



## Camille A. Gardner

March 5, 1922 - May 8, 2014

AUBURN: Dr. Camille "Doc" A. Gardner, VMD, 92, a resident of Main St., Lewiston passed away peacefully Thursday morning, May 8th, at the Hospice House following a brief illness.

Camille was predeceased by his wife, Pauline "Polly" Harriman. Camille and Polly married in 1948 and together they raised four children: Ann Gardner Brushwein, Nancy Gardner Smith, Carlton Gardner, and Patricia Gardner Morgan. He was also blessed with five grandchildren: Sarah Gardner, Daniel Morgan, Laura Gardner, and Caitlin and Shannon Morgan; as well as sons-in-law, Kevin Morgan and Joe Smith, and daughter-in-law, Kim Gardner.

Camille was born in East Angus, Quebec on March 5, 1922, the son of Adelard and Anna (Therault) Gardner. Camille had ten siblings. He is predeceased by Martha, Laurent, Arsene, Laurette, Madeline, George, John, and Reginald. He is survived by his two sisters Corrine and Alice. He moved to Auburn at a young age where he attended school and was a 1940 graduate of Edward Little High School. While at Edward Little, Camille was the recipient of the first Edward Little Alumni Scholarship and the Westinghouse Scholarship at the National 4-H Congress in Chicago in 1941. He was prominent in 4-H Club Activities at local and state levels.

Camille attended two years at the University of Maine, before receiving his commissioned a Second Lt. at Yale University in 1944. Camille served in the Army Air Corp in the China, Burma, India Campaign as a communication and radar officer. He separated from active duty in 1946. He then served ten years with the United States Air Force Reserve, advancing to the rank of Major. Following the war, Camille continued his education and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1951 with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. He practiced in Sanford for nine months and then purchased the veterinary practice of Dr. Ed Moore in Lewiston in 1952. Camille owned the practice until 1984 and continued semi-retirement until 1988. He was a member of

the American Veterinary Association, past president of the Maine Veterinary Association, past president and long time member of the YMCA Board of Directors, and past president and 36 year member of the Auburn Lewiston Kiwanis Club.

In his free time, Camille was also an avid fisherman and hunter (although he professed to not be very good at it), and an alpine skier. He and Otto Wallingford were co-founders of the Lost Valley Ski Area. He was active at Lost Valley until they sold the resort in 1988. As an active member of the Lewiston Community and beloved father and

grandfather, Camille will be greatly missed by all. Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at [www.lynchbrothers.com](http://www.lynchbrothers.com) GARDNER died in Auburn, May 8, 2014, Dr. Camille A. Gardner, VMD age 92 years a resident of Lewiston. A Mass of Christian Burial honoring Camille's life will be celebrated MONDAY May 12th 9:00AM concluding with military honors. Burial will be held privately at the Maine Veteran's Cemetery, Augusta. Memorial Donations in Camille's memory may be made to the University of Maine Alumni Fund, Orono, ME 04473 Family and friends are invited to visit Sunday only from 4-7PM at the PINETTE DILLINGHAM & LYNCH FUNERAL HOME 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Lewiston, 784-4023

# Comments

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“ Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Gardner family during this difficult time.

**Timothy M. Cherry, Troy, NY** - May 14, 2014 at 04:46 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Gardner family. Please during those sad moments remember the happy times. Remembering them may lighten your hurt. God Bless

**Lorraine M Martin** - May 12, 2014 at 11:50 AM

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“ I met Cammy when he and Aunt Pauli visited my grandparents Ed and Jean Harriman in Alexandria, Virginia. I was young then, but we had a great time and have since enjoyed hearing endless stories about how my mother and Uncle Bob enjoyed their trips to Maine. I am sorry for your loss. As you celebrate Cammy's life I want to share how memorable he will always be to the extended family.

**Mark Owens** - May 12, 2014 at 11:14 AM

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“ To the family of Doc Gardner. We send our deepest sympathies for the loss of your father. He was such a wonderful man and will be missed. William and Sarah Waterman

**Sarah E Dillingham-Waterman** - May 10, 2014 at 05:35 PM

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“ This is truly a sad time for the Gardner Family. We lost our patriarch, a beloved family member. We will all miss you!

**Nicole Gardner Conley** - May 09, 2014 at 06:40 PM

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“ Thinking of Doc brings a smile to me. He was more than our vet. He was a friend. Whether it was an emergency late at night or a regular checkup for our heard of cows, there was always a smile. Thank you.

**Charlie Tebbets** - May 09, 2014 at 01:26 PM



“ Doctor Gardner will be fondly remembered for the wonderful care that he always gave our pets for so very many years. He was always welcoming, gentle, thorough, and comforting.

**Mary-Margaret Anthoine Ney** - May 09, 2014 at 11:08 AM

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“ The world has lost a wonderful, caring person.....

**Betsy Gardner Hutchins** - May 09, 2014 at 11:01 AM