

**Robert M. Irvine**

Robert Mayes Irvine, 89, of Augusta, passed away on Thursday, January 25 at the Maine Veterans Home in Augusta.

Born in Framingham, Mass. on September 19, 1917, he was the son of Vernard and Jennette (Mayes) Irvine.

After high school, Mr. Irvine joined the U.S. Army and served in many locations during World War II. While in the service, he received four Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, a Silver Star, and was wounded during the Normandy Invasion.

In the early 1950s, he and his wife, Virgie Irvine, owned a Country Store in Wardsboro, Vt. He later became a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse in Wardsboro, before becoming a principal in Bellows Falls, Vt. After falling in love with the Boothbay region, he relocated and taught for many years in Boothbay and Southport. At the time of his retirement, he was the principal at the Southport school.

Mr. Irvine was a member of the Rotary, the 2nd Congregational Church in Newcastle, the Maine Retired Teachers Association, a 50-year member of the Masons, and for 13 years delivered for Meals on Wheels.

He was predeceased by his wife, Virgie (Pheiffer) Irvine in 1995; his brother, Bill Irvine; and his sister, Margaret Strickland.

Survivors include his son, Robert of Middletown, R.I.; one sister, Carol Adams of Bangor; two grandchildren, Holly Salvi of Southborough, Mass. and Cameron Irvine of Grafton, Mass.; two great-grandchildren, Sam Salvi and Quinn Salvi; brother-in-law, Robert Strickland of Winthrop.

A funeral was held on Monday, January 29 at the Second Congregational Church in Newcastle. He will be laid to rest with his wife at the Maine Veteran's Cemetery in Augusta.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Meals on Wheels, c/o Senior Spectrum, Coastal Community Center, 521 Main Street, Box 8, Damariscotta, ME 04543.

