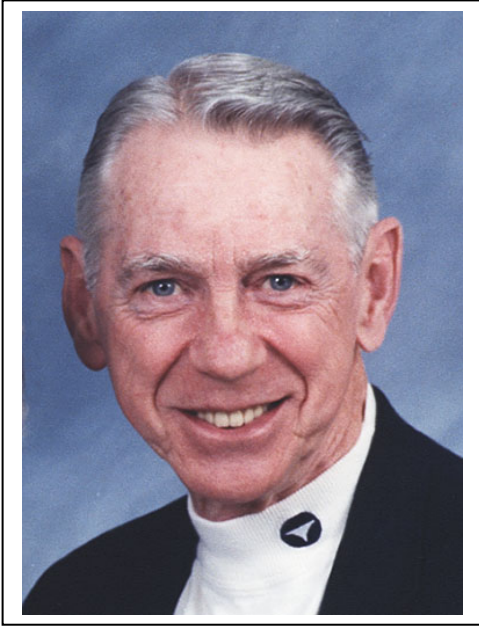


Bernard O'Day 1929 - 2007

The obituary for Bernard O'Day is in the Free Press today. Bernie was VT-FCGS Member #6. He was very active in our society and served for several years as our librarian. It was Bernie who edited and formatted our first Marriage Repertoires for St Thomas Church in Underhill, and Holy Family in Essex Junction in 1998 and 1999. This was after many supporting members copied, entered and proofed the data. Thanks to Bernie the society got off to a great beginning.



BERNARD W. O'DAY ESSEX JUNCTION - Bernard William O'Day, 77, of Essex Junction passed away Monday, July 2, 2007, in Fletcher Allen Health Care surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Colchester on Aug. 10, 1929, the son of the late John and Albina (Delorge) O'Day. Bernie was a 1947 graduate of Burlington High School, and on Aug. 26, 1950, married the former Addie Rashaw. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War before starting his career in industrial photography at General Electric in 1951. He retired from GE after 38 years of dedicated service in September 1989. Bernie was active in the community, serving as president of the General Electric Activities Association, American French Genealogical Society, South Burlington Youth Baseball and founder and president of the Lite 'N Lens Camera Club, and a former member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a man of many passions, and his hobbies included photography, art, golf, woodworking, and genealogy. He is survived by his wife, Addie; daughter, Cheryl Adams and her

husband, Joe, of Essex Junction; sons, Michael and his wife, Bonnie, of South Burlington, Kevin of Jackson, Ohio, and Mark of Williston; his sister, Marguerite Campbell; eight grandchildren, Abby Schlemmer, Ethan, Luke and Hannah Adams, Timothy, Molly, Sean, and Meghan O'Day, and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents and two sisters, Mrs. Lorraine Gates and Mrs. Geraldine Lesage. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, July 5 at 11 a.m. in Christ the King Roman Catholic Church on Locust Street, Burlington. Interment will follow in Resurrection Park Cemetery, South Burlington. There will be no visiting hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bernie's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 338 River Road, Montpelier, VT 05602. Arrangements are in the care of the Ready Funeral and Cremation Service, South Chapel, 261 Shelburne Road, Burlington. To send online condolences, please visit www.readyfuneral.com

In case you were wondering about the reference in the obituary above to the "American French Genealogical Society", let me state that this was actually our society's name for a few months in early 1996. After more discussion, we changed our name to the Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society.