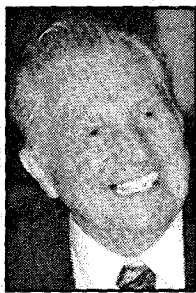


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Old Orchard Beach died Friday, April 30, 2010, at Southern Maine Medical Center.

He was born in Attleboro, Mass., March 17, 1925, the son of Ernest C. and Gertrude E. (Polsey) Buffum and was educated there. Before the war, Mr. Buffum served with the Civilian Conservation Corps. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater aboard the U.S.S. Panamint. He was the recipient of the World War II Victory Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Area Ribbon with one star.

After his return from the war, Mr. Buffum was employed at the Pepperell Mfg. Co. While working there, he met his future wife Theresa Picher. They were married in 1947 at St. Andre's Church in Biddeford and enjoyed 56 glorious years together.

After a move to Springfield, Mass. for a brief period, they returned to Old Orchard Beach and Mr. Buffum began his 33 year employment at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, retiring in 1990.

He was a member of St. Margaret's Church and the Saco Elks Lodge. He enjoyed both vegetable and flower gardening, bowling and spending time with his family.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Theresa Buffum, April 1, 2004. Surviving are one son, Richard Buffum and his wife Patty Lee of Biddeford and one daughter, Cathy Buffum and her partner Lynn Ouellette of Saco; five grandchildren, Heather Ciampi, Shauna Pendleton and Casie Buffum, N a d y a and M o n i k a B u f f u m; four great-grandchildren, Payne and Bella, Taylor and Kailee; one sister, Myrtis Atwater of Cherryfield; many nieces, nephews and loving family members and friends

Visiting hours will be 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Monday at Hope Memorial Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Margaret's Church in Old Orchard Beach. Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery in Saco. Arrangements are by Hope Memorial Chapel, 480 Elm St., Biddeford.