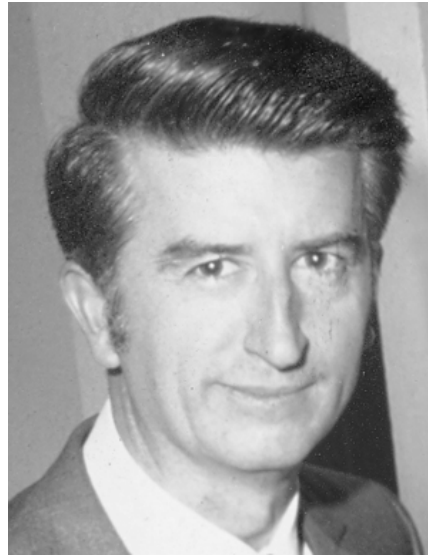


In Loving Memory



Alphonse C. Custeau

Jan. 17, 1921

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*Dec. 15, 2011*

Alphonse C. Custeau, 90, of Hampstead, NH and formerly of Biddeford, ME died Thursday, December 15, 2011 at his home. He was born in Biddeford, ME on January 17, 1921 a son of Thomas and Marie Vermette Custeau. He was educated in Biddeford schools and graduated from the former St. Louis High School with the class of 1939 and attended the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Custeau served with the US Army Air Corps during World War II and with the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

On August 18, 1945 he married Ida B. Purdy at Scotts Field Air Base Chapel in Illinois. She died on May 8, 2005.

Mr. Custeau owned and operated Custeau's Supermarket in Hampstead and Plaistow, NH for 37 years retiring in 1983. He along with his wife operated Custeau's Enterprises. He was a Past President & Chairman of the New Hampshire Retail Grocer's Association and was Past Vice Chairman of the Associated Grocers of New England. He was "Grocer of the Year" in 1969 for the State of New Hampshire.

He enjoyed playing the organ. He was a member of St. Ann's Church and the American Legion in Plaistow, NH

Surviving are:

2 daughters: Carol Mathis & her husband Daniel of E. Hampstead, NH

Claire Gill & her husband Jeffrey of E. Hampstead, NH

5 grandchildren: Alison Keiran, Joshua Keiran, Amanda Van Guilder, Amy Van Guilder & Lauren Mathis

Several nieces and nephews

There will be no visiting hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 19, 2011 at St. Joseph Church in St. Anne's Chapel, Biddeford. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Biddeford. Arrangements are by Hope Memorial Chapel, 480 Elm Street, Biddeford, ME 04005. To share condolences online, please visit [www.HopeMemorial.com](http://www.HopeMemorial.com).