P.T.A., Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club, and Boothbay Region Scholarship Fund Association. He served as chairman of the Boothbay Harbor School Board and CSD Union School Board. He was on the committee to study the feasibility of consolidating the towns of Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor in the late 1950s.

He was chairman of the Democratic town committee and was the first Democrat in 70 years from the Boothbay Region to serve as State Representative in the 114th Legislature. He was president of the

Boothbay Harbor Chamber of Commerce and assisted in the implementation of its first paid director.

In 1951, Mr. Brewer went to work for Beneficial Finance Co., in Waltham, Mass. In 1953, he returned to Maine where he was associated with his father at Brewer's Market. In 1962, he was appointed Postmaster of Boothbay Harbor by President John F. Kennedy and served until his retirement in 1984. For 13 years he worked part-time during the summers at the Boothbay Harbor Inn.

Recently, he was named one of the Region's 10 Most Interesting People.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Elizabeth Hill Brewer of Boothbay; a son, Mark Arnold Brewer of Boothbay Harbor; two daughters, Stephanie Slocum of Hudson, Ohio and Deborah Tarr of Gray; a sister, Alice Lee of Zephyrhills, Florida; and 10 grandchildren.

Visiting hours were held on Wednesday, March 29 at the Charles E. Sherman, Jr. American Legion Post in Boothbay. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 30 at the American Legion Post in Boothbay. Rev. Allan Wells-Goodwin will officiate. Burial will follow in the Oceanview Cemetery in Boothbay.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Charles E. Sherman, Jr. American Legion Post #36, c/o parking lot pavement fund, P.O. Box 874, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538. Arrangements are under the direction of Simmons, Harrington & Hall Funeral Home in Boothbay.