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John A. Sargent

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SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE — John A. Sargent, 89, of Lakeshore Cottages, George's Mills, died Saturday March 15 in Sullivan County Nursing Home in Unity, New Hampshire after a long illness. He was a former Littleton police cheif and was known in the area for his paintings and as a guest room and cabin operator.

Mr. Sargent was born & grew up in Everett, MA, and attended the Falkner School in Malden MA. He then worked at Forbes Lithographics, specializing in Maxwell Parrish Prints.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War I, having served in France. He was one of the first motorcycle curriers to cross the alps into Italy. He was wounded in action.

After the war, Mr. Sargent was employed by Moxie Co. as one of the Moxie Horse drivers, driving throughout Pennsylvania and New England.

In 1926 he became first police constable and only officer in Littleton, MA. He served as constable and later chief until 1941. He also worked at painting railroad bridges and fire trucks.

From 1941 to 1965, Mr. Sargent and his wife owned and operated the Sargents Guest House and Cabins, now Lakeshore cottages operated by his son. He also rented boats and was a guide on Lake Sunapee.

In 1954, in failing health from his World War I wounds, he started painting in oils and water colors. He was known for his series on Indians, railroads, and fish.

He was a member of the Tahattarran Lodge, AS, AM, of Littleton and Littleton Post of the American Legion. Mr. Sargent also a member of the Mass. Police Chiefs' Association and was past president of the Sunapee Fish and Game Club.

Family members include his wife, Mrs. Irene (Libby) Sargent of George's Mills,; two sons, Howard R. Sargent and John W. "Babe" Sargent, both of George's Mills; six grandchildren, four great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Helen Edwards of Malden; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral was held Tuesday in Chadwich Funeral Home, New London, N.H. Spring burial will be in Tory Hill Cemetery in Warner N.H.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution to either Kearsarge Visiting Nurses Assn., County Rd. New London N.H. 03257 or to Joslin Diabetes Center, 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215.