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Archie Hutchinson Jr.

Archie was born on June 15th, 1935 to Eva and Archibald Hutchinson, Sr. Archie was one of eight children. His siblings are Rose, Margaret, Lila, Charlotte, Raymond, Judy, and Ronald. He grew up in Stonington. His nickname was "Junior".

During the summer, at the age of nine he stayed with his Aunt Hattie and Uncle Namon on Round Island while he went fishing with his uncle. After a full day of hauling with his uncle, his Aunt would go out with him and help him haul the few traps his uncle gave him. He went with both his father and uncle. When he was 17, his uncle became ill and Archie bought him out. His first boat was called the "Hobo". Later he bought another boat; the "Mary Elizabeth", which he fished for several years.

For many years he went purse seining with Andrew and Gene Gove. In the early 80's he bought another boat and also named that one the "Mary Elizabeth". Mary went fishing with Junior until 1998. You could always tell who was who on the boat because Mary always had a straw hat on.

Junior and Mary were married on September 22nd, 1959 and had two children- Stephen and Diane. They have three grandchildren. He would always walk across town with the grandchildren for an ice cream. They called him their whistling, hippity- hoppity Grandpa. Junior had learned how to play the guitar at 15. He enjoyed playing with local bands, at benefits and dances. He always played on the band wagon on the 4th of July.

In 1991 Junior received a plaque from the Island Fishermen's Wives for Best Husband and Wife Crew, and one for Mr. Clean (Cleanest Boat) another year.

Archie died August 23rd, 2001 after a 6 year battle with cancer.

We are proud to induct Archie Hutchinson, Jr. into the 2001 Hall of Fame.



Alston Robbins

Alston was born April 24th, 1921 in Searsport. He was a lifelong fisherman who lived in Stonington for most of his life along with his wife, Clara, and their three children, Glenn, Chris, and Pam.

Alston did many different types of fishing including lobstering, weir fishing, stop twine and purse seining along with ground fishing, shrimping, and scalloping. He did these fisheries from the following boats; the "Northwester", the "Jewel", "The Duchess", "The Grand Duchess", and was part owner of the "Western Sea".

Alston was one of the early organizers of the Stonington Lobster Co-op and served as president for some time.

Alston and Clara moved to Elliot, ME to be closer to family but it didn't stop Alston from doing what he loved, lobstering. He continued to do this until he was 75 years old. He died at the age of 79 from lung cancer.

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Elwell Shepard

Elwell was born in Greenhead in 1932. When he was nine years old he started lobstering with his grandfather Shepard and then with his Uncle Bill Libby. He never dragged in his life but he put 42 winters on the water. He gave up winter fishing in 1991.

He has five children- Kathy, Mike, Carla, Holly, and Jenny. He has eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

His first boat was a pea pod, then an outboard with a 6 cylinder engine. His first big boat was the "RKM". Soon after he bought a boat from his father-in-law, Orrin Alley, he called it the "Michael Lee". His last boat was called the "Hurry Sundown".

He spent his whole life thinking he could catch the last lobster but there was still plenty out there.

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