



# 2002



## Elmer Shepard

Elmer was born on November 25th, 1929 in Little Deer Isle. He was one of seven children, one of which was his twin sister. His father, James Shepard, was a cook on lobster boats out of Boston, Mass.

On August 6th, 1949, he married his wife, Rita, of Mass. Her father had come to Stonington to work in the Granite Quarry. They had three children- Belinda, Gerry, and Ricky.

In his early years, he went yachting for a while. As time passed, he left yachting and came to work at the Granite Quarry. He got a small boat and a few traps that he would go and haul after work every night.

After the Granite Quarry closed, he purchased a 32 foot lobster boat called the "Aaron A. Marie" after his grandchildren- Aaron, Adam, and Marie.

His favorite pastime was working in his shop, day in and day out every day doing whatever was needed whether it was building or repairing traps, working on his gear, or painting pot buoys.

On February 13th, 1993, Elmer passed away.

We are proud to induct Elmer Shepard into the 2002 Hall of Fame.

## Royal Robbins

Royal was born February 23rd, 1924 to Maynard and Beatrice. He grew up in Deer Isle with three sisters; Rosemond, Sylvia, Marlene and one brother, Alston.

At the age of 16, he went fishing with his father. He went seining for three seasons with Leeman Griffin.

On May 14th, 1949, he married Hazel from Beals Island. They had five children; Karen, Rosalie, Susan, Benny, and Timmy.

His first boat came from Swans Island. In 1962, he sold that boat and got a new one called the "Hazel Rosalie". Royal went lobstering in the Eastern Bay and was a successful fisherman. In 1989 he retired from the lobstering industry and sold his boat to his son, Benny. He didn't give up fishing altogether. He went lobstering for a few more summers as an extra hand for his son, Timmy.

Royal passed away June 25th, 2005.

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## Ken Morey, Sr.

Ken met Helen Welch in 1952. They were married June of 1953. Ken built a two bedroom house that same year. It had no plumbing and had odds and ends for furniture but this was their 'mansion'. Ken also joined the Mason's with his brother Neville.

On January 1st, 1954 Ken was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. He spent two years in the military.

In 1958, Ken hired the Stonington Yacht Basin to build him a lobster boat, which he named the "LYN-DEE-SUE" after his daughters. He fished this boat until two years before he passed, then the boat was turned over to his oldest son, Dean. Dean had gone fishing with his father since he was old enough to be on a boat.

During the years when he wasn't fishing, Ken would wait and watch for the boys to get in from hauling and then talk to them about their day.

Ken and Helen had 10 children- Dean, Kenneth, Jr., Mark, Daniel, Michael, Cathy, Sheri, Sonya, Judy, and Susan. They have many grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Ken's life revolved around his family. He wasn't one to want to go on vacations. He was content to stay at home. It was said that "Dad gets homesick once he crosses the bridge." After the kids grew up, Ken was always happy to see them back for the holidays. During the summer they went on picnics by the shore. He always loved visiting with his grandchildren.

Ken passed away April 26th, 2001.

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